LEIGH NEWS

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Sports News

Netball Match

On Monday evening the netball team played their first match of the season against Four Elms Primary School. The team played extremely well and won the match 6-3. Congratulations to Zoe, Jacob, Rosie, Ruby, Ben and Jess and many thanks to Vickie Gilbert for managing the team.

Football Match

Also on Monday, the football team travelled to Chiddingstone Primary School to play their second league match of the season. The team played terrifically and won the match 3-1. Well done to James, Jack, Jasper, Mansel, Andrew, Felix, Harry and Freya and many thanks to all of you who turned up to support the team.

Athletics

On Tuesday morning a group of children from Years 5 and 6 travelled to the Angel Centre in Tonbridge to take part in the Tonbridge Athletics Festival. Throughout the morning the children participated in a range of athletic challenges and, out of 21 schools, came 5th overall which is a wonderful achievement. Well done to all the team and many thanks to Mrs Barber for organising this for us.

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. Please could we ask that permission for this trip is given via Arbor by the middle of next week at the latest. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Pantomime_Letter_2019.pdf

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday we are having our Christmas Lunch here at school and, as part of the Christmas festivities, the School Council are inviting everyone to come into school in their Christmas jumpers on that day. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'The Christmas Truce'

PTA and the Key Stage 2 Playground

Due to the generosity of the PTA we have been able to resurface the Key Stage 2 Playground. Yesterday the lines were finally repainted on the new surface and it can now be used properly again. The PTA support a huge number of projects throughout the year and, as well as providing funding for the playground, have also supported us with money to upgrade the class book corners and for maths and spelling resources. They have also funded two visualisers which are used in the classrooms by the teachers to show work on the interactive whiteboards. Without the support of the PTA we simply wouldn't be able to do as much as we do for the children here at Leigh and I'm sure you'd like to join me in thanking Amy and all the members of the PTA for all they do.

OFF BY HEART POETRY COMPETITION

This afternoon is the final of the Off By Heart Poetry Competition. This event will start at 1.45pm and will last about 40 minutes and all are very welcome to attend. 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 later on today.

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.

Leigh Christmas Panto

Last weekend Grace took a leading role in the Leigh Village Pantomime in the village halls. Grace played the young Cinderella in three performances over the weekend and really enjoyed the experience of being on stage. Well done to Grace and all the cast on what were, by all accounts, truly fabulous performances.

Garden Volunteers

In the New Year we will be looking at ways of developing the garden and outside area. If you would like to get involved with this please do let myself, Lyndsey or Nicci know. Thank you.

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.

Chasing Connor's Cure Cake Sale

On Wednesday a group of children held a cake sale in the Key Stage 2 Playground to help raise money for Chasing Connor's Cure. The children all have a personal connection with Connor who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Very well done to Felix, Rosie, Isabel, Harry and Jacob who raised a very impressive £71. Congratulations to all involved.

Violin Achievement

Congratulations to Yuvi who has just passed his Grade 1 Violin exam with Merit. Yuvi played three pieces in his exam including Pitlochrie and Elenke as well as playing scales, aural tests and sight reading. Huge congratulations Yuvi.

Please note that Netball Club will not be on next week due to the numbers of children taking part in the Christmas Cookery Club. Thank you.

Events

6.12.19	Grand Final of the Off By Heart Poetry Competition (1.45pm)
9.12.19	Squirrel Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal at St. Mary's Church (2pm) Christmas Cookery Club in Jessica's Hall Football Match v. Four Elms (away)
10.12.19	Squirrel Class Nativity to Parents at St. Mary's Church (2pm) All Welcome
13.12.19	Fruity Friday Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Lunch Squirrels Forest School
14.12.19	Breakfast With Santa in Jessica's Hall
16.12.19	Whole School Pantomime Trip
18.12.19	End of Term Service at St. Mary's Church (2pm) End of Term 2
6.1.20	Beginning of Term 3

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar