LEIGH NEWS

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SCHOOL TRIPS

CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES

On Monday the Wolves Class went to Chessington World of Adventures as part of their topic work based on Forces and to relieve some post SATs tension!. During the day they had a forces workshop and were able to go on plenty of rides as well. All the children had a fantastic time and were beautifully behaved throughout. Many thanks to Miss Taylor for organising this.

LULLINGSTONE ROMAN VILLA

On Wednesday the Fox Class went to Lullingston Roman Villa as part of their topic work on Romans. During their visit they took part in a workshop and a full Roman feast. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and many thanks to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Tanner for organising it. Please do look in the Galleries section of the school website for further photographs of this trip.

BOUGH BEECH RESERVOIR

On Monday the Weasel Class visited Bough Beech Reservoir for a Flower Day. The children learnt about different types of flowers through workshops and practical activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed the terrific weather and were a huge credit to the school. Many thanks to Mr Gubb for organising this trip.

The Jungle Book Front Cover Competition

We are asking the children to enter our competition to design the front cover of the programme for our Summer Production of 'The Jungle Book'. We are hoping that lots of children will want to enter and that this will be a fun activity to complete over half term. We have put the wording on the page but there are plenty of blank spaces for Jungle Animals! We have attached a pdf of this with this week's Newsletter and there is also a copy on the website under 'Enhancing the Curriculum, Music and Drama'. The deadline for entries is Monday 9th June and the children are free to design more than one entry if they wish.

Mid-day Meal Supervisor Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Mid-day Meal Supervisor for one day a week on a Friday. If interested please speak with the office staff.

SPORTS DAY

Please remember that Sports Day is on the 4th June starting at 1.30pm. All are very welcome to attend and compete in the parents' sack race at the end! The whole event should finish at about 3pm and please may we ask that the children are collected from the classrooms afterwards rather than the Green. Thank you.

PARENT MEETING

I am proposing to hold a parent meeting on Thursday 26th June at 8pm in Jessica's Hall. Please do attend this evening if you can but I will make all the notes available on the website if you are unable to be there yourself. Thank you.

Week after Half Term's Theme –'It's Good to be Different'

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's have now stopped issuing their Active Kids vouchers and we will be placing an order straight after half term. Please send in any remaining vouchers as soon as possible so that we can use them during that order. Thank you.

RESPONSE TO PARENT SURVEY

Attached to this Newsletter is a response to some of the issues and concerns that were raised in the most recent parent survey. It' s important that the school listens carefully to the messages of this and react, when appropriate, to ensure these matters are dealt with. A copy of this response is available on the school website under 'Parents; Pupil and Parent Surveys.

YPRES

It is recommended that anyone coming to Ypres on the 20th June obtain a European Health Insurance Card (formerly E111). Although this is not compulsory it is free and lets the holder get state healthcare at a reduced rate should they require it. The card takes about 7 days to arrive and is completely free of charge. It can be applied for via the NHS website on: www.ehic.org.uk If you do apply for an EHIC card then we are asking that the children bring these into school by Tuesday 17th June. Thank you.

Weather

Now that the weather has improved can we remind all parents that children need hats, sun cream and water bottles in school. The staff will use their discretion and, if the weather is warm, the children will obviously be allowed to take their ties off during the day.

PTA

The existing PTA constitution was drafted in 1993 and is out of date, so a new draft has been created and published on the PTA page of the school website. The new draft amends the school name from Leigh CP School to Leigh Primary School. The Committee would welcome any comments or suggested amendments before it is submitted to the Charities Commission on the 16th June.

Community Survey

The school is currently seeking the opinions of members of the local community and have sent out questionnaires to people in the local area. To try and encourage more responses there is also an online version that can be accessed from our school website ('Our people; Community Survey'). Please encourage members of the local community to fill this in as we value their comments and suggestions. Thank you.

Music Success

Huge congratulations to Michael Lake who has recently passed his Grade 1 Tenor Horn with Merit. This is a very significant achievement and the first grade is always the hardest! Well done Michael and keep up the good work.

Kent Test

Further information about the new 11+ tests have now been released. Attached with this Newsletter is a letter outlining the changes that have been made and I will also be discussing this at the Parent Meeting on the 26th June. Leaflets have also been sent home to parents of children in Year 5 outlining the timetable for this year's application process. If you have any questions relating to these changes or any general questions about the procedure to Secondary Education then please do speak with me about it.

Chess Success

George Newman recently competed at the Delancy UK School's Chess Challenge as a Megafinalist. During the Megafinal he played 6 matches and had one victory and one draw. Huge congratulations to George on this splendid achievement.

SCIENCE FUN

This week the children have been taking part in a series of electricity workshops around the theme of Light. Jessica's Hall has been transformed into a science lab with a huge number of interactive and fun experiments for the children to try out. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this event and a huge thank you to Miss Birchenall for arranging this.

Driver Safety

We have had a request from one of the local residents to ask parents to be considerate when driving at the end of the day, especially near Crandalls. Thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.

May we wish everyone a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 3rd June. Thank you.

Events

2.6.14	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN
3.6.14	Beginning of Term 6
3.6.14	Class Photographs (am)
4.6.14	Sports Day (1.30pm-3.00pm) PTA Meeting (8pm)
5.6.14	First Swim (Yrs 5&6) Parent Meeting for Ypres (8pm)
6.6.14	War Memories Afternoon (pm)
10.6.14	Year 6 away on the School Journey
17.6.14	Book Club
20.6.14	Key Stage 2 trip to Ypres
23.6.14	Some Year 6 children to Wimbledon

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar