LEIGH NEWS

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School Trips

It's been wonderful to be able to start having school trips again! School trips can greatly enhance the topic work undertaken in class and are always great fun! On Wednesday we had two trips with the Hawks and Hedgehog Classes. Hawks Class visited Hever Castle as part of their topic work on Hever Castle. They took part in a Tudor dancing workshop, had a tour of the castle, spent time in the gardens and especially enjoyed examining all the torture devices. Wednesday was also the 485th anniversary of Anne Boleyn's execution at the Tower of London! The children had a wonderful time and so many thanks to all the staff who made this day possible. Also on Wednesday the Hedgehog Class visited Horton Kirby where they took part in a day of activities based around the natural world and based on their topic of Plants. During the day the children went on a bug hunt, went fishing in the river, went pond dipping and identified different types of leaves. The children had a wonderful day and so many thanks to Mr Berry and all the staff who made this possible.

Story Telling Day

On Thursday 27th May Squirrel Class are having a Story Telling Day. They are inviting people into class dressed up as characters from Traditional Tales and reading the class a story. If you are interested in coming in to read to the children please speak to Mrs Prockter or Mrs Cheshire on the Green, alternatively email the office.

Sports Day Date

This year Sports Day will be held on Friday 9th July. More details will be sent out nearer the time but please do keep this date free if you possibly can. Thank you.

Transition Dates 2021

We have now set the dates for the transition events for the end of the academic year.

Friday 25th June – Staffing and Class Structure Letters Sent Home
Monday 28th June – Reports Sent Home with Provisional Classes
Monday 5th July – Parent Consultations
Tuesday 6th July – Parent Consultations
Friday 9th July – Finalised Class Lists Sent Out
Tuesday 20th July – Transition Morning (children spending the morning with their new class teachers)

Staffing Update

As you will know Mrs Halfhide will be taking over as Headteacher in September which has left a vacancy for the position of Deputy Headteacher. This vacancy was advertised a couple of weeks ago and we were very fortunate to receive a huge number of quality applications. The Governing Body is delighted to announce that, after a rigorous process, Mrs Harper has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher from September. Mrs Harper is obviously well known to the school having taught here over the past 11 years and her passion, expertise and talent for educating children convinced the panel that she is the right person to work alongside the SLT in leading the school. I'm sure you'd all like to join me in congratulating Mrs Harper on this wonderful achievement and to wish her all the very best for her new role. Next week we have two teachers returning from Maternity Leave. Both Mrs Barber and Mrs Hawken will be returning for transition days next week and will then be working in Robins and Squirrels respectively. We have been so incredibly fortunate to have had such wonderful maternity covers in Mrs Cheshire and Mrs Akers and I'm sure you'd all like to join me in thanking them for the outstanding contributions they have made to life of the school this year.

Friday Football

Due to a small staff gathering to say thank you to Mrs Cheshire and Mrs Akers after school next Friday, there won't be football club next Friday. Thank you.

Events

24.5.21	Wolves Class Electricity Day
27.5.21	Story Telling Day in Squirrels
28.5.21	Robins Forest School End of Term 5
7.6.21	INSET Day – No children in school please
8.6.21	Start of Term 6
10.6.21	Year 5 Parent Meeting in Jessica's Hall (PESE)
11.6.21	Squirrel Class to Forest School
17.6.21	Squirrel Class Trip to Bore Place

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar