LEIGH NEWS

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MENTAL MATHS CUP

After half term we will be introducing a weekly mental maths competition to enthuse the children about their maths. Although all the details haven't been finalised as yet, the idea is that the children will compete in their classes using their new Numeracy Passports and each week a winning class will be announced in our Friday morning assembly; the winning class will then be entitled to keep the Maths Cup for that week. I wondered if anyone would like to sponsor this cup and have their family name (or specific person's name) engraved on it. It would then be known as the '_____family Maths Cup'. The cost would be about £80 in total and would be a lovely way to remember a family name or person in our weekly assemblies. If you are interested in sponsoring this cup then please do let me know. Thank you.

Cross Country

Last Friday the school Cross Country team battled against the wind and rain to compete in the Primary School Cross Country Championship. There were many notable performances including Andrew Saunders who came 4th in the Under 11s Boys race and Georgia Wynn and Isabelle Sharpe who came 10th and 13th respectively in the Under 9s Girls race. Congratulations to the whole team and thanks to Mr Gubb and all the parents who braved the weather to support them!

TRAMPOLINE SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Jack Howe who has been crowned Under 11 Kent County Champion on the trampoline. What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that Jack is still only 9 and he was competing against children nearly two years older than him. Congratulations also to his sister and ex Leigh Primary School pupil, Lauren, who also did extremely well in the Under 13 category.

YEAR 6 SATS DATES

Please be advised that the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) assessments will be on Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2014. Please do not book any holiday during these dates as it is crucial that all Year 6 children are present in school during this week. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Just a reminder that the next PTA Meeting is this Monday 21st October at 1.30 pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us at the Genner Rooms which is situated at St Mary's Church (please enter via the door on the right hand side of the church) and there will be tea/coffee and refreshments served. There are also some toys up there for anyone bringing young siblings. We look forward to seeing you there!

There will be a RACE NIGHT and BBQ at the Fleur on Sunday 20th October (3pm Start, 3.15pm First Race, 4pm BBQ Starts). Please do come along to this as it promises to be great fun and another way to help the PTA raise important funds for the school.

MANNING THE OFFICE

From Tuesday 5th November the office will be manned during the lunch break by some of our Year 6 pupils. They will be answering the phone and making sure messages are passed to the appropriate staff.

School Council

This week our new School Council has met for the first time. The children have been voted on by their classmates and will represent them at a weekly meeting with Mrs Jones and Miss Oyler. Our New School Council are: Jack Poulter (Chairman), Chris Wordsworth (Treasurer), Ben Higgins, Poppy Aldis, Harrison Boucher, William Richardson, Joe Kirby (Secretary), Jessica Stanbridge, Aaron Welsh and Renata Howe-Marquez. Congratulations to all of them.

Reading Helpers Lunch

We are holding a lunch for all those of you who help the children every week with their reading. This will be on the 7th November at 12pm. Please let the office know if you are coming so that we have an idea of numbers.

SCIENCE AFTERNOON

If your child loves science then why not send them to a science holiday club this Half Term in Jessica's Hall on Tuesday 29th October from 12.30pm – 4.30pm. Dr Francis, who runs our school Science Club, will be doing lots of hands-on science including, making rockets, slime, volcanoes, mixing colours with light, plasma balls, and fibre optics. The session will be suitable for children from Year 2 upwards. The cost is £17.50 for a full afternoon of activities and there will be a maximum of 20 places available. I have put details of how to book up for this on the School Website under the Calendar Section so please do take a look and contact Gareth if you are interested.

OPEN EVENTS

Open Day

We have the first of our two Open Days on Monday 21st October starting at 1.30pm. This event is for all parents thinking of sending their children to Leigh from next September. It would be great to see as many people at this event as possible so please do encourage people to attend.

Open Afternoon

We also have an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 23rd October for all of you who would like to see what your children have been doing in their classes this half term. This event will start at 3pm and the children will show you what they have been learning and the teachers will be around to answer any questions you might have. As Weasel Class are on a trip their Open Afternoon will be on the following day (24th October) from 3pm-4pm.

Events

20.10.13	Race event and BBQ at The Fleur
21.10.13	Open Afternoon for prospective parents
22.10.13	KS1 Maths Morning
23.10.13	Weasel Class trip to Legoland Open Classrooms Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
24.10.13	KS2 Maths Morning Last swim for Yrs 3/4 Weasel Class Open Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
25.10.13	Fruity Friday HALF TERM
4.11.13	INSET DAY – No children at school

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar