LEIGH NEWS

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Sal's Shoes Appeal

We would like to collect your unwanted children's shoes for a fantastic charity called "Sal's Shoes" who will send these shoes to children who desperately need them. There are 300 million children in the world for whom walking with shoes is a rarity. This makes them extremely vulnerable to infections, as well as injuries to the feet and ankles. These are often untreated and can become very serious. In many countries you cannot go to school unless you own a pair of shoes. Shoes have found new feet in homes, orphanages, schools and hospitals all around the world; as well as refugee camps and the Calais Jungle; and also in parts of the UK. Sal's Shoes collect all sorts of different types of shoes: flip flops, sandals, school shoes, slippers, trainers, winter boots, football boots to name but a few. Larger sizes are acceptable but all footwear must be child appropriate (no heels!). They collect shoes that can still be worn: solid soles with no holes, laces if the shoes need them, and if possible, no mud! ***So, start sorting out your unwanted children's shoes! Bring them to Jessica's Hall where there will be a "Sal's Shoes" deposit bin. We will start collecting on 1st November.***

(Sal's Shoes is a not-for-profit organisation recognised as charitable (EW10624) by HMRC for tax purposes.)

Music Room Project Photos

The Music and Creative Arts Room project is coming on very well indeed. The builders have made lots of progress over the last 2 weeks and we are hopeful that this room will be available to be used at the start of December. We have taken lots of photos over the past few days so you can see for yourself just how well they're doing and we have placed these on the Galleries section of the school website.

PTA NEWS

We are taking part in the "Grow Your Tenner" scheme again this year. When you donate £10 to the school via localgiving they will match fund this and the school will receive at least £20. This money will be used to kit out the new music room so please donate if you can, here https://localgiving.org/leighprimaryschoolpta

Dates for your diary:

Xmas Fair- Sat 26th Nov, Breakfast with Santa- Sat Dec 10th

SCAF Forms

Please remember that the deadline for the Year 6 SCAF Forms is on Monday 31st October. YOU MUST SUBMIT your form by this date if you have a child transferring to Secondary School in 2017. It would also be helpful if you inform us of the choices you have made for your child and you can do this by emailing the school office or by printing out your SCAF Form and handing it to Mrs Burbridge. Thank you.

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

Half Term is a great time to make lots of progress on the Off By Heart poetry competition. Please do encourage your child to continue learning a poem from the list on the school website. This can be found by clicking on the link below. Thank you.

http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Off-By-Heart-Poetry-Competition/

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Brownie Oaths

Congratulations to Amelia and Antonia who this week took their brownie oaths at the Leigh Scout Hut. They both had to recite the brownie promise and law which they did beautifully. It's terrific to see these organisations flourishing in the village and well done to both girls on this terrific achievement.

Mansel Hard

Congratulations also to Mansel Hard who recently competed in the Blackheath Rugby Tournament. Mansel plays on the right wing for the Tonbridge Juddians and they won 3 of their matches and drew 2. This is Mansel's last year of Tag Rugby before he progresses to the full contact version of the sport. Really well done Mansel.

Cross Country

Our intrepid cross country team were in action again this week. The children competed at Combe Bank against a large and formidable field comprising all the schools in the Sevenoaks district. It's one of the toughest courses of the season - steep hills, narrow woodland paths and uneven territory. As always it was great to see our team out there supporting each other and running their hardest. They deserve great praise for their attitude and enthusiasm. Welcome to Harry O'Neill and Thomas Howe who have just joined the team. Thanks to all the parents who help transport and manage our runners and are their biggest supporters and, in particular, to Kate Dorward who does an absolutely fantastic job organising and training the team. Results as follows: Yr 3/4 boys; Olly Carolan – 30th, Harrison Boucher – 33rd, Felix Murray – 41st, Harry O'Neill – 69th, Kallen Mitchell – 72nd, Andrew McCutcheon – 73rd, Ben Sharpe – 94th, Jacob Murray – 112th. Yr 3/4 girls; Lexy Tomlin – 27th, Freya Dorward – 80th, Isabel Tallent – 88th. Yr 5/6 boys; Jack Sharpe – 42nd, James McCutcheon – 60th, Thomas Howe – 97th. Yr 5/6 girls; Victoria Vickers Wynne – 24th, Millie Boucher – 27th, Poppy Gilbert Lee – 53rd, Esther Murray – 69th, Anna Lake – 77th. Congratulations to all of them on these absolutely terrific results.

Halloween - Bite to Eat at the Fleur
Monday 31st October 2016, 5pm-7pm
Scream of Tomato Soup or Spicy Bat Wings
Fangfurter or Vampire Pasta
With witches fingers and ghost droppings
Bleeding Brownie with Cream or
Scoop of Spooky Ice-Cream
£6.95 (Children only!)

Individual Photographs – 1st November

Tempest Photography are coming into school on the first day back after the half term break to take individual photos of the children. If the children have siblings at the school then we will let them have their photos taken together unless we are told parents specifically want them taken separately. As this is the first day back after the half term break please ensure the children are looking smart and girls have their hair tied back. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

Sheets for Parent Consultations (8th and 10th November) will go up on 1st November after Half Term. Please do sign up for a time to meet with your child's class teacher. Mrs Brown (SENCO) is also making herself available on Thursday 10th November from 1.30pm-4.30pm so please do sign up for a time with her should you wish to do so. Thank you.

May we wish all pupils, parents, carers, staff and friends a wonderful half term holiday. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 1st November. Thank you.

Events

31.10.16	INSET Day – No children in school please
1.11.16	Beginning of Term 2 Individual Photographs
4.11.16	Fruity Friday
7.11.16	Fox Class to the Museum of Kent Life High Hopes Assembly PTA Meeting
8.11.16	Parent Workshop 6 – Assessment and Curriculum Parent Consultations (5.30pm-8pm)
9.11.16	Open Afternoon
10.11.16	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-4.30pm)
11.11.16	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial (11am) Flu Immunisations for Years 1, 2, & 3

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar