LEIGH NEWS

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SUPERHEROES!

Thank you so much to all of you who dressed up as Superheroes on Monday in support of Children in Need. Although Children in Need was a couple of weeks ago, we wanted to support this national event and raise some money towards the grand total. It was great to see plenty of spidermen, batmen, wonderwomen and ninjas as well as some children coming dressed as real life heroes such as Emily Davison. Never one to miss a trick, we also used it as inspiration for some excellent creative writing during assessment week and managed to get some very pleasing writing from the children about it! At Leigh we raised a total of £146.69 so a big thank you to all of you who participated in this and Miss Marshall for organising it.

PUPIL ZONE

We are developing the school website so that it includes more information for the pupils of the school. We are in the process of creating a 'Pupil Zone' which will contain lots of suggestions of websites that children can use to support their learning. If any of you have websites that your children have found particularly helpful (either on a specific topic or generally maths and English) then please do email it to me and I will include it on the page.

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

Open Classroom afternoon is this Thursday 3pm-4pm. Please do attend this event if you can and see what the children have been up to.

PANTOMIME

Next Friday we are all off to the STAG Theatre in Sevenoaks to see Cinderella. This promises to be a fantastic trip and we're very much looking forward to sharing the wonder of pantomime with the children! Please note that we are not due back until **4.30pm** although this is dependent on the traffic. If we are going to be substantially later than 4.30pm then I will update the 'Announcements' page of the school website. Please note that there is no football club on this day because of the trip. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

The PTA Frost Fayre is this Sunday at 2pm at school. PLEASE DO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AT THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.

On Sunday 14th December there is 'Breakfast with Santa' in Jessica's Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Breakfast Club

I'm very sorry to announce that Rainbow Breakfast Club have decided that running a Breakfast Club at Leigh is no longer financially viable. We have had very low attendance since the club started in September and although we have been trying to promote it when possible it seems that there just hasn't been the demand. I have been in contact with Denise this week and she has, regrettably, decided to stop running the club at the end of term. I am very sorry for the inconvenience this will cause some of you but hope you understand that with so few children attending it has become impossible to keep this going. I would like to thank Mrs Large and Mrs Mills for running this facility and also to Denise and Miss Oyler for setting it up.

PARENT WORKSHOP

The final Parent Workshop this year was on Tuesday. We hope that you found these workshops useful and have given you an insight as to how we teach different strands of the curriculum here at school. We are planning to hold more of these workshops next year so any feedback about them would be gratefully received.

RENATA HOWE-MARQUEZ

This week Renata has made this absolutely magnificent gingerbread cake. The cake was decorated with plenty of sweets and icing and looked incredibly delicious! Renata clearly has a gift for creating delicious treats and, if this cake is anything to go by, has a long future in baking! Well done Renata.

STONEPITTS CHRISTMAS TREES

If you are looking for a real Christmas Tree this year then do consider buying it from Stonepitts Farm in Seal. For every tree purchased then we receive a £2 donation upon the receipt of this Newsletter. In addition Stonepitts will also donate some money towards Help for Heroes: in total £1,250 was raised last year. For further information please visit www.stonepitts.com

Football Remembers – The Christmas Truce

The football that was played at Christmas 1914 was not like a normal football match you might see on a Saturday. It was played in a rough and often bombed area of ground between the trenches. Some of the accounts mention caps being thrown down as goal posts, but the pitch would certainly not be marked in any way. There were unlimited numbers on each team – one soldier remembers two or three hundred taking part. There were no team captains, strikers or defenders. There was no referee!

On the last Friday of term (19th December) we are inviting all pupils, family members and friends to take part in the 'Leigh Football Remembers' game to commemorate this historic event between the soldiers. We would like as many people as possible to be involved and all you'll need are some football boots and shin pads. We'll start straight after the end of term service and will finish at 4.15pm with a rendition of 'Silent Night'.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Our School Council are organising a school Christmas jumper day THIS Tuesday. They are encouraging children to wear a Christmas jumper to raise money for 'Save the Children'. If you don't have a Christmas jumper at home then a regular brightly coloured jumper will be fine!

Next Week's Theme –'Learning To Wait'

End of Term Service

The end of term service is on Friday 19th December at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL CHOIR EVENTS

There are three choir events next week when our school choir will be out and about singing to the local community. On Sunday they will be performing at the Frost Fayre here at school, on Tuesday they are off to Nizel's to sing at their Christmas Fayre and on Wednesday they are visiting High Hilden residential home. Good luck to all of them at these events.

Book Club

The next meeting of our Book Club is this Tuesday in the school library. The children will be discussing Billy the Kid by Michael Morpurgo and be receiving the next book Planet Fruitcake by Anne Fine. Please note that this club finishes at 4pm. Thank you.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are still seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our existing team to commence as soon as possible. The successful candidate will have the ability to work effectively and enthusiastically as part of a team and be able to engage with the children, extending them in purposeful activities and enhancing their social skills whilst having fun. Please contact the school office for further information or look on the school website under 'News and Events; Current Vacancies.'

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 10th December

If slips haven't been returned for Wednesday's Christmas Lunch then please do this by Monday at the latest so that the kitchen can prepare for the correct numbers. Thank you.

TRAMPOLINE SUCCESS

At the weekend Jack Howe represented Leigh Primary School at a Schools District Trampoline Competition in Uckfield. Jack completed many twists and turns throughout his routine including a pike back and pike front. Yet again Jack did extremely well and represented the school brilliantly. Congratulations Jack.

ASSESSMENT WEEK

This week the children have been completing various assessments in reading, writing and maths. These are important tests for us to see how the children are progressing and to also set targets for the next two terms. As a school we are still using National Curriculum levels to report children's progress although these are in the process of being removed over the next academic year. When we have further information about how we intend to report children's progress then we will of course let you know. Thank you.

Events

7.12.14	School Christmas Fayre (2pm-4pm)
9.12.14	School Christmas Jumper Day Choir singing at Nizels Christmas Fayre Book Club Meeting (3.15pm-**4pm**)
10.12.14	Choir singing at High Hilden
11.12.14	PTA Present Fayre (pm) Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
12.12.14	Whole school visit to the STAG Theatre – Cinderella
14.12.14	Breakfast with Santa
16..12.14	Dress Rehearsal of Nativity Play (2pm)
17.12.14	Christmas Nativity (2pm) in St. Mary's Church
19.12.14	End of Term Service at St Mary's Church (2pm)
5.1.15	Term 3 begins

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar