LEIGH NEWS

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Cake Sale

At the end of last term a group of girls in Year 6 held a cake sale to raise money for the RSPCA and the World Wildlife Fund. The girls managed to raise a magnificent £77.64 which will be split between these two organisations. A big thank you to all those who bought cakes and biscuits and to Dalma, Isabelle, Rachel, Grace, Remy, Maisie and Chloe for organising the sale.

Pupil Survey

Attached to this Newsletter are the results of the latest Pupil Survey. It's incredibly important that we listen to the views of all the pupils and a pupil survey is a very effective way of doing this. I'm sure you'll agree that the results of this survey give us a huge amount to celebrate as well as a few suggestions to think about. Many thanks to all the children for taking part in this and to Jacqui Wordsworth for collating all the data and for presenting it in such an effective way.

Shoebox Appeal

This week David Bennie launched our annual shoebox appeal. The children will have taken home leaflets about how you can create a shoebox gift should you wish to. Thank you in advance for all your support with this appeal.

Next Week's Theme –'Remembrance'

Governor Newsletter

Attached to this Newsletter is the annual Governor Newsletter from the Governing Body of the school. Please do take a moment to read it and if you feel you have something to offer then do consider putting yourself forward in the forthcoming parent elections. We are currently seeking governors from the legal profession, the construction industry or HR and will be holding elections very soon. All of the members of the Governing Body are volunteers and give up a considerable amount of time and effort to ensure that responsibilities and functions required of it are discharged effectively. We are exceptionally fortunate to have such a committed and able Governing Body who provide the school with a wonderful level of support and challenge.

PARENT WORKSHOP 4 – Key Stage 1/Foundation Stage Literacy

The fourth of our 5 Parent Workshops is on Thursday 12th November at 9am in Jessica's Hall. All are very welcome to attend this session which will last about an hour. Thank you.

Short Act of Remembrance and Poppies for sale

On Wednesday morning at 10.50am the whole school will be going over to the war memorial for a short act of remembrance. Poppies are available at school in exchange for a small donation to the British Legion. All are very welcome to attend this event which will last about 15 minutes,

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

Please do encourage the children to continue learning a poem from the list on the school website under' Learning; Curriculum; Off By Heart'. The children may also, if they wish, choose their own poems to learn. The final will be held on Friday 4th December at 2pm.

Photographs

There are individual and family photographs on Monday next week. Please make sure that the children are looking smart and have combed their hair. We have booked class photographs for the spring term and, for the first time, will also be having a whole school photograph at the same time. Thank you.

Pupil Achievements

Jack Howe

Congratulations to Jack Howe who has just come second in the under 13 boys 'Regional F' trampoline competition. During the competition Jack had to complete 2 routines and show a range of moves including a tuck barani, a straight back, half twists, full twists and tuck backs. Very well done Jack.

Pier Ypma

Congratulations also to Pier Ypma who has recently completed the Level 4 of his RYA Sailing course. Pier is a member of the 14th Tonbridge Sea Scouts and had to demonstrate knowledge of knots, tides and how to calculate wind speed and direction. The Tonbridge Sea Scouts meet every week and sail at Bough Beech Reservoir. Congratulations Pier.

Peter Pan Pantomime at the STAG Theatre

Attached to this Newsletter is a letter about our annual trip to the STAG Theatre to see their pantomime. This promises to be a fantastic trip and a great way to celebrate the festive season. We are asking that the slips be returned by no later than Friday 4th December; cheques should be made payable to Leigh Primary School. We are adamant that no child should miss any educational experience due to financial circumstances so please do speak with myself in the strictest of confidence if you need financial assistance in this case.

Isobel, Samantha and Ellie from Hawks Class are raising money for the BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

Hot Chocolate, Tea, Coffee, Squash and Cakes. After school today and during football, in Jessica's Hall.

Do turn up if you can.

Consultations and Reports

This week we have held parent consultations to discuss how your child has settled into their new classes and to report on their progress so far this year. We have also distributed the first of the three written reports you will receive this year. If you were unable to make these consultations then the report will be sent home with a covering letter regarding the change to how we are reporting progress and attainment now that National Curriculum levels have been disapplied. If anyone would like to discuss these reports or the change in assessment procedure then please do make an appointment to see me. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

The Winter Fair (28th Nov) is approaching fast and we need your donations to make it a success!

Next week we would like donations of CHOCOLATE; boxes, bags, bars etc. Please leave them in the labelled boxes which will be in the playground every morning next week.

Thank you for your support.

CD Recording

On 23rd November we are turning Jessica's Hall into a professional recording studio. A CD is being recorded involving the whole school, the school choir and various soloists. Today we are launching a competition to design the front cover for the CD and the winning entry will be printed on every CD. As well as this being a lot of fun to do, we are hoping to raise money for the new music and creative arts facility behind Jessica's Hall. To find out more about this project please click on the following link. http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/News/Music-and-Creative-Arts-facility/

Events

6.11.15	BHF Tea and Cake Sale (after school in Jessica's Hall)
9.11.15	Individual and Family Photos (from 8.30am)
10.11.15	Open Afternoon
11.11.15	Short Act of Remembrance (11am) PTA Meeting (8pm)
12.11.15	Parent Workshop 4 – KS1/EYFS Literacy (9am)
13.11.15	Open Morning
17.11.15	Parent Workshop 5 – Year 2/3 Writing (9am)
18.11.15	Football and Netball Matches (away)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar