LEIGH NEWS

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VE Day Celebrations

This afternoon we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. The children are having a street party on the Green starting at 12pm and then there will be activities and games for them to play throughout the afternoon. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for this event but please do bring some lunch! We will be finishing at 3.15pm and football club will be on as usual afterwards.

INSET Day at Hillview

On Monday 1st June we have an INSET Day at Leigh. We have arranged for Hillview School to put on a day of languages workshops for children in Years 4&5 and have attached a letter to this Newsletter with further information. If you are interested in your child attending this day then please fill in the slip and return directly to Hillview. Thank you.

The John Knock Cricket Net

Yesterday morning we officially opened the 'John Knock Cricket Net' on the school field. This project has been funded through private donations and I would like to thank, in particular, Michael Robinson, Colin Stratton-Brown, Nick Hales, Helen Hobhouse and Chris Scott for everything they have done to make this possible. We are hoping that this net will encourage and inspire the children to develop their cricketing skills and to provide a facility for quality cricket coaching in the village.

Cross Country

On Wednesday the cross country team from Leigh competed in a district cross country competition. As always our runners put in a plucky performance, up against some tough teams (Chiddingstone and Crockham Hill, Weald, St Johns, Fordcombe and Hever) in rather windy conditions. All 18 of our runners did us proud - showing great spirit and determination to finish. Most notably: Andrew Saunders won a very well deserved silver medal in the year 5&6 boys race, Sam Barker narrowly missed out on a medal in the year 3&4 boys race, coming in 4th, Ellie McCutcheon also ran a brilliant girls year 5&6 race, securing 6th place. For Remy Tyler, Max Yeoman and Bella Padden this was their first race, we are really happy to have them join the team. The team was: Ella Dorward, Poppy Gilbert-Lee, Anna Lake, Bella Padden, Amelia Bell, James McCutcheon, Sam Barker, Max Yeoman, Kaedyn Poulter, Ellie McCutcheon, Maisie Gilbert-Lee, Remy Tyler, Rachel Hickson, John Matthews, Andrew Saunders, Matthew Weedon, Matthew Wordsworth and Leo Ashmore. Some of our upcoming talent got a look in too, in the siblings' race. Well done to Andrew McCutcheon, Freya Dorward and Rocco Padden, our cross country stars of the future! Well done to all of them and a special thank you to Mrs Dorward and Mr Matthews for organising the team and for taking the cross country club every Tuesday lunchtime.

Eagle Heights

Please note that Eagle Heights will no longer be visiting Leigh next week. We hope to be able to re-arrange a visit later in the summer term.

SATs Week

SATs week starts on MONDAY. It is absolutely crucial that all Year 6 children are in school all week and, if possible, are in school at 8am for some breakfast and exercise. The children will need to come into school in their school uniforms and then get changed into their PE kits in their classroom. If anyone has any questions about SATs then please do speak with Miss Taylor or Mr Eaton. Thank you.

Year 5 Parent Meeting

We are holding a parent meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 5 about the 11+ and the procedure for entry to secondary education. During the evening I will talk about the process of applying for places at secondary school and the selection tests themselves. Although this will be principally aimed at parents of children in Year 5, other parents may well find it useful and anyone who wishes to attend is most welcome. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd June at 8pm in Jessica's Hall and will last about 45 minutes.

The Annual Friends Lunch

The Friends of Leigh Primary School lunch will be on Thursday,25th June, at 12 noon. The lunch is again very kindly hosted by Janet Court at Park House Leigh. There is no charge, but could you please let Janet know if you intend to come. Her phone number is 01732 833180 and her email address is cgcourt@btinternet.com

FOREST SCHOOL

I would like to thank all our fantastic volunteers who come in every week to enable our Forest School sessions to take place. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated pool of people who give up their time so freely to enable the children to participate in Forest School and without them we simply wouldn't be able to continue to offer this activity. Thanks therefore to: Sarah Punnett, Lisa Peacock, Faydra Mitchell, Lisa Loader, Sarah Durtnell and Heather Hadley and of course to Rachel Murray our Forest School leader.

Skye Newman

Huge congratulations to Skye Newman who has recently received her "9th Kup" in taekwon-do. Skye has just started taekwon-do having been encouraged by her brother George, a yellow belt. She has achieved her first grading to become a white belt yellow tag, and is now working towards her yellow belt. Although she looks as if butter wouldn't melt in her mouth, Skye clearly has a talent for a 'double punch', a 'front snap kick' and a 'knife hand strike'! Congratulations Skye.

Epilepsy Awareness Day

We are holding an Epilepsy Awareness Day on Thursday 21st May. During the day the children will learn more about what epilepsy is and how it can affect both children and adults. The children are invited to wear purple and, if you can, bring £1 in to raise money for the Epilepsy Society. Thank you.

No Assemblies next week due to SATs Week

SUMMER PRODUCTION PROGRAMME

This year's Summer Production is being held on Wednesday 15th July at the EM Forster Theatre at Tonbridge School. We are in the process of putting together the programme for the event so if anyone knows of any businesses or individuals who would like to advertise in our programme then please do contact Miss Oyler at: viccie.oyler@leigh.kent.sch.uk We are hoping to get the programme finalised by the middle of June.

PTA NEWS

The final donations have now come in and we have raised a whopping **£1095** for Comic Relief! And to double the effort...the Government double those figures too! Thank you so much to all the children who were totally amazing Double Agents, and raised an incredible amount for such a small school! They have helped thousands of children in other countries have a better life. Thank you again.

Events

11.5.15	SATs Week Begins
15.5.15	Badger Class to Harry Potter World
20.5.15	E-Safety Talk (KS2)
21.5.15	Epilepsy Awareness Day Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
22.5.15	End of Term 5

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar