LEIGH NEWS

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you so much to everyone who turned up to the Christmas Fair on Saturday. It was a fantastic afternoon and it was great to see so many people raising money for the school. The PTA did an absolutely amazing job and special thanks to Carolyn Howitt, Sarah McKenzie-Jones and all the Class Reps for organising the stalls. The afternoon raised a staggering £1,228 for the school which is a wonderful achievement and we will make sure that all that money goes back directly into the children's education. The winning classes in the stalls competition were Hedgehogs and Wolves and both classes have had an own clothes day today as a reward.

National Portrait Gallery

On Thursday, Wolves class visited the National Portrait Gallery as part of their topic work on 'Galleries'. The children attended workshops and spent time sketching portraits and wandering around the different exhibitions. It's wonderful to see so many trips happening at the moment and to see the children extending their knowledge through practical and real life experiences. The children were beautifully behaved throughout and were, as usual, great ambassadors for our school.

PANTOMIME VISIT

You should have received a letter this week about the Pantomime visit to the STAG Theatre on Friday 13th December. If you haven't received a letter then please do look on the School Website under 'Calendar' as we have put a copy there. We will not be returning to school until 4.15pm so please be advised that the children will be late out of school on this day.

Next Week's Theme – 'The Christmas Story'

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Bishop James Langstaff, the Bishop of Rochester, to Leigh. Bishop James took assembly and spoke to the children about what a Bishop does and why he wears certain clothes for certain occasions. Nicholas Littlejohn was dressed up as a Bishop and James explained what the significance of the different items of clothing are and why they are worn. The children listened very attentively and then asked some very intelligent questions at the end.

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

There are days when we occasionally need cover for Midday Supervisors. If you are interested in being part of a pool of people who we contact when the need arises, please contact the school office to put your name down on the list.

Football Match

On Tuesday the football team made the trip to Penshurst Primary School to play our fourth league match of the season. It was a thoroughly entertaining match which our team dominated. We eventually won 6-2 and they can be very proud of the way the whole team played and the progress they are making. Many thanks to Mr Haselden and Mr Henderson and to all who turned up to support them. There is a football tournament on the 16th December at Edenbridge and our next League match is on the 23rd January against Hever.

PTA NEWS

A new date of Friday 31st January 2014 has been set for the Phil the Bag day. This will hopefully give us all the chance to have a clear out over Christmas! More details can be found on: www.philthebag.co.uk

Christmas Trees

If you intend to buy a real Christmas tree this year please consider purchasing from Stonepitts Farm, Seal. They will make a donation to Help for Heroes and also give £2.00 to Leigh PTA for each tree sold, on production of this newsletter. For details visit www.stonepitts.com or phone 01732 762983.

Orchestra Concert

The school orchestra are putting on a small concert to show what we have been working on this term. This will be on Wednesday 11th December (not Wednesday 18th as previously advertised) and should last about 10 minutes. All are welcome to attend.

The school Christmas Lunch is this Thursday at 12pm. Please ensure that you have contacted the school office if you would like your child to have a school lunch on this day.

FILM NIGHT

The PTA held a 'School Film Night' on Wednesday which raised a very impressive £169.40. It was a huge success and the children enjoyed spending time together, eating popcorn and watching the film. Many thanks to all the members of the PTA who helped out with this event and, in particular, Lyndsey O'Neill who masterminded the whole operation.

Squirrel Class Nativity

Squirrel Class are putting on their Nativity on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm in St Mary's Church. Please do come along and support them if you can and bring as many relatives and friends as you wish. The end of term service is on Friday 20th December at 2pm and all are welcome to attend.

FOREST SCHOOL

This week the Forest School programme has been continuing with Hedgehog and Wolves Class spending time in our Wildlife Area. This has quickly become an incredibly popular event and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying spending time with each other learning about the environment as well as linking this work with their class topic work. The Wolves, for example, have linked their work on 'Galleries' to outdoor artwork through the study of the artist Andy Goldsworthy. During their time in the Wildlife Area they created their own outdoor artwork using leaves, sticks and other natural resources. They then lit a fire, toasted marshmallows and enjoyed some hot chocolate before returning to school. Could I just remind everyone that there is a Forest School section on our School Website and we will keep this updated with information about the Forest School programme. Thank you.

Ties

There are a number of children who are needing to borrow ties at the beginning of the school day. Ties will only be loaned out in exceptional circumstances and we expect the children to come to school wearing their ties smartly. If a child does need to borrow a tie then this must be returned to the school office at the end of the day. Can I also take this opportunity to remind everyone that ties can be purchased from the school office for just £2.50.

Gallery Exhibition

Wolves Class are holding an exhibition of their artwork as part of their topic on 'Galleries'. This will be held in Jessica's Hall on Tuesday 17th December and the children's artwork will be available to purchase. Entry will be 20p for adults, free for under 11's. Please do attend this event if you can.

Christmas Tree

This week the School Council have been decorating the Christmas Tree with the children's decorations. The tree looks absolutely fantastic and many thanks again to Mr and Mrs Lockton for donating it. The overall winners were Alexandra Tomlin and Katie Lockton and the runners-up were Isabelle Tallent, Dougie Broad, Jack Howe, Bella Padden, Bryce Tiltman, Amber Woods and Victoria Wynne. Many thanks to all the children who entered this competition and to our wonderful School Council for organising it.

Photograph taken by Freddie Bradstock in Hedgehog Class.

Events

11.12.13	Squirrel Class Nativity in St. Mary's Church (2pm) Orchestra Concert (4pm)
12.12.13	Christmas Lunch
13.12.13	Whole school visit to the STAG Theatre
16.12.13	Football Tournament at Edenbridge
17.12.13	Book Club Meeting Year 6 Art Gallery Exhibition (3.30pm-4.30pm)
19.12.13	Last swim for Yrs 5&6 Open Classrooms Afternoon (3pm-4pm), Fruity Friday
20.12.13	Last Day of Term 2 End of Term Service at St. Mary's Church (2pm)
6.1.14	Term 3 begins (NO INSET day)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar