LEIGH NEWS

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COVID Update

I'm sure you will have all heard the news on Monday that the 4th stage of the Government's Roadmap has been delayed by up to 4 weeks. This obviously has an impact on various events between now and the end of term due to government guidance around mixing of households not changing. Please note that these might possibly be subject to further change depending on any changes in the guidance.

Summer Production at the E M Forster Theatre – 19th July

This event will be Year 6 only and, I'm afraid to say, we have not been able to organise the rest of the school watching the dress rehearsal. 6 tickets per Year 6 child will be available for families and separate letters regarding the final arrangements for this event will be sent out to Parents and Carers of children in Year 6. This event will be professionally videoed and photographs will also be taken and put on the school website.

End of Term Leavers Service – 21st July

This event will now be only for Year 6 and their parents and carers and will take place at St. Mary's Church at 2pm. Further information will be sent out to parents and carers of children in Year 6 in due course.

Year 6 Prom – 9th July

This event will be taking place on the school field as previously described and is not affected by the announcement on Monday.

Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trips – 5th,6th,7th July and 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th July

These events will be taking place as previously described and are not affected by the announcement on Monday.

Class Trips

Class trips that have been organised will be taking place as previously described and are not affected by the announcement on Monday.

Year 6 Transition Events

Most Secondary Schools have now changed the format of these to ensure that primary school class bubbles are not compromised. Each school should make an announcement about how they intend to run these events but it looks highly unlikely that a region-wide induction event in person on the 8th July will take place.

Sports Day – 9th July

We have been planning Sports Day for many months now and, due to the nature of the school diary at this time of year, we are desperately trying to stick to the date of Friday 9th July. As this event is outside we would like to leave a final decision for a week or so when further guidance on outdoor activities could be released. Whatever happens we will be creating a podcast recording of the day for you to listen to and will be taking plenty of photographs for you to see. An update on this event will be made in the next two weeks.

Cake Sale

This event will be co-ordinated by school staff to ensure that the class bubbles are not compromised and so the event will be able to take place unaffected.

Class Bubbles

It seems now that the class bubbles will be here at least until the end of this academic year. Therefore drop off and collection will continue to be staggered and on The Green and playtimes and lunchtimes will continue to be staggered and internally organised. We were very much hoping to be able to dispense with these by now but, given this latest announcement, the arrangements will continue for the time being. Parent Consultations will be held remotely and the school site will continue to remain closed unless an appointment has been made. Thank you.

Squirrel Class Trip to Bore Place

On Thursday the children in Squirrel Class visited Bore Place as part of their topic work on Habitats. During the day the children had a wonderful time learning about different habitats, went pond dipping, walked through the meadow, had a tour of the dairy farm and went on a mini beast hunt. Thank you to all the staff at Bore Place and to all the staff and volunteers who accompanied the children throughout the day. A particular thank you to Mrs Prockter and Mrs Hawken for organising this trip for the class.

Bookcase

We have a bookcase that has been in the school library for the past few years that we would like to dispose of. If anyone would like it then please do contact the school office and it will be given out on a first come first served basis. It is on wheels but it is also very heavy so if you live more than 50 metres from the school I would suggest it would need a car to transport it.

PESE

Please note that if you wish to register your child for the 11+ in September then you MUST register them by 1st July at the very latest and you can do this by clicking on the following link: https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx

If anyone would like to talk about any of this then please do make an appointment to speak with me. Thank you.

New Beacon Summer Activity Camps

A message from The New Beacon…

Ultimate Activity Camps provide outstanding Ofsted-registered (and Covid-Safe!) activity day camps for children aged 4-14 during the school holidays, where the children's welfare and fun are at the heart of all they do! Children will enjoy a fantastic range of sports, games and art activities every week led by engaging staff at amazing locations. Running this Summer at New Beacon School from Monday 19th July - Friday 20th August 2021. Book by Tuesday 8th June to save up £25 a week on all summer dates! W: http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/FSF
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Events

18.6.21	School Photographer visiting Wolves Forest School
23.6.21	Cake Sale for West Kent Mind (KS2 Playground)
24.6.21	Robins Class trip to Temper Temper
25.6.21	Hawks Class trip to Four Winds Farm Staffing/Class Split Letters Sent Home
28.6.21	Reports Sent Home
2.7.21	Hedgehog Forest School
5.7.21	Year 5 Residential (until 7.7.21) Year 4 at Blacklands Farm Parent Consultations
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9.7.21	Sports Day Year 6 Prom Finalised Class Lists Sent Home
12.7.21	Year 6 Residential (until 16.7.21)
19.7.21	Summer Production at The E M Forster Theatre (Year 6 only) Transition Morning
21.7.21	End of Term Service (Year 6 and Parents and Carers Only) End of Term 6
1.9.21	INSET Day – No children in school please
2.9.21	Start of Term 1

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar