LEIGH NEWS

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Squirrel Class at Chiddingstone Castle

On Tuesday, the children in Squirrel Class went to Chiddingstone Castle as part of their topic on Fairy Tales and Castles. During the morning they had a treasure hunt throughout the castle looking for features such as stained glass windows, shields and army equipment and they then made wax crayon rubbings of the castle wall. For lunch they went to the orangery and in the afternoon they went into the forest and pretended to be squirrels and used pine cones to create a creature which they have used in class to retell stories. Many thanks to all of you who accompanied the class on this trip and to Mrs Barber for organizing it.

Wolves Class at The National Portrait Gallery

On Wednesday, the children in in Wolves Class visited the National Portrait Gallery as part of their topic work on The Tudors. The children had a wonderful workshop in the morning all about Tudor portraits and they then had the opportunity to create their own. After lunch in Trafalgar Square the children then had the chance to wander around the gallery looking at portraits from across different periods of history. Many thanks to all of you who accompanied us on this trip and to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Halfhide for organizing it.

Chiddingstone Writing Competition

Chiddingstone Literary Festival are running a 500 words writing competition which we would encourage all children in Key Stage 2 to enter. Further details about this competition can be found by clicking on the link below and all entries must be received by Friday 15th March. The winning entries will be read at the festival on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May as well as being published in Scoop Children's Magazine. Good luck and get writing!

PTA NEWS

It's Quiz Night tomorrow evening in the village hall! We are really looking forward to a great evening of trivia and fun, and hope to raise lots of cash for our school. There is still time to buy tickets for the Film Night on 15 March. Booking forms are in the office.

We are holding a short PTA meeting on Wednesday 6 March at 3.15pm to consider a funding request from the school for new technology. Everyone is welcome to join, contact the PTA for more information.

Scribbles Easter Fair

Scribbles will be holding their Easter Fair on Saturday 23rd March. If anyone has any books they would like to donate, please leave them in reception and we can pass them on. If you are free on 23rd March then please do support this event if you possibly can.

Next Week's Theme –'Pancake Day and Lent'

Year 5&6 TRANSITION EVENT

Every year we run a Transition Event for Years 5&6 where we invite ex-pupils back to talk about life at Secondary School and ways in which our current pupils can prepare for it. This year this event is being held on Friday 26th April, is for all children in Years 5&6 and will run between 4pm and 5pm. We are inviting all ex-pupils back into school to talk with the children about life at secondary school as well as hopefully passing on some useful tips about how to stay out of detention, surviving your first few weeks at your new school and how to make friends. If you know of any ex pupils who might be able to speak at this event then please do let Mrs Burbridge know. We are asking that all children in these year groups attend this event and if they are unable to do so, please do let me know as soon as possible. Please note that because of this event there will not be Football Club after school on that day. Thank you.

Pupil Achievements

Huge congratulations to Lily, Isabelle, Georgie-May, Freya and Isa who have recently all competed in the Tunbridge Wells Dance Festival. The girls participated in a huge number of categories and have won a collection of cups, medals and certificates. Very well done to you all!

Playground Leaders

This week we have started our new Playground Leaders initiative. This is where the children in Years 5&6 are helping the younger children enjoy more productive and active playtimes. At the moment this is just running on Monday and Tuesday but we are hoping to extend this as the weather improves.

SPORTS NEWS

Football

On Tuesday the football team played their latest league match against a very strong Penshurst side. The team played extremely well and showed a huge amount of spirit and determination to win a tight match 3-2. On Thursday they then travelled to Ide Hill Primary School and played in a very exciting match. The team won the match 6-3 and should be very proud of these two great results. Well done to all involved.

Netball

On Thursday the netball team also travelled to Ide Hill Primary School to play their latest league match. The team played incredibly well and eventually won 8-5 which is a terrific achievement. Well done to all the team and many thanks to Mrs Barber and Vickie Gilbert for managing the team

National Offer Day – 1st March 2019

Later today the children in Wolves Class will be notified of the Secondary School they have been allocated. If anyone would like any further advice regarding the next steps please do make an appointment to see me as soon as possible. Further information about the timeline can be found on the slides from the Parent Meeting that was held in May 2018 which can be found by clicking here: https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Secondary_2018/Parent_Meeting_Powerpoint_-_25th_May_2018.pdf

Term Dates 2019-2020

As a reminder, please find below the terms dates for the remainder of this year and next year. Please note that I have decided to change the INSET Day in October 2019 from 28th October to 18th October.

2018-2019 Term Dates

25th February 2019 – 5th April 2019	TERM 4
23rd April 2019 – 24th May 2019	TERM 5
3rd June 2019 – 19th July 2019	TERM 6
22nd July 2019	INSET DAY
23rd July 2019	INSET DAY

2019-2020 Term Dates

2nd September 2019	INSET DAY
3rd September 2019 – **17th October 2019**	TERM 1
18th October 2019	**INSET DAY**
28th October 2019 – 18th December 2019	TERM 2
6th January 2020 – 14th February 2020	TERM 3
24th February 2020	INSET DAY
25th February 2020 – 1st April 2020	TERM 4
16th April 2020	INSET DAY
17th April 2020	INSET DAY
20th April 2020 – 22nd May 2020	TERM 5
1st June 2020 – 22nd July 2020	TERM 6

World Book Day

This year we have decided to theme our World Book Day as 'Bedtime Stories'. On Thursday we are inviting the children to come into school dressed in their pyjamas and during the day each class will partake in activities all related to World Book Day. Although the children will be in pyjamas, please can we ask that they are wearing suitable shoes for the day (slippers are not acceptable) and will be warm enough to go outside during break and lunch. Thank you.

Events

4.3.19	Beginning of Book Week Football Match v. Crockham Hill Primary
6.3.19	Hawks Class to Horton Kirby Environmental Centre
7.3.19	World Book Day

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar