LEIGH NEWS

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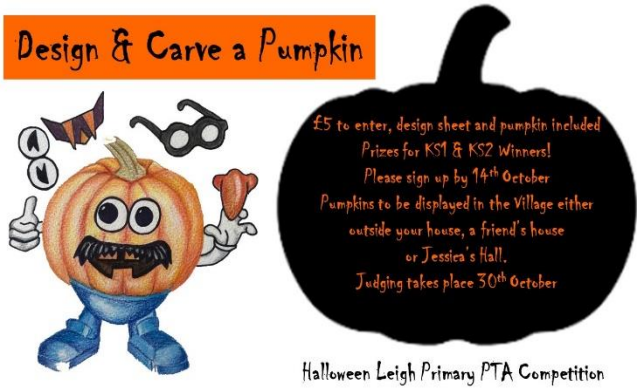
Staffing Update

As many of you will know, Mrs Hawken in Squirrel Class will be leaving us at half term to start her maternity leave. I'm delighted to say that Mrs Prockter has agreed to increase her working hours and she will now be covering Squirrel Class for three days. I'm equally delighted to have appointed Mrs Cheshire to cover Mrs Hawken's maternity cover for the two remaining days per week. Mrs Cheshire completed her teacher training at Cambridge University and has taught in many schools throughout her career, most recently at Walthamstow Hall Junior School. Mrs Cheshire is a very experienced and talented teacher and I'm so pleased that she has agreed to come and work here. I'm sure you'll all like to join me in extending a very warm welcome to Mrs Cheshire as she begins her work with us after half term and to wish Mrs Hawken all the very best for the coming weeks and months.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

Due to the restrictions around the way we are operating at the moment, the next set of parent consultations will take place on the telephone. These will begin on Monday and will take place throughout the week. You can book a slot via the Arbor App and your child's class teacher will phone you at that particular time. We are also releasing the children's first reports of the year via the Arbor App and these will be available for you to read from Monday at 12pm. Please note that these reports will only provide the starting points for discussion at the Parent Consultation meetings and are not intended to cover all aspects of your child's first term this year. If any of you have any issues with accessing your child's report or booking a consultation time, please do contact the school office. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Another 'Thank you' from the PTA!

A huge thank you to another superstar this week.....Orson Ward who raised a massive £480 during lockdown for the PTA by being sponsored to shave his head!

A big thank you also to Rachel Murray who raised £180 by organising the 'Stay at home fete' during lockdown. A lovely activity and great idea to help the PTA during tough times.

Timings

As a reminder we have a new timings schedule which started on Monday. Therefore the classes have the following drop-off and collection times for the foreseeable future:

Squirrel Class 8.50am-3pm (Yellow Cones)
Robins Class 8.50am-3pm (Orange Cones)
Fox Class 9am-3.20pm (Yellow Cones)
Hedgehog Class 9am-3.20pm (Orange Cones)
Hawks Class 8.40am-3.10pm (Orange Cones)
Wolves Class 8.40am-3.10pm (Yellow Cones)

Wolves Class Mexican Day

Wolves class had the most fabulous day on Monday. First of all they had a lesson on drumming where they specifically learnt about Mayan drumming rhythms. As a class they performed Mayan rhythms that would've been used for festivals and sacrifices! It was very loud but the sound was fantastic. In the afternoon they made and tasted lots of Mexican food, including chillis, quesadillas, guacamole, sweet potato and vanilla. Everyone enjoyed the Mayan hot chocolate, which is hot chocolate, vanilla, chilli and cinnamon! So many thanks to Mrs Short for organising this for the class.

Dolls for Squirrel Class

We are in need of additional dolls for Squirrel Class. If anyone has a doll that is not needed at home then we would be delighted to receive them via the school office. Thank you.

11+ Assessments

The 11+ assessments are on Thursday next week for those children in Year 6 who have been registered for them. Please ensure the children are in on time and that if they are unwell you phone the school office as soon as possible. The assessments will take place in Jessica's Hall throughout the day with the English, Maths and Reasoning papers in the morning and the Writing paper in the afternoon. If any parents have any questions regarding these assessments then please do contact me. If your child is in Wolves Class and they are not taking these assessments then they will have a normal day in the classroom. **Please remember that parents of children in Year 6 have until 2nd November to fill in the SCAF Form.** Further information about the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education (PESE) can be found by clicking on the following link:
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Parents/Secondary-Transfer/

Arbor App

If you haven't downloaded the Arbor App then please do so as soon as possible as we are using the In App Messaging facility increasingly to send messages. Please also do consider linking your private calendar to the school calendar and details about how to do this can be found by clicking on this link. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Calendar/

Class Curriculum Leaflets

Each class now has their curriculum leaflet on the class pages of the school website. Please do ensure you have downloaded your child's leaflet to see what they will be learning this term.

Events

9.10.20	Squirrels Forest School
12.10.20	Parent Consultations All Week Fox Class To Himalayan Gardens
15.10.20	11+ Assessments
16.10.20	Wolves Forest School
21.10.20	Hedgehog Class to Museum of Kent Life
22.10.20	End of Term 1
23.10.20	INSET DAY
2.11.20	INSET DAY
3.11.20	Beginning of Term 2
5.11.20	Open Morning
6.11.20	Hawks Forest School

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar