LEIGH NEWS

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Fox Class At The Himalayan Gardens

On Monday, the children in Fox Class visited the Himalayan Gardens in Sevenoaks as part of their topic on The Magical World. The children had a wonderful day den building, wand making and going on a magical scavenger hunt. The children also had the opportunity to play in the adventure playground and use the maze. It was a wonderful day and the children were fantastically behaved throughout. Many thanks to all the adults who accompanied the children on this trip and a special thank you to Miss Jowett for organising it for them.

Book Donation

This week we have received a very generous donation of books from the Jones family. Mike Jones has very kindly sent these books to us to thank the school for the time the family have spent with us. There's a huge collection of different types of books from early Key Stage 1 right through to upper Key Stage 2. A huge thank you to Mike and the girls for this very generous donation and we will make sure they are put in the class libraries in the coming days.

Staffing Update

I'm sure you will all be very sad to hear that Mrs Tanner has decided to take early retirement from teaching. It almost goes without saying what a huge loss this will be for all of us here at Leigh and Mrs Tanner will be greatly missed by everyone connected with the school. Mrs Tanner has been teaching here since 1998 and, in that time, has fulfilled a number of different roles. Everyone who has got to know Mrs Tanner over that time will have been touched by what a naturally talented, caring and inspiring teacher she is. Mrs Tanner will be so greatly missed by all of us and, in particular, by the children who have been lucky enough to have been taught by her. Due to personal reasons Mrs Tanner has decided to step back from teaching and her last day here at school will be Friday 23rd October. As much as we will all be sad to see Mrs Tanner leave, I am delighted to have appointed Miss Jenny Simpson as Mrs Tanner's replacement. Miss Simpson was educated at Exeter University and has taught at Plaxtol Primary School and Kemsing Primary School as well as two stints abroad in New Zealand and Australia. Miss Simpson is an excellent teacher and we have been very fortunate to have her joining us for three days a week after half term. Although Mrs Tanner won't want a fuss, we are planning a farewell to her on the INSET Day next Friday and if any of you wish to contribute to a gift then please do see Mrs Burbridge in the school office before Thursday lunchtime. Thank you.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

This week we have been holding parent consultations via the telephone. If, for any reason, you haven't managed to speak with your child's class teacher then please do arrange to speak with them before the half term break. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Please don't forget that Christmas Card order forms need to be returned by Thursday 22nd October. Attached with this Newsletter is information about our new 150 club. This promises to be fantastic fun as well as raising lots of money for the school. Further information about this will be available on the PTA page on the school website from Monday.

Term Dates

As a reminder the last day of this term is next Thursday 22nd October as there is an INSET Day on Friday 23rd October. We also have an INSET Day at the beginning of Term 2 on Monday 2nd November. Therefore the children are not due back into school until Tuesday 3rd November.

PESE

Please could I remind all parents and carers of children in Year 6 that you MUST fill in the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) by the end of the half term break AT THE VERY LATEST. ***Please could you also send a copy of your choices to the school office (office@leigh.kent.sch.uk) so that we have them for our records.*** *If any parents would like any advice regarding this process then please do arrange to speak with me as soon as possible. You can find out further information about this process on the Secondary Transfer page of the school website which can be found by clicking on the following link. https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Parents/Secondary-Transfer/ You can also fill in an online version of the SCAF Form by clicking on the following link. Thank you. https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2*

Events

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
13.11.20	Hedgehogs Forest School
17.11.20	Open Afternoon
20.11.20	Foxes Forest School
27.11.20	Robins Forest School
4.12.20	Squirrels Forest School

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar