LEIGH NEWS

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Welcome Back

It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and hear all about what they've been getting up to during the Easter holidays. The current arrangements for drop-off and collection will remain for the time being as will the class bubbles. As soon as we are able to relax these restrictions then we will of course do so. Class teachers will be posting their curriculum leaflets on the class pages by Monday so please do check your child's page on the school website to discover more about what they will be covering this term. Despite the continued restrictions, I'm really pleased with the way the classes are operating and with the curriculum coverage. Please don't forget that you are very welcome to contact your child's class teacher at anytime to discuss your child's progress or to address any issues you might have. Thank you.

Families Wrap Around Care

We are delighted that 'Families' wrap around care run by Sarah Carney is now operating from the school site. Many of you will be familiar with Sarah who has run her childminding business for many years within the village. Sarah will be using Jessica's Hall before and after school and if anyone is interested in wrap around care please do contact Sarah on sjfc38@yahoo.com for further details.

Secondary School Open Days

The local Secondary Schools have published their Open Events. These are principally aimed at children in Year 5 but some may also be of interest to those of you with children in Year 4. Further details can be found by clicking on the following link:
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Open_Events_for_2022_Entry.pdf
Please also note that the date for Year 6 transition to their secondary school has also been set as Thursday 8th July.

Year 5 Parent Meeting

There is a Parent Meeting for parents of children in Year 5 on Thursday 10th June at 7pm. The meeting is to cover the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education (PESE) and the Kent Test (11+). It is very much my intention to hold this meeting in person in Jessica's Hall so, in order that we can ensure we are fulfilling the requirements of our Covid Risk Assessment, you must book a place in advance if you are intending to attend this meeting. Please do this by emailing Mrs Burbridge (office@leigh.kent.sch.uk) by Friday 21st May at the very latest. Where possible please could we ask that only one parent from each household attends. All the information covered in the meeting will also be posted on the school website for you to look through if you are unable to attend and I am always happy to speak with parents about Secondary School choices at anytime. Thank you.

Clubs

We are going to try to get more clubs operating as we go through this term and it is my intention to try and get back to as normal a clubs programme as possible over the next few weeks. I would like to start Orchestra again on a Thursday after school but, for the time being, this will just be for children in Hawks Class. If you would like your child to start attending Orchestra again then please do let Mrs Burbridge know. Football Club for children in Wolves Class will be on after school today and Mr Thacker is also running his sports club on a Tuesday after school.

St. George's Day

Today a group of children have come into school dressed in their scouting movement uniforms to celebrate St. George's Day. It was lovely to see that these groups are as popular as ever and great to hear about all the wonderful things the children get up to during their weekly meetings.

Free NHS Mental Health Support

'We Are With You' is a free and confidential service to support anyone over the age of 17 with their mental health. The service is offered online and they use a blend of Cognative Behavuior Therapy (CBT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). Further information can be found by clicking on the following link:
https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/help-and-advice/find-service/how-we-help-mental-health/

PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to extend a huge 'Thank you' to Coolings Garden Centre who have been extremely generous in their donation for the 150 Club. We have two £100 vouchers for Coolings garden centre to award the first 2 lucky winners in next week's draw! Please consider visiting Coolings Garden Centre for all of your gardening/ outdoor needs as it would be lovely to provide our support to this local business in return for their generosity. If you'd like to be in with a chance to win one of these vouchers, you have until the end of today to email the PTA with a completed 150 club membership form.

Volunteers needed!

Sadly we are losing our lovely treasurer, Faye Newing, as her child is due to leave year 6 at the end of this school year. Faye has been brilliant in the role and we would like to thank her for giving up her time to volunteer. The role of treasurer is vital to a PTA organisation, and thus we are keen to encourage parents to consider whether they would be willing to volunteer in this capacity. Please speak to Faye/ Pippa/ Alex, or email the PTA if you are interested.

We are also looking to recruit a new Social Media Whizz to manage the PTA Facebook page and Instagram account. Nicki Butler is amazing at this role, however, she has recently taken on a new job and doesn't have the time moving forwards to continue, particularly given her role as Governor within the school. The PTA would like to thank Nicki for everything, and again welcome volunteers to contact the PTA as above.

Term Dates

19th April 2021 – 28th May 2021	TERM 5
7th June 2021	**INSET DAY**
8th June 2021 – 21st July 2021	TERM 6

2021-2022 Term Dates

1st September 2021	**INSET DAY**
2nd September 2021– 21st October 2021	TERM 1
22nd October 2021	**INSET DAY**
1st November 2021	**INSET DAY**
2nd November 2021 – 17th December 2021	TERM 2
4th January 2022	**INSET DAY**
5th January 2022 – 11th February 2022	TERM 3
21st February 2022 – 1st April 2022	TERM 4
19th April 2022 – 27th May 2022	TERM 5
6th June 2022	**INSET DAY**
7th June 2022 – 22nd July 2022	TERM 6

Events

23.4.21	Squirrels Forest School
30.4.21	Wolves Forest School
7.5.21	Hawks Forest School
14.5.21	Hedgehogs Forest School
19.5.21	Hedgehog Class Trip to Horton Kirby
21.5.21	Foxes Forest School
24.5.21	Wolves Class Electricity Day
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 (7pm)
11.6.21	Fox Class Trip to Turner Contemporary Squirrels Forest School
17.6.21	Squirrel Class Trip to Bore Place
18.6.21	Wolves Forest School
25.6.21	Letter about Class Structure for next year sent out
28.6.21	Year 6 Residential (until Friday 2nd July)
2.7.21	Reports Sent Home Hedgehogs Forest School
5.7.21	Year 5 Residential (until Wednesday 7th July) Parent Consultations
6.7.21	Parent Consultations
8.7.21	Secondary School Induction Day
9.7.21	Sports Day, Finalised Class Lists Sent Home Year 6 Prom Foxes Forest School (may need to be rearranged due to Sports Day)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar