LEIGH NEWS

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SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION EVENT

We are planning to hold an after school event for our Years 5&6 children to help them prepare for the move they will make to secondary school. The idea is to invite all our ex-pupils currently in secondary school to come and speak with the children about their experiences and some of the differences they found when they themselves made the move. We are not wishing to promote one secondary school over another but to provide a forum for our children to ask questions about secondary schools and to try and give them some idea of what they might expect when they start in Year 7. This event will take place on Friday 24th April 2015 from 4pm-5.30pm so please do keep the date free and if you know any ex-pupils, please encourage them to come along and share their experiences. Thank you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our fantastic new school council have had their first meeting this week with Miss Marshall and Mrs Jones. This group of children have been elected by their classes and have the responsibility of representing them at the weekly meetings. This year's school council members are: William Ennals, Lois Ashmore, Skye Newman, Esther Murray, Dalma Rajan, John Matthews, Leighton Poulter and Samuel Donno. Congratulations to all of them.

BOOK FAYRE

On Monday after school we will be holding a Book Fayre in the Key Stage 2 Playground to sell off some of the books in the library we no longer need. This will be a great way to stock up on new children's books. Books will be 10p each and all the money raised will go back into our library project. Please do come along and grab a bargain!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

You are all invited to the Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday at 10am. The children have now taken their envelopes home so please could these be returned on Monday with any loose change in them. We are trying to raise some money for David Bennie's school in The Gambia so every penny will be gratefully received. The service will last about 30 minutes.

PTA NEWS

You are all invited to a PTA drinks night in Jessica's Hall on Thursday 16th October. More details to follow but please do keep the date free and come along and hear more about the fantastic work the PTA do for our school.

NEW BREAKFAST CLUB

At the last Parent Survey one of the overriding requests from parents was that we start a Breakfast Club. After many months of preparation we have been very pleased to start our new Breakfast Club this term. There are plenty of available spaces so please do look on the school website for further information and contact Denise directly on contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com or on 07717 214041to secure a place.

NEW ARRIVALS

Badger Class have recently welcomed four very cute, small chicks. Miss Marshall and Badger Class will be looking after these beautiful animals and have already given them some fantastic new names! If anyone would like to come and see our new chicks then please do pop along after school.

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

We are asking all the children to learn one poem from the list on the school website under: 'Learning; Curriculum; Off By Heart'. The children will be asked to recite their poems in class and the two winning entries from each class will go through to the Grand Final to be held on Friday 7th November in Jessica's Hall. Good luck and get learning!

Next Week's Theme –'Harvest Festival'

Renata Howe-Marquez

Renata has built this superb model of her house as part of Fox Class' topic 'Street Detectives. This topic involves learning about our local community, looking at houses old and new and finding out how our streets have changed since our mums and dads and grandmas and granddads were young. The Foxes have been making maps and plans of the streets around us, planning routes and comparing our village with the local town (Tonbridge). This term there will also be lots of outdoor learning in the local community and a trip to Tonbridge for comparison work. The detail Renata has put into this is quite incredible and it even comes with its own lighting system! Well done Renata.

PARENT WORKSHOP – 14TH OCTOBER

The first of our 5 Parent Workshops will be on Tuesday 14th October at 9am in Jessica's Hall. The first workshop is entitled 'Key Stage 2 Writing' and is for all parents of children in Key Stage 2 although if you are a parent of a child in Key Stage 1 you might also find it interesting. These workshops are being run by Miss Birchenall and have been fully updated to take account of the new National Curriculum. Each workshop will last about an hour and will include plenty of tips to help children develop their writing at home and other ways of supporting their learning. Please do attend this important event if you can. Thank you.

NATIONAL CEREBAL PALSY DAY

Today we have celebrated National Cerebal Palsy Day. The pupils and staff have worn something green and Freddie Bradstock took assembly this morning all about Cerebral Palsy. The children have enjoyed supporting this really important event and many thanks to all those who took part.

Taking place as part of the Remembrance of the outbreak of fighting in 1914, and heavily linked with our visit to Ypres, Belgium, we are holding an afternoon exhibition of some of our writing and artwork. Feel free to visit our exhibition at anytime during the afternoon but there will be poetry readings at 2pm and 2.30pm for you to listen to. Please encourage all family and friends to attend. Thank you.

Parking

Please could we respectfully ask that all parents park their cars responsibly at the beginning and end of the school day as some cars are being parked without due consideration to others. This is an ongoing problem and we really would appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Thank you.

OPEN DAYS

We have now fixed two 'Open Days' for parents who might be thinking about sending their children to Leigh Primary School. These dates are: Wednesday 15th October and Friday 7th November. I will give a talk at 9.30am on both days and then our Year 6 children will be available to give tours of the school. If you know of anyone who might be interested then please do pass on the dates and encourage them to attend.

Events

6.10.14	Book Fayre in KS 2 Playground (3.30pm)
7.10.14	Harvest Festival Service (10am)
13.10.14	NSPCC Workshop
14.10.14	Parent Workshop 1 – KS2 Writing
15.10.14	OPEN MORNING
16.10.14	PTA Drinks in Jessica's Hall
20.10.14	Start of Maths Week

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar