LEIGH NEWS

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VIRTUAL TOUR

We have now released our school's virtual tour. The idea of this is to give prospective parents who cannot look round at this current time an idea of the school's values and ethos and to answer some frequently asked questions. However it might also be something that current parents may wish to view and so we have placed it on the school website as well. This can be found by clicking on the following link. Thank you to everyone who was involved in this and to Running Wolf Media for producing it for us. https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Our-School/Admissions/

Year 2 Phonics Check

Next Friday the children in Year 2 will be having their Phonics Check. A letter was sent home a couple of weeks ago regarding this event and a copy can be found by clicking on the following link:

https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Phonics_Letter_2020.pdf

Hampers

If anyone knows of any individuals or families who might benefit from a Christmas Hamper this year then we would like to be able to help. They don't need to be current families within the school but anyone who would benefit from such a donation. If any of you would like to suggest a deserving individual or family then please do let us know via email or by putting their names on a piece of paper and putting them through our letterbox. Thank you.

Orchestra

I would like to start running Orchestra Club again. For the time being this will be just for those children in Hawks Class and will be on a Thursday after school until 4.15pm in the music rooms. If you would like your child to take part in Orchestra then please do let Mrs Burbridge know and we will compile a register. Once we have a start date then we will let the relevant parents know but I am hopeful that we will be able to have at least two sessions before the Christmas break to allow us to learn some Christmas carols.

Class Christmas Cards

It's that time of year when children will want to start bringing in Christmas Cards for their friends. We will be having our school post box as usual and, although delivery will be slightly different this year, we will be able to get the cards to children throughout the school. The post box will be available from Monday.

School Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 9th December. Usually this would be held in the hall with the whole school coming together but, this year, the lunches will be served in the children's classrooms. We will send details of how to sign your child up for Christmas Lunch next week. Obviously the children are also free to eat a packed lunch if they would rather.

Flu Immunisations

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation team will be visiting Leigh on 10th December 2020. You must give your consent if you would like your child to have their annual nasal flu spray and you can do this by following the instructions on the letter that can be found by clicking on the following link. Please note that all consents must be given by 7th December at the very latest. Please note that the school's URN is 118278. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Flu__R-6__Invite_letter_V3-_FINAL_-_2020_programme.pdf

End of Term Service

Unfortunately a big End of Term service simply isn't going to be possible this year. We would usually have our End of Term Service at St. Mary's Church but, alas, it is yet another casualty of the pandemic. We will however be having various Christmas activities within the classroom including Christmas parties, carol singing, Christmas lunch, Christmas craft activities and, thanks to our wonderful PTA, a Christmas Pantomime which will be shown to the classes via their interactive whiteboards. The Squirrel Class Nativity will be filmed on Friday 11th December by the same company who have produced our virtual tour and this will be made available for all parents and carers of children in Squirrel Class by the end of term. Although not quite the same, we do hope that this gives a lasting memento of this very special event. Thank you.

PTA Thank You

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA who have just donated a fantastic £2,500 for additional investment in books throughout the school. Despite the digital age we are living in we still feel it's incredibly important that children have access to quality reading books and the money will be invested to support the book corners as well as additional reading material for children in Key Stage 1. The PTA continue to support the work of the school throughout this difficult time and I'm sure all of us would like to thank them for all their hard work in making this investment possible.

COVID SYMPTOM STUDY

We have now registered with the COVID Symptom Study which is a not-for-profit organisation which has been launched to support the vital COVID-19 research. Our Unique School Network Code is A2K84EW. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school. For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools Thank you.

Church Christmas Cards

St. Mary's Church have produced these Christmas Cards to help raise money for the church. If you would like to purchase some then the cost is £6 for 5 cards. If interested please do contact Lionel directly. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Don't forget to sign up for the 150 club, it's a £5 monthly draw with fantastic prizes, this month's prize will be the chance to win a family Christmas tree kindly donated by Mitre Farm (2 to be won)!
THE FIRST DRAW WILL BE HELD LATER TODAY ON THE VILLAGE GREEN!
This year the PTA can't hold a Christmas fayre or other social events we normally run because of COVID, however our school still needs our help. They are short of Chrome books and the forest school needs a new roof, so please support your school. All money raised by the PTA goes directly to help our pupils.

Who's interested? Prize list to date:
Nov- 2x Christmas trees, plus £10 kids voucher
Dec- Monetary draw- 3x cash prizes
Jan- Meal for 2, Family meal for 4 plus £10 kids voucher
Feb- 2x bottles of gin, £20 Cook voucher plus £10 kids voucher
March- Monetary draw- 3x cash prizes
April- 2x £100 Garden centre vouchers plus £10 kids voucher

Events

27.11.20	Robins Forest School
4.12.20	Year 2 Phonics Check Squirrels Forest School

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar