LEIGH NEWS

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Prefects

Congratulations to Freya, April, Megan, James, Jacob, Jack, Bibi, Alfie and Eleanor who are this year's School Prefects. This is always an incredibly difficult decision to reach as there are so many worthy candidates in our wonderful Year 6. Very well done to all of them.

Nuts

Some children have started bringing in packed lunches containing nuts or food with nuts in them, such as Nutella. It is incredibly important that these products are NOT brought into school as there are some children who are allergic to nuts so please ensure that children's packed lunches do not contain any nuts or products with nuts in them. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

PTA 150 Club

Welcome to the launch of our awesome Leigh Primary School PTA 150 club...! The idea is that you pick your own number (between 1-150) and set up a standing order of just £5 per month to be entered into a monthly top prize draw AND end of term cash draw with a pot of up to £300! (1st, 2nd and 3rd prize split).

Visit www.leighprimaryschool.com/parents/pta for full rules and a membership form. Not only can you win super prizes, this is a fantastic way of raising PTA funds during a year when we can't run our normal calendar. It will make a huge difference to the pot of money we can make available to the children. You are very welcome to share with friends, family, grandparents etc so they can join in the fun. It could even be a Christmas pressie! Any questions please shout as this is a new format, either via the social media channels, PTA email or via your class reps. Best of luck...!!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

These past two weeks we have been holding parent consultations via the telephone. If, for any reason, you haven't managed to speak with your child's class teacher then please do arrange to speak with them before the half term break. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Fun Fridays!

The PTA are planning to run an individual class disco (AKA a 'Fun Friday') in the next half term to provide a fun event for each class bubble. Every class has been allocated a date (see below) and the discos will be held in Jessica's Hall between 3pm-4.30pm. The class reps will arrange the disco for their own class and plan some age-appropriate games. They will also arrange for some after school party snacks for the children. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child, however, all are welcome to attend. Please inform your class rep if your child is going to attend so we are aware of numbers.

**** If you have access to speakers or disco equipment and would be willing to loan this to the PTA for these events please do get in touch via leighprimarypta@gmail.com. ****

Dates for your diary:

6th November, Wolves, 13th November, Hawks

20th November, Squirrels, 27th November, Foxes

4th December, Robins, 11th December, Hedgehogs

Communication Survey Results

Back in March, just before lockdown, the governors attended the parent consultation evenings to ask parents and carers about how we as a school communicate with you. It was a wide ranging set of questions and I'm extremely grateful to all of you who took the time to tell us what you think about the information you receive from us. Attached to this Newsletter are the results of the survey and, although it was pre lockdown, does give us lots of really useful information for us as a school to reflect upon. The survey also celebrates lots of what is going well and it was lovely to read so many positive comments about how you feel we communicate with you. I would like to thank Nicki Butler for spending so much of her time organising this survey and collating and presenting all the information so clearly. We will organise another of these in February 2021 to see how we are progressing against the action points and to reflect on how best to proceed in the future. Thank you.

Hedgehog Class at The Museum of Kent Life

On Wednesday the children in Hedgehog Class visited the Museum of Kent Life as part of their history topic on The Vikings. The children had a wonderful day and spent their time in two workshops learning about Viking houses, clothes, weapons and long boats. Thank you so much to all of you who supported this trip by organising costumes and to all the staff who accompanied the class throughout the day. A special thank you to Ms Bettridge for organising the day for them.

Mrs Tanner

Today is Mrs Tanner's last day at Leigh Primary School. It goes without saying just how much we are going to miss her and I'm sure we'd all like to wish her all the very best for the next stage in her life. I would like to thank all of you who have made contributions to her leaving gifts and for the very kind comments we have received from current and past pupils and parents. We will be holding a lunch for Mrs Tanner tomorrow to thank her properly for 22 years of outstanding service. Thank you.

PESE

Please could I remind all parents and carers of children in Year 6 that you MUST fill in the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) by the end of the half term break AT THE VERY LATEST. ***Please could you also send a copy of your choices to the school office (office@leigh.kent.sch.uk) so that we have them for our records.*** *If any parents would like any advice regarding this process then please do arrange to speak with me as soon as possible. You can find out further information about this process on the Secondary Transfer page of the school website which can be found by clicking on the following link.* https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Parents/Secondary-Transfer/ *You can also fill in an online version of the SCAF Form by clicking on the following link. Thank you.* https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2

May we wish all pupils, parents, carers, staff, governors and friends a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

Events

22.10.20	End of Term 1
23.10.20	INSET DAY
2.11.20	INSET DAY
3.11.20	Beginning of Term 2
5.11.20	Open Morning
6.11.20	Hawks Forest School
13.11.20	Hedgehogs Forest School
17.11.20	Open Afternoon
20.11.20	Foxes Forest School
27.11.20	Robins Forest School
4.12.20	Squirrels Forest School

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar