LEIGH NEWS

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PTA LEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL FROST FAYRE

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the PTA Frost Fayre on Sunday. It was a terrific event and extremely well attended by parents and members of the local community. Huge thanks go to Faydra Mitchell, Tracey Prockter, all the class reps, all the members of the PTA, those who came along on the day to help out running stalls and to all of you who attended during the afternoon. We are still working out how much profit has been made but we are hopeful that it will be in excess of £1000 which is a terrific achievement. Thanks must also go to Ellie McKenzie-Jones for playing some Christmas carols on her violin and trumpet and to the school choir for singing so well. There are plenty of photographs on the school website for you to look at. All of this money will be spent on the children throughout the year in a variety of ways so thanks again for all your support.

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

Many thanks to all of you who managed to get into school yesterday for one of our regular Open Classroom Afternoons. It was another extremely well attended event and hopefully a good opportunity for you to see the work that the children have been doing this term.

PANTOMIME

This afternoon we are all off to the STAG Theatre in Sevenoaks to see Cinderella. This promises to be a fantastic trip and we're very much looking forward to sharing the wonder of pantomime with the children! Please note that we are not due back until **4.30pm** although this is dependent on the traffic. If we are going to be substantially later than 4.30pm then I will update the 'Announcements' section on the school website. **Please note that children MUST be collected from their classrooms when they return.** Thank you.

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On Sunday 14th December there is 'Breakfast with Santa' in Jessica's Hall at 9am. The cost is £5 for a breakfast and story with Santa. Please contact Rachel Murray if you would like to attend.

Please note that the final Fruity Friday of the term will be a Fruity Thursday on Thursday 18th December.

School Choir

This week the school choir have been out and about entertaining the local community. On Sunday they sang at the Frost Fayre, on Tuesday they were at the Nizel's Christmas Fayre and then on Wednesday at High Hilden residential home for their Christmas Lunch. It's great to be able to take the choir out in this way and all the audiences have been very appreciative. It's also very beneficial for the children to get more involved in their local community. Thank you to all of you who gave lifts this week and, of course to the children for being such good ambassadors for the school.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday we had our annual Christmas Lunch. As usual this was a real highlight of the year and we, just about, managed to squeeze the whole school into Jessica's Hall. The Christmas Lunch is also a good time for us all to thank the midday supervisors and the kitchen staff for all they do for the children throughout the year.

End of Term Service

The end of term service is next Friday at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

STONEPITTS CHRISTMAS TREES

If you are looking for a real Christmas Tree this year then do consider buying it from Stonepitts Farm in Seal. For every tree purchased then we receive a £2 donation upon the receipt of this Newsletter. In addition Stonepitts will also donate some money towards Help for Heroes: in total £1,250 was raised last year. For further information please visit www.stonepitts.com

Office Request

Due to the increasing demands placed on the school office staff throughout the day, we are politely requesting that only urgent calls are made between 10am-1pm if at all possible. During lunch the office is manned by two responsible Year 6's and they will pass on messages to members of staff as requested. However the office staff are finding it increasingly difficult to complete tasks during the morning due to the volume of calls being made. We do absolutely appreciate that telephone calls do need to be made throughout the day and we hope that by limiting calls between these times that this might allow a greater percentage of calls to be answered quickly at other times. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Tuesday the School Council held a Christmas Jumper day to raise money for Save the Children. It was great fun and wonderful to see so many brightly coloured and festive jumpers. There are plenty of photographs for you to see on the school website. In all we raised £70.29 so thank you to all who took part and to the School Council for organising this.

Football Remembers – The Christmas Truce

The football that was played at Christmas 1914 was not like a normal football match you might see on a Saturday. It was played in a rough and often bombed area of ground between the trenches. Some of the accounts mention caps being thrown down as goal posts, but the pitch would certainly not be marked in any way. There were unlimited numbers on each team – one soldier remembers two or three hundred taking part. There were no team captains, strikers or defenders. There was no referee! On the last Friday of term (19th December) we are inviting all pupils, family members and friends to take part in the 'Leigh Football Remembers' game to commemorate this historic event between the soldiers. We would like as many people as possible to be involved and all you'll need are some football boots and shin pads. We'll start straight after the end of term service and will finish at 4.15pm with a rendition of 'Silent Night'.

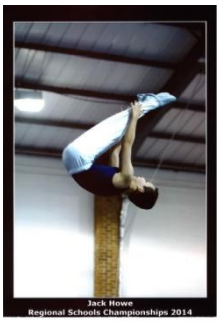
ELLIE MCKENZIE-JONES

This week we have heard some fantastic musical news. Ellie McKenzie-Jones has been accepted into the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain on TWO different instruments. To be accepted to such a prestigious organisation on one instrument is very rare but to be accepted on two is almost unheard of. Some incredibly famous and successful musicians have been members of the NCO and we look forward to hearing all about Ellie's experiences when she joins up with them next year. Congratulations Ellie, we're extremely proud of your achievements.

Next Week's Theme –'The Christmas Story'

JACK HOWE

As reported in last week's Newsletter, Jack Howe has been spinning his way to yet more trampoline success with a stunning display at the Schools District Trampoline Competition in Uckfield. Since then I have received this lovely photo of Jack in full flight and, if you like me ever really wondered what a back-pike actually was, you can now see for yourself! Jack takes great pride in representing Leigh Primary School at these events and it's lovely to have the name of the school promoted in this way. Many congratulations to Jack and we look forward to seeing him represent Team GB at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020!



WONDERFUL POTTERY DISPLAY

Our wonderful Pottery Club currently have a Christmas display of their most recent work at St Mary's Church. Please do take a moment to visit the church and have a look at it; it really is stunning. Many thanks to Mrs Watson for organising this and for the work she does throughout the term with the club.

Events

14.12.14	Breakfast with Santa
16..12.14	Dress Rehearsal of Nativity Play (2pm)
17.12.14	Christmas Nativity (2pm) in St. Mary's Church
18.12.14	Fruity Thursday
19.12.14	End of Term Service at St Mary's Church (2pm)
5.1.15	Term 3 begins

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar