LEIGH NEWS

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Ightham Mote Writing Competition

At the end of last term, a number of children in upper key stage 2 took part in a writing competition with some children from Weald Primary School. The idea was to write a story that could be turned into a bat trail around Ightham Mote. On Friday the winning entry was revealed and I'm delighted to say that George Sullivan's entry has been successful. George's story will be displayed at Ightham Mote between Friday 19th October and Sunday 28th October and please do go along during the half term break and take the bat trail if you can. If you are National Trust members then the cost will only be £2.50 for the trail itself.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The annual Harvest Festival Service is on Tuesday 16th October at 10am at St. Mary's Church. All are very welcome to attend this event which will last about 25 minutes. The children this week have brought home envelopes that will be presented at the service; if there is any loose change or coins at home that could go into the envelopes then all the money raised will go to the school David supports in The Gambia. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Harvest Festival'

APPLE IPAD CHARGERS

We are in need of additional older style Apple ipad chargers (with the wider connector). If anyone has any old chargers that are no longer being used would you please bring them into the school office as we have some chargers that have gone missing. Many thanks.

School Photographs

Class, individual and team photos are being taken next Thursday morning. Please ensure the children are smartly dressed and have their hair tied back. Thank you.

Robins Class at Maidstone Museum

On Friday, Robins Class visited Maidstone Museum as part of their topic work on dinosaurs. The children had two workshops in the morning where they made models and did fossil rubbings and they then had a tour of the Museum in the afternoon. It was a wonderful day and many thanks to all of you who accompanied us on this trip and to Miss Jowett for organizing it.

CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE
School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

A magical treat for 6 - 10 year olds takes place between Thursday October 25th and Saturday October 27th 2018 at Chiddingstone Castle. Activities will include: Meeting the School's Headmaster, Flying Lessons, The Dark Arts and Crafts, Singing, Dance and Games Practice, Potion Making, Awards for best dressed and exceptional students, Certificates for all students. Further details can be found by clicking on the link below.
https://event.bookitbee.com/18327/chiddingstone-castle-school-of-witchcraft-and-wi-2

Residential Meeting for Parents and Children In Year 6

On Wednesday at 3.15pm there will be a short meeting in Wolves Class to go through the details for this year's residential trip. This meeting will last about 15 minutes and will include the opportunity to ask questions. If you are unable to be there at this meeting, then we will make sure all the relevant information is posted on the school website. Thank you.

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

We are delighted to be able to launch our annual Leigh Primary School Off By Heart Poetry Competition 2018!

Following on from the success of last year's competition we are launching our fifth 'Off By Heart' competition. We are again asking that all the children learn one poem from the list on the school website under: 'Learning; Pupil Zone; Off By Heart Poetry Competition'. The children will be asked to recite their poems in class and the two winning entries from each class will go through to the Grand Final to be held on Friday 30th November in Jessica's Hall at 2pm. We are hoping this is going to be great fun for the children and prizes will be on offer for all those who have a go! The best way of learning a poem is not to try and do it all at once. Little and often, line by line, is often the best approach. We want the children to challenge themselves and not simply pick the shortest or easiest poems. Extra marks will be given to those children who really push themselves and try something difficult. Although some children will find this a challenge we are asking that they all try and learn at least one of the poems or part of it from the list. We appreciate that there will be some children who do not wish to stand up in front of the class.

For some children this can often be a very stressful experience and we would obviously not wish to embarrass or worry them. Those children will be allowed to write their poems from memory as a handwriting exercise. We look forward to learning these poems with you and to our final Poetry Recital where there will be extra prizes on offer and three independent judges to make the tough decisions. All the new poems are now available on the school website or by clicking on this link: http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Off-By-Heart-Poetry-Competition/ Get learning and good luck.....!

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations have taken place this week. These are very important meetings and, if you didn't manage to see your child's class teacher on this occasion, please make an appointment as soon as possible. Thank you.

Football Match

On Monday evening the football team played their first match of the season against Four Elms Primary School. The team played magnificently well and scored some outstanding goals through Harrison, George and Ryan. In the end the team won 3-0 which is a great achievement and we look forward to their next match in the coming weeks.

Parent Survey

Attached with this Newsletter are the results from last term's Parent Survey. It's been wonderful to receive so many positive comments from parents and carers and we will use all the information as we plan for the future. I will write a response to the areas for development detailing how we intend to use the information in the survey and this will be available after half term. I would like to thank Fiona Lake in particular for collating all the information and for presenting it so professionally.

PTA NEWS

The Halloween disco is on Friday 2 November. Remember to book your tickets before half term. If you are able to volunteer at either the KS1 or KS2 disco please email leighprimarypta@gmail.com

Diary dates:

Christmas Fair – 2-4pm Sunday 25 November

Christmas Wreath Making Workshops – 8pm Thursday 6 December and Friday 7 December

Breakfast with Santa – 9am Sunday 9 December

Booking forms will be sent home after half term.

Events

12.10.18	Wolves Class Trip to London Zoo Squirrel Class Forest School
15.10.18	Art and DT Week Begins
16.10.18	Harvest Festival Service (10am) at St. Mary's Church
17.10.18	Open Morning, Year 6 Residential Meeting in Wolves Class(3.15pm)
18.10.18	School Photographs
19.10.18	Wolves Class Forest School, End of Term 1

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar