LEIGH NEWS

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Chatham Dockyards

On Friday the children in Fox Class visited Chatham Dockyards as part of their topic work on Lighthouses and Pirates. The children had a wonderful day exploring the submarine and warships. They also had a workshop on the life of Grace Darling and how to be a pirate! It really was a terrific trip and many thanks to all of you who accompanied us on this trip and to Miss Oyler for organising it.

Pantomime Letter

A letter regarding the pantomime trip to The STAG Theatre was sent home on Monday. Further copies of this letter can be found by clicking on the following link:
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Pantomime_Letter_2019.pdf

Pantomime Appearance

Isa has been cast as a Lost Boy in Peter Pan at the EM Forster Theatre. The dates of the shows she is in are listed below and I'm sure she would love to see anyone who would like to go and support her. Very best wishes to Isa and all our children who are performing in Pantomimes this year! Friday 13th 7pm, Saturday 14th 12pm, Thursday 19th 1pm, Sunday 22nd 1pm, Sunday 22nd 5pm, Saturday 28th 11am, Saturday 28th 3pm, Tuesday 31st 11am, Tuesday 31st 3pm, Thursday 2nd Jan 6pm and Sunday 5th Jan 2pm.

Next Week's Theme –'The General Election'

Leigh Scouting Movement

Do you have children in Leigh Scouts and have thought of being more involved, or may have been in Scouts when younger and would like to be part of it again? Leigh Scouts need leaders for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. All training is free under the guidance of Tonbridge District. This does not apply just to parents/carers, it could be Aunties/Uncles or Grandparents and will be very rewarding for those involved. If you are interested in helping out and joining a very worthwhile cause that involves thousands of children across the UK please call Lee Bransby on 01732 834273 or email on leebransby@aol.com

Museum of Kent Life

On Monday the children in Wolves Class visited the Museum of Kent Life as part of their topic on WWII. The children were evacuees for the day and had workshops on RAF navigation, rag rug making and the Home Guard. It was a wonderful day and many thanks to all of you who accompanied us on this trip and to Mrs Tanner and Mrs Harper for organising it.

Netball Club

Please note that because there are football and netball matches on Monday after school, Netball Club will not be on. Best of luck to both teams who are playing Chiddingstone Primary School (football) and Four Elms Primary School (netball).

School Assemblies

As many of you know, our local vicar Lionel and youth minister David visit the school each Tuesday morning to take assembly. They always follow the weekly theme as decided by me and give a slightly different perspective on the topic from my assembly on a Monday. Lionel and David do sometimes talk about their views as Christians but they always make it clear that it is up to the children to decide for themselves what they believe. Given a recent successful challenge from the Humanist Society against the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust, schools are now expected to offer a meaningful and equal alterative should parents wish to withdraw their children from school assemblies that have any form of religious character. If you wish to withdraw your child from the Tuesday assembly or from the end of term service at St. Mary's Church, please do email me at headteacher@leigh.kent.sch.uk and a meaningful and equal alternative will be made available. Thank you.

Winter Fair

On Sunday the PTA held a hugely successful Winter Fair in the two village halls. It was a wonderful day and I would like to thank Amy and all the members of the PTA for ensuring it ran so smoothly. In all we raised £2,400 which is a terrific achievement and all that money will go directly into projects to support the children throughout the school. Thank you so much to all of you who contributed towards this event and towards all the events this year. There is a PTA Social event on Thursday evening at 7.30pm in The Fleur. All are very welcome to attend this event and celebrate a hugely successful year for the PTA.

Arbor

If you haven't logged on to the parent portal on Arbor please do so as soon as possible. If you have any problems please do let us know and we will assist you. All trips and events can now be paid through this system and in time we will be using it to book parent consultations and produce termly reports.

PTA NEWS

A huge thanks to all the members of our lovely village who attended the school Winter Fair, and helped raise a staggering £2400 for the school! This is a fantastic achievement. Whether it was playing the games stalls provided by our very own year 6 wolves class, buying raffle tickets, bagging yourself a bargain at the toys and games stalls, buying a beautiful handmade Christmas craft, or even writing your letter to Santa - you all made this a fantastic event so thank you. And not forgetting all those who sampled the excellent home baking and cooking. We were delighted that 40 children entered the Leigh Cupcake Bake-Off, to a hugely high standard. Many thanks to Fay Wilson from the WI who had the unenviable task of picking the winners. After much deliberation, and of course cake, the results were; Key Stage One Winner Imogen, runners up Sam and Freddie. Key Stage Two Winner Isabelle, runners up Aurelia and Isabella. Well done to them and to all involved. The children's remaining cup-cakes were sold on the cake stall to raise funds for the school so a win win all round!

Attendance

A pupil's absence can seriously disrupt their learning, not only do they miss out on teaching while they are away but they are less prepared for future lessons when they return. It is difficult for us to ensure your child fulfils their academic potential if they are not in school regularly enough. This also applies to lateness as this is also severely disruptive. As a rule, a 96% attendance rate is the absolute minimum attendance expected and I would urge everyone to check your child's attendance on their Arbor account to see how your child's attendance compares to this figure. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

OFF BY HEART POETRY COMPETITION

Next Friday is the final of the Off By Heart Poetry Competition. This event will start at 1.45pm and will last about 40 minutes. All are very welcome to attend this event and your child will know by now if they have made it through to the final. Well done to all the children who entered the competition this year and we wish all our finalists all the very best for the final on Friday.

Events

29.11.19	Fox Class Forest School Fruity Friday
2.12.19	Start of Assessment Week Football Match v. Chiddingstone (away) Netball Match v. Four Elms (home)
3.12.19	Athletics Event for Years 5&6
4.12.19	Cake Sale for Chasing Connor's Cure
5.12.19	PTA Drinks in the Fleur (7.30pm)
6.12.19	Grand Final of the Off By Heart Poetry Competition (1.45pm)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar