LEIGH NEWS

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Writing Competition Winners

We are delighted to announce the winners of our writing competition. All the entrants have won House Points for their Houses and the winners in each category have won a £10 book token. We will post some of these stories on the school website so that you can read them for yourselves. We have also entered every story into the BBC Radio 2 competition and if we hear anything back from them then we will let you know. Congratulations to our winners and we hope that all the children will enter our next competition in the coming weeks.

Key Stage 1 Runner up
Rosie Burns
Key Stage 1 Winner
Ella Dorward
Lower Key Stage 2 Runner up
Chloe Higgins
Lower Key Stage 2 Winner
Rachel Hickson
Upper Key Stage 2 Runner up
Ellie Grant
Upper Key Stage 2 Winner
Adele White

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS

We are delighted to announce that the book fair has raised a staggering £489.90 profit which will go directly to our new Library project. A huge thank you to Miss Oyler and all the members of the School Council for helping to organise this and to Miss Oyler, Mrs Burbridge and Mrs Jones for cooking the superb breakfasts!

SECOND YPRES LETTER

Please could we ask that the reply slip for the second letter is returned by the 1st April and that if your child will need a collective passport that you fill in the form on the school website (under 'News and Events; Trip to Ypres'. Thank you.

Free Books

There are still a few free books outside the front door by the Lost Property container. If anyone would like any of these books then please do help yourself.

World Down's Syndrome Day

Today we have celebrated World Down's Syndrome Day. This year the theme was 'LOTS OF SOCKS' and it was great to see the children wearing such a dazzling array of footwear! In assembly Ines, Lewis and Carolyn Howitt spoke about the work of the Down's Syndrome Association and the wonderful things that they do. Thank you to all the children who took part in this and to the Howitt family for giving us such a good talk this morning.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Many thanks to all of you who came to the Parent Consultation evenings this week. If either of these days were inconvenient then please do speak with the class teacher to arrange an appointment as we are very keen to speak with every parent. Please don't forget that we have our next Open Classroom Afternoon on Thursday 3rd April (3pm-4pm) where you will have an opportunity to look through the children's work.

Playmobil and Sylvanian Families

The Squirrel Class are in need of additional Playmobil and Sylvanian Families toys. If any of you have these at home that are not being used then please do speak with Miss Oyler or Mrs Marsh. Thank you.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have made a few amendments to the school website this week. This has involved shortening the 'Learning' drop down menu and putting: 'Mathematics, Literacy, Phonics, Recommended Reading List and Phonics' under Curriculum Overview and 'Music and Drama, Clubs and Forest School' under Enhancing the Curriculum.

PTA

The PTA is organising a shopping event for the children to buy well-deserved gifts for their mums. This will take place on Friday 28th March. We are collecting donations of good quality items that would make suitable gifts. Please leave any donations in the boxes on the playground or talk with Steph Bell. Thank you!

The PTA is hosting a Ladies Fashion Show on 1 May at St John's Church Hall, Hildenborough. Doors open at 7pm, catwalk at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 from your class rep. Please come along to support the school & your 'model' friends as well as bagging yourself a high street bargain! If you'd like to help out on the night, please contact your class rep or Caroline Kings (KS1 playground).

Shed Building

Now that we are using the Wildlife area at least twice a week for our Forest School project we would like to build a shed so that we can house some of the regular tools and equipment that the children use. We have purchased a shed that needs assembling. If you could spare an hour or so to help assemble this shed then please contact Rachel Murray.

TENNIS COACHING

Tennis coaching is available to children in the Easter holidays at Leigh Tennis Club between 7th-9th April. This is open to children of all ages and abilities. The courses will be run by LTA coaches. Mini red players 9.30 – 11.30am. Mini Orange and Green players 11.30 – 1.30pm. Price for 3 days: £35. For further details or to book a place please contact Lorna on lbelither@hotmail.co.uk.

Next Week's Theme – 'Taking Opportunities'

Lost Property

Please could we ask that the Lost Property container is checked this week; we are desperately trying to reduce the amount of clothing in it. Thank you.

The Great Leigh Bake Off

A letter this week has been sent out from the School Council about the Great Leigh Bake Off. There will be a winner from each Key Stage and costs £1 to enter. We hope as many children as possible will want to enter this fun competition and we look forward to tasting the entries!

End of Term Service

This term's end of term service will be held at St. Mary's Church at 2pm on Friday 4th April. We are asking that the children are collected from the church after the service which should finish about 3pm.

Grandparents Afternoon

We are looking forward to welcoming as many grandparents to our grandparents afternoon on Friday 28th March at 1.30pm. They will be given a tour of the school by their grandchildren and the staff will be available to answer any questions they might have. The Year 6's will then serve them a cup of tea in Jessica's Hall. Please do encourage as many grandparents as possible to attend this event.

LAMBING OPEN DAY AT FOUR WINDS FARM
PENSHURST ROAD, BIDBOROUGH, TN3 0LL
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2014 11AM-4PM
ENTRY FEE: £4 ADULTS – CHILDREN FREE
New born lambs, Refreshments, Trailer rides
Raising money for Hospice in the Weald
SHORT WALK FROM PARKING – BRING YOU WELLIES!
For more information call: Simon 07961 893682 or Ruth 07903 857470
Pregnant women are advised NOT to attend

Events

25.3.14	Cross Country Meeting
28.3.14	Grandparents Afternoon (1.30pm-3pm)
31.3.14	The Great Leigh Bake Off
2.4.14	Squirrel Class Royal Banquet Football Match (v. Fordecombe) PTA Meeting (8pm)
3.4.14	Last swim of the term, Open Classroom Afternoon PTA Film Night
4.4.14	End of Term Service at St Mary's Church (2pm) End of Term 4
5.4.14	Spring Clean Day
22.4.14	Beginning of Term 5 Book Club
23.4.14	PTA Art Exhibition
24.4.14	First swim of the term (Yrs 3&4)
28.4.14	Chris Lloyd (author) visiting

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar