LEIGH NEWS

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Gallery Exhibition

On Tuesday, Wolves Class held an exhibition of their artwork in Jessica's Hall as part of their topic work on 'Galleries'. All the children were experts in one style of art and were on hand to answer questions about their artwork and the trips they have been on to the National Portrait Gallery and the Tate Modern. Their artwork was also for sale and they raised a staggering £56 which will go towards buying some new art equipment for the school. A huge thank you to all who turned up to support this event and to Miss Taylor, Mrs Tait, Mrs Hill and all children in Wolves Class for making this such a success.

Christmas Trees

If you intend to buy a real Christmas tree this year please consider purchasing from Stonepitts Farm, Seal. They will make a donation to Help for Heroes and also give £2.00 to Leigh PTA for each tree sold, on production of this newsletter. For details visit www.stonepitts.com or phone 01732 762983.

Football Tournament

On Monday evening we took three teams to Edenbridge Leisure Centre to take part in an informal Football Tournament. I'm delighted to say that all three teams played superbly well and won a majority of their matches. The children had great fun and represented the school brilliantly.

First week in January's Theme – 'A New Year, A New Start'

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

There are days when we occasionally need cover for Midday Supervisors. If you are interested in being part of a pool of people who we contact when the need arises, please contact the school office to put your name down on the list.

PTA NEWS

Are you planning to do any online Christmas shopping?
Did you know that you can raise money for the school simply by going through the Easyfundraising Website. It only takes 2 minutes to register and costs nothing. Anyone raising money in December will be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 Cinnamon voucher and a £25 voucher will also be given to the person who raises the most. Further information can be found on:
www.easyfunraising.org.uk/causes/leighpspta

Jack Howe

Huge congratulations to Jack Howe who came 6th in the South East Regional Schools Trampolining Championships on Sunday, representing Leigh Primary School. This was the first time that Jack has competed in the Elite group and was up against a group of 11 Year 6's. Jack completed 2 successful routines and bounced so high that we are all wondering how high he will bounce when he is 12 or 13 years! Really well done Jack, we're incredibly proud of you!

Open Classrooms Afternoon

Many thanks to all of you who turned up to the open classrooms afternoon. These are really important events for the school and give you the opportunity to look at your children's work and discuss it with them and the class teacher. The next open classrooms afternoon will be on Thursday 13th February, 3.30pm-4.30pm. Thank you.

St Mary's Church
Christmas Services
15th December 4.30pm – Christingle
24th December 4pm/6pm – Family Carols
24th December 11.15pm – Midnight Mass
25th December 10am – Family Service
All are welcome to attend

Christmas Lunch

Last week the whole school came together as we enjoyed our traditional Christmas Lunch. It was a hugely enjoyable event and the children were, as ever, beautifully behaved throughout. There are a huge number of photographs on the School Website under 'Galleries' of this so please do take a look when you can. I would thank Mrs Large and all the mid-day supervisors who do a fantastic job throughout the year and for all their extra efforts at the Christmas Lunch.

2014-2015 TERM DATES

I have posted the dates for 2014-2015 on the School Website under 'News and Events; Term Dates'. They are also listed below for your convenience. Thank you.

Term 1
3rd September 2014 INSET DAY
4th September 2014 INSET DAY
5th September 2014 - 24th October 2014
Term 2
3rd November 2014 INSET DAY
4th November 2014 – 19th December 2014
Term 3
5th January 2015 – 13th February 2015
Term 4
23rd February 2015 – 1st April 2015
Term 5
20th April 2015 – 22nd May 2015
Term 6
1st June 2015 INSET DAY
2nd June 2015 – 23rd July 2015
24th July 2015 INSET DAY

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

This week all the classes have been enjoying a range of different Christmas activities. Whether they've been baking Christmas biscuits or making Christmas cards I know that they have had a huge amount of fun and have really enjoyed the activities. I would like to thank all the staff who work really hard to ensure that the children enjoy their time in the classrooms and we look forward to starting our new topics in the New Year. Please do look on the School Website under your class pages to find out more in January.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

The school is working hard to ensure that communication between the school and parents is as effective as possible. After our highly successful Maths Workshops earlier in the term we have organised a series of Parent Workshops in Literacy in the New Year. These will be run by Miss Birchenall and promise to be extremely useful and informative sessions and I would urge as many of you as possible to attend. You don't need to let us know that you're coming – just turn up at Jessica's Hall.

Tuesday 14th January 9.15am Phonics Workshop Reception/Year 1
Tuesday 28th January 9.15am Phonics Workshop Year 1/Year 2
Tuesday 4th February **9.05am** Writing Workshop Reception/Key Stage 1
Monday 10th February 9.15am Reading/Writing Workshop Key Stage 2
Tuesday 11th February 9.15am Reading Comprehension Key Stage 1

Farewell

Today we say farewell to a number of our children who are leaving us. This is always a sad time but wherever they are going we wish them all the best and hope very much that they will stay in touch. Bon Voyage!

May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Events

20.12.13	Last Day of Term 2 End of Term Service at St. Mary's Church (2pm)
6.1.14	Term 3 begins (NO INSET day)
9.1.14	Swimming starts (Yrs 3&4)
14.1.14	Parent Phonics Workshop (Reception/Yr 1)
21.1.14	Book Club Meeting
22.1.14	E-Safety Talk (7pm in Jessica's Hall)
23.1.14	Football Match v. Hever (Home)
28.1.14	Parent Phonics Workshop (Year 1/2)
31.1.14	Phil the Bag Collection
4.2.14	Parent Writing Workshop (Reception/Yr 1)
6.2.14	Football Match v. Fordecombe (Home)
10.2.14	Parent Reading/Writing Workshop (Key Stage 2)
11.2.14	Parent Reading Workshop (Key Stage 1)
14.2.14	End of Term 3
24.2.14	Beginning of Term 4
25.2.14	Book Club Meeting
27.2.14	Swimming starts (Yrs 5/6)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar