LEIGH NEWS

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Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. We all hope that you have had a fantastic summer and the children are looking forward to their new classes. We particularly welcome those children who are new to the school and we're sure that they will settle very quickly into school life.

SUPERSTARS

The Leigh Superstars event is THIS SATURDAY on the Green and we are in desperate need of Tombola prizes. If anyone has any Tombola prizes such as shampoo, perfume, sweets, chocolates or anything else then please drop in into the office for Philippa Ennals to collect. Please do turn up for what promises to be a fantastic day.

PTA NEWS

There will be a meeting in Jessica's Hall to discuss the future of the PTA on Wednesday 25th September at 7.45pm. This is a really important meeting and various issues will be discussed about the structure and future of the PTA. Please do come along and show your support. Wine will be served!

Curriculum Evening

There have been a number of changes to our curriculum this term and we would like to share these with you during a Curriculum Evening in Jessica's Hall from 6pm-8pm. I will speak for about 10 minutes at 6pm and then at 7pm but the rest of the time will be available for you to look round the hall at the displays and to ask questions. Please do attend this if you can.

Clubs

We are in the process of putting the clubs list together for this year and a letter will be sent out next week with all the club options on. We are hoping to start the clubs programme on Monday 16th September but further details will be sent out when we have them.

School Lunches

Please be advised that there has been a small increase in the cost of school lunches. These are now £2.30 a day and please could you make any cheques payable to GSPlus. If you would like more information regarding school dinners then please look at www.gsplus.org/kent where further information can be found.

11+

The PESE assessments are taking place next week on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th September. These will take place during the morning in Jessica's Hall. If any of you have any questions or concerns about these assessments then please do come and see me as soon as possible.

CLASS NAMES

This year we have decided to name the classes and have gone for various animals. The classes will now be known as:
Squirrels – Miss Oyler
Owls – Miss Birchenall
Foxes – Mrs Tanner and Mrs Pearson
Hedgehogs – Miss Casper
Weasels – Mr Gubb
Wolves – Miss Taylor

Spring Clean

On Sunday we had a Spring Clean around the school. As well as being hard work it was great fun and we managed to get a huge amount done. I would like to thank all of you who managed to turn up and give so much of your time.

New Website

The new school website is very nearly ready to go live. We are hoping that it will be online from the middle of next week and further details will be sent out when we have them. In the meantime we will continue to update the old website as usual.

Pens

At the last staff INSET in July the staff and I discussed various issues to do with the presentation of children's work. At the end of the discussion we decided that we would like the children in Key Stage 2 to be writing in a fountain pen in all subjects apart from maths. I posted a letter on the front page of the school website about this but appreciate that many of you would not have seen this as it was during the holiday. If you haven't seen this letter then please do have a look at it in the next few days. We obviously do not expect the children to have pens by Monday but if could provide your child with a fountain pen (if in Year 3 or above) in the next week or so then that would be greatly appreciated.

Uniform

It has been lovely to see all the children in their ties. If you haven't purchased a school tie as yet then you can buy them from the school office for just £2.50.

Forthcoming Events

5.9.13	Term 1 begins
7.9.13	Superstars on the Green
11.9.13	11+ Assessments
12.9.13	11+ Assessments Swimming starts for Years 3&4
23.9.13	Squirrel Class attend full days from now
3.10.13	Curriculum Evening in Jessica's Hall (6pm-8pm)
7.10.13	Harvest Festival Service
22.10.13	Maths Morning (KS1) 9.15am-10am
24.10.13	Maths Morning (KS2) 9.15am-10am Last swim for Years 3&4
28.10.13	Half Term
4.10.13	INSET DAY
5.10.13	Term 2 begins
7.10.13	Swimming starts for Years 5&6
26.11.13	Parent Consultation Evening (3.30pm-5.30pm)
28.11.13	Parent Consultation Evening (6pm-8pm)
4.12.13	Bishop of Rochester visiting
11.12.13	Squirrel Class Nativity (2pm)
13.12.13	Whole School to the STAG Theatre – Robin Hood
19.12.13	Last swim for Years 5&6
20.12.13	End of Term Service (2pm) End of Term 2
6.1.14	Term 3 begins

Further dates will be published on the website