LEIGH NEWS

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PTA BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Saturday morning the PTA hosted 'Breakfast with Santa' in Jessica's Hall. It was an extremely well attended event and, as you can see, the children had a magical time. All the children were treated to a Christmas story, received a personalised present from Father Christmas and had plenty to eat. To get the real Santa to visit Leigh this close to Christmas was a fantastic achievement and real credit to Rachel Murray and all her hard work! Santa was supported by his army of elves as well as the PTA to help serve breakfast and to set up the hall. So many thanks to all who contributed to this lovely event.

Week after the Christmas Holidays Theme –'A New Year, A New Start'

Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday we held our annual Christmas Jumper Day. This event is organised by our School Council and so many thanks to everyone who made a special effort to look so festive. As well as having a fun day we have also managed to raise £77.45 for Save the Children. Thank you.

End of Term Service

The end of term service is this afternoon at 2pm in St. Mary's Church. You are all are very welcome to attend.

Snow White

On Tuesday the whole school went to Tunbridge Wells to see Snow White at The Assembly Halls. It was wonderful to be able to take the whole school out for the day and to see Ella Dorward performing on stage. Thank you to all the parents and helpers who accompanied us on this trip.

Christmas Trees

This year Stone Pitts Farm and The Fleur de Lis pub have kindly agreed to make a donation to the school for every Christmas tree bought from them, so if you usually buy a live tree please do consider buying from them. If buying from Stone Pitts, please take along a copy of this Newsletter. Thank you.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our existing team to commence as soon as possible. The successful candidate will have the ability to work effectively and enthusiastically as part of a team and be able to engage with the children, extending them in purposeful activities and enhancing their social skills whilst having fun. Ideally we would like someone for 5 days a week although we are prepared to be flexible for the right candidate. If you would like further information then please visit the Kent-Teach vacancy page by clicking on the link below or contact Mrs Halfhide for an informal conversation. Thank you.
https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=47890

Christmas Services at St Mary's Church

18th December 6.30pm – Traditional Carol Service & Lessons by candlelight
24th December 4pm/6pm – Family Carols
24th December 11.15pm – Midnight Mass
25th December 10am – Christmas Morning Service
All are welcome to attend

Netball Match

On Thursday evening the Netball team travelled to Penshurst School to play their first netball match of the season. It was a fantastic match and the children played brilliantly, especially in the third and fourth quarters. Although they didn't manage to win on this occasion the team improved throughout the match and can be extremely proud of how they represented the school. Congratulations to Skye Newman and Emily Henderson for scoring our goals. Well done to all the team and many thanks to Vicky Gilbert for organising them.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday we had our annual Christmas lunch. This is always a lovely occasion and also a good opportunity for us to thank the Midday Supervisors and kitchen staff for everything they do for us throughout the year. There are plenty of photographs of this event on the school website so please do take a look when you can. Thank you.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Lily Cook, Alex Punnett and Tom Moriarty-Cole

Congratulations to Lily Cook, Alex Punnett and Tom Moriarty-Cole who have all received ASA swimming certificates. Lily has achieved her Stage 3 Award, Tom his Stage 1 Award and Alex his 20M award. All three children attend Fosse Bank Swimming Club and have worked really hard to achieve these awards. Well done to all of them.

Alfie Cochrane

Congratulations to Alfie Cochrane who completed his karate grading on Sunday in Tunbridge Wells. He had to overcome his fears of being in a large hall with many (over 100) children from different Dojo's across Kent. Alfie had to do a kata consisting of kicks, blocks and defensive moves in front of the county sensei representing Sama karate. Alfie attends the Wednesday class in Jessica's Hall and has been a member since September. Really very well done Alfie we're very proud of you.

Megan Phillips

Congratulations to Megan Phillips who has recently been awarded her British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 1. As part of this assessment Megan had to complete a handstand roly-poly, a back roll into a box split, a forward roll in to a box split and a handstand with swapped legs. A fantastic achievement Megan – very well done.

Sophie Edmonds Tilly Carter Darcey Butler Caitlin Moriarty-Cole

Congratulations to these four girls for receiving their Active Sports Group certificates in gymnastics. The girls attend the club at Sackville School and had to perform cartwheels across a bench, group roly-polys and cartwheels and handstands into bridges. Special congratulations to Sophie who received an additional award for making the most progress in the club. Well done to all four girls.

Anna Lake

Congratulations to Anna Lake who has recently passed her Grade 1 Violin exam with a very impressive score of 139. This means that Anna has been awarded a 'Distinction' which is the highest grade awarded. Anna has been working extremely hard for this exam over a few months now and should be very proud of this terrific achievement. Extremely well done Anna.

Jack Sharpe

Congratulations to Jack Sharpe who has recently gained a very impressive 'Distinction' in his recent Grade 1 Saxophone exam. This is a terrific achievement and is the result of much hard work; really well done Jack. If this wasn't enough Jack has also represented his age group in the Tonbridge Swimming Club team participating in the South East division of the National Arena Swimming League. This is the highest standard of league gala that the club competes in, so a great opportunity for Jack to compete at this level. Well done Jack!

May we wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Events

16.12.16	End of Term 2 End of Term Service (2pm St. Mary's Church)
3.1.17	Beginning of Term 3
6.1.17	Fruity Friday
9.1.17	Bikeability Training for Year 6 (all week)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar