LEIGH NEWS

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Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to hear all about their wonderful Christmas holidays. We hope you all had a very relaxing two week break and we're looking forward to what promises to be a very busy term. Unless you have been told otherwise all clubs start again on Monday but if there is any confusion please do contact the school office or the adult running the club. Book Club is on this Tuesday and the children will be discussing 'On Planet Fruitcake' by Anne Fine. There are still a few spare copies of this book in the Library should any children wish to join this club. This term also sees the start of a new programming club called 'Wizzy-Tech'. This will run on a Tuesday after school in the Wolves classroom and further details can be found in the 'Letters Sent to Parents' section of the school website.

New Topics

The new term sees the start of new topic work for each of the classes. Details of these topics will be available on the class pages of the school website in the coming days and can also be found in the Curriculum section on the school website. As you can see, the Squirrel Class have already been getting to grips with their new topic and have been designing and making their own Castles! Plenty of trips and visits are being planned by the class teachers to support the work in the classroom and details about these events will be available nearer the time.

SUMMER PRODUCTION

This year Leigh Primary School will be performing their Summer Production at the E M Forster Theatre at Tonbridge School. This will involve the WHOLE SCHOOL and will take place on Wednesday 15th July at 7pm.

PLEASE DO KEEP THIS DATE FREE

As yet we are not exactly sure how many tickets will be available per family but it is a big theatre so we are hoping there will be plenty of tickets available for everyone who wants them.

Many more details will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

School Choir at Canterbury Cathedral

The children in the school choir from Key Stage 2 have been invited to sing at Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday 22nd January. To be invited to take part in this event is a huge privilege and should be something the children remember for many years to come. The concert starts at 2pm and friends and family are warmly encouraged to come along and support the children. If you wish to buy a ticket for the concert then they can be purchased from the school office for £3.50 per ticket or they can be downloaded from the school website. Thank you.

SATS AFTERNOON FOR WOLVES CLASS

We are holding a 30 minute meeting for the children and parents in Wolves Class to cover the essential information regarding this year's SATs exams. This is being held on Tuesday 27th January and will be run by Miss Taylor and Mr Eaton. If at all possible we would like as many children and parents as possible to be present during this meeting so if you are UNABLE to attend then please do let Miss Taylor know.

Football Remembers - The Christmas Truce

On the last day of term about 60 people took part in the 'Football Remembers' Football Match on the Green. It was great fun and wonderful for us to be able to mark this historic event with our own match and a rendition of 'Silent Night' at the end. Many thanks to all the parents and family members who turned up to play in the match, to all the parents who organised the refreshments afterwards and to Lionel for refereeing! More photographs from this event can be found on the school website.

EXPANSION OF THE SCHOOL – WEBPAGE

A new page on the school website has been written to answer some of the questions that have been raised regarding the possible expansion of the school. This page can be found under the 'Parents' section of the website and is entitled 'Additional Spaces Project'. As yet we are still waiting to hear what the local authority are officially proposing but the governing body, as ever, are being proactive in this matter. If you have any additional questions that we can answer then please do email me (headteacher@leigh.kent.sch.uk) and we can add them on the page for all to see. We will of course let you know when we have any additional information about this.

A Message from the Tennis Club.....

We start our new term on Sat 10th Jan at 9am and all ages and abilities are welcome from Reception class up. For further details please contact Lorna Belither on lbelither@hotmail.co.uk.

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

The next open Classroom Afternoon is on Thursday 26th March from 3pm-4pm. You are all very welcome to attend this event and see what the children have been up to this term.

Spring Clean Day

We have been running 2 Spring Clean Days a year to tackle some of the bigger projects around the school that can't be dealt with during the normal course of the year. The next Spring Clean Day is on Saturday 28th March 10am-2pm. During this session we will be sorting out the area behind Jessica's Hall and the Games/PE shed that is there. If you are prepared to come along on this Saturday then we would be extremely grateful (even if it's just for half an hour) and there will be a sandwich lunch served from 12pm. Thank you.

Cycling Proficiency

Next week the children in Year 6 are having their Cycling Proficiency course. Please make sure that children have a helmet in school and that bikes have their types pumped up and the saddle is at a correct height. Bikes can be left in the bike racks next to Fox Class.

FOREST SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Our Forest School sessions have already started this term and new photographs from the Owls Class session can already be seen on the school website. We are currently looking for additional adult help for some of these sessions so if you know anyone who might be interested in helping out then please see Rachel Murray or make contact with the school office. Please do make sure that the children have the appropriate clothing for these sessions as they tend to carry on even in the wet weather!

Grandparents Afternoon

As a reminder we have our annual Grandparents Afternoon on Friday 6th March. All grandparents or elderly relatives or friends are invited into school to have a tour, speak to the children about their work and enjoy a cup of tea. Please do encourage as many grandparents and elderly relatives or friends to come along and enjoy spending the afternoon with the children.

MURAL

The new school library is now ready for our mural to be painted. If anyone would like to assist with this then please do contact Miss Birchenall. You do not need to be particularly artistic as stencils and support will be available! Thank you.

Events

13.1.15	Cycling Proficiency Week (Yr 6)
21.1.15	Children's Workshop Assembly
22.1.15	School Choir performing in Canterbury Cathedral
27.1.15	SATs Event for Parents and Children (Yr 6) 3.30pm
28.1.15	Football Match v. Hever
2.2.15	Football Match v. Chiddingstone
4.2.15	Football Match v. Penshurst
11.2.15	Football Match v. Fordcombe
13.2.15	End of Term 3
23.2.15	Beginning of Term 4
24.2.15	First Swim for Years 5&6

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar