LEIGH NEWS

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Welcome Back

We hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter and a very enjoyable two week break. It's been a great start to the new term and we look forward to sharing with you all the wonderful things the children will be doing this term. Please continue to check the school website on a regular basis and do see me if you feel there is something missing on it. Could I take this opportunity to remind everyone that we operate an open door policy here at Leigh; you are welcome into school at any time to discuss your child's progress.

New Topics

The new term sees the start of new topic work for each of the classes. Details of these topics will be available on the class pages of the school website in the coming days and can also be found in the Curriculum section on the school website. Plenty of trips and visits are being planned by the class teachers to support the work in the classroom and details about these events will be available nearer the time.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Term 5	19th April 2017 - 26th May 2017
Term 6	5th June 2017 - 21st July 2017

2017-2018

Term 1	4th September 2017 – 20th October 2017
Term 2	30th October 2017 - 20th December 2017
Term 3	8th January 2018 - 9th February 2018
Term 4	19th February 2018 – 29th March 2018
Term 5	16th April 2018 - 25th May 2018
Term 6	4th June 2018 – 20th July 2018

INSET Days 1st September 2017, 4th & 5th January 2018, 23rd & 24th July 2018.

SUMMER PRODUCTION
We will again be performing our Summer Production at the EM Forster Theatre at Tonbridge School.
This will involve the WHOLE SCHOOL and will take place on Tuesday 18th July at 7pm
PLEASE DO KEEP THIS DATE FREE
Many more details will be sent out nearer the time

Chiddingstone Literary Festival

We are delighted to be taking the whole school to the Chiddingstone Literary Festival on Tuesday 2nd May 2017. Attached with this Newsletter is further information about this day and further details about the festival can be found at:
www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk/literary-festival

Clubs

The Clubs Programme starts again on Monday. Please remember that if a child has signed up for a club then it's important they attend it unless there is a good reason. We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer so many extra-curricular opportunities for the children and I'm very grateful to all of you who give up so much of your time to run clubs. For further information about clubs, please click on the link below. Thank you.
http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Extracurricular/

Harp Lessons

We are so fortunate to be able to offer harp lessons at Leigh Primary School. Nikki Martin teaches here once a week and children don't have to have their own instrument. Prices start from £13.75/month for a shared lesson and £27.50/month for an individual lesson. If interested, please contact Nikki on: plinkplonkharp@hotmail.co.uk

Drum Tuition

It is not too late to register your interest for drum tuition. Billy Cunningham (who plays the drums each year at our annual summer production) has offered to come in for a few hours on a Friday morning to teach drums on our new electric drum kit. The cost of the lessons are: £16 for 30 minutes tuition and £12 for 20 minutes tuition (both on a 1 to 1 basis). If your child might be interested in having drum lessons, please do email me to register their interest.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Thomas and Renata Howe-Marquez

Firstly, a big congratulations to Thomas and Renata Howe-Marquez who have both been awarded their Level 3 Bronze Progressive Test from the Pony Club. Both attend weekly sessions at the Pony Club and should be extremely proud of this achievement. Really well done to both of them!

Ellis Hard

Congratulations also to Ellis Hard who has recently passed (with merit) his Entry Level 3 (Debut) Rock School Exam in Popular Music Performance. Ellis plays the electric guitar and should be extremely proud of this wonderful achievement. Really well done Ellis!

Frank Gonzalez

During the Easter holiday, Frank Gonzalez has been filming the new Santander advert with Jessica Ennis-Hill. Frank is getting a lot of acting work at the moment and we'll look forward to seeing him in his latest advert in the coming months! Very well done Frank.

Year 5&6 TRANSITION EVENT

Next Friday we will be holding our annual Transition Event for children in Years 5 and 6. We are inviting back all our ex-pupils to come and share their experiences of Secondary School and we are expecting all children from Years 5 and 6 to be here for that. The event will run from 4pm-5pm and will be held in Hedgehog Class. Please note that there will not be Football Club this afternoon due to this event taking place. **If anyone knows of any ex-pupils who would be willing to come along to this event, please contact the school office and we will add their name to the list.** Thank you.

PTA NEWS

This week and next Monday and Tuesday we are collecting for "Phil the Bag"…please bring in your unwanted clothes, bedding, towels, tablecloths shoes and handbags to Jessica's hall. They will be reused by those in need, and the school receives money for every kilo donated.
We are collecting for the May Fete, and need your support to make it a success. Please donate:
-Bottles for the Bottle Tombola (Wine, beer, bubblebath etc)
-Jam jars of wrapped sweets OR /empty jam jars that we can fill.
There is box in reception for your donations. Thank you!
We are looking for volunteers to help run football cafe. It is not a big commitment, usually only one Friday afternoon per term. If your child attends football practice why not give it a try? Speak to Rachel Murray for details or email us leighprimarypta@gmail.com

Events

24.4.17	Clubs Start
25.4.17	Phil The Bag Collection, Squirrel Class Forest School
26.4.17	Hawks Class Forest School
28.4.17	Year 5&6 Transition Event (4pm-5pm) – No Football Club
1.5.17	Bank Holiday Monday – No children in school please
2.5.17	Chiddingstone Literary Festival
3.5.17	Hedgehog Class Forest School
5.5.17	Fruity Friday
7.5.17	PTA Summer Fair (1pm-4pm)
8.5.17	SATs Week for Year 6 – Reading Paper Squirrel Class Hearing Test (am)
9.5.17	SATs Week for Year 6 – GPS Papers Acorns Forest School
10.5.17	SATs Week for Year 6 – Maths Papers 1&2 Fox Class Forest School
11.5.17	SATs Week for Year 6 – Maths Paper 3
15.5.17	High Hopes Assembly (pm)
16.5.17	Safety in Action for Year 6 (am), Squirrel Class Forest School
17.5.17	Music Concert in Jessica's Hall (5pm)
19.5.17	Inter-House Tournaments (pm)
22.5.17	Start of Science Week
23.5.17	Wolves Class Forest School
24.5.17	Hawks Class Forest School
25.5.17	Year 5 Parent PESE Meeting in Jessica's Hall (7.30pm)
26.5.17	End of Term 5
5.6.17	Beginning of Term 6

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar