LEIGH NEWS

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Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to share in all their summer holiday stories. An especially warm welcome to our new pupils throughout the school; starting a new school is always a daunting experience but I'm thrilled with the way all our new children have settled in so quickly. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone that we operate an open door policy here at Leigh, you are always welcome into school to speak with the staff about any matters concerning your child.

Clubs

The clubs programme will begin again on Monday 23rd September. There is an opportunity for you to sign your child's name up for the clubs they wish to join in Jessica's Hall after school on Thursday and Friday of next week. We will keep a waiting list for those children who haven't managed to get into the clubs they want. We are again hoping to offer around 20 clubs each week so do come along next week and find out what clubs are on offer this year. If you would like to sign up for Mr Thacker's Sports Club or the Dance Academy Club then we have attached the flyers for these for you to look at. We would also appreciate another couple of helpers for Football Club after school on a Friday. If you think you might be able to help with this or any other clubs then please do see me in the next few days. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

We have now fixed the dates for this term's Parent Consultations. These will take place on Wednesday 9th October (1.30pm-3.30pm) and Thursday 10th October (5pm-8pm). Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Harvest Festival

We are holding our annual Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church on Thursday 17th October at 10am. We are asking the children to put some small change in an envelope and all the money raised will be donated to David Bennie's project work in The Gambia. Envelopes will be decorated and sent home in the next few weeks. All are very welcome to attend this service which will last about 30 minutes.

Next Week's Theme –'A New Year a New Start'

SDP Summary for Parents

Attached with this Newsletter is a summary of this year's School Development Plan. School improvement is an ongoing and continuous process and so this summary is an organic document, outlining goals and current plans. Behind each of the 10 objectives is a plan with milestones to track how we are delivering against them and these will be altered and reviewed as we go through the year. The whole learning community is involved in this process, helping to build capacity for further improvement. A copy of the document can also be found on the school website by clicking on the following link:
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/School-Improvement-Plan/

The Kent Test

The 11+ will be taking place on Thursday 12th September in Jessica's Hall. These tests are for children in Year 6 who have registered to take them and will be administered throughout the day. If you have a child sitting these assessments then please make sure they are in school on time and, if they are unwell, that you notify the school office as soon as possible.

Beebombs

The Leigh Horticultural Society are entering Leigh into 'Leigh In Bloom' next year. They want to tidy areas up and plant flowers and trees etc.. This Saturday is the summer flower and produce show and they are going to be selling Beebombs. They are hoping to encourage children to grow wild flowers to encourage bees, butterflies and other pollinators into Leigh. For further information please see the LHS on Saturday or visit www.Beebombs.com

Term Dates

2019-2020

2n September 2019	INSET DAY
3rd September 2019 – 17th October 2019	TERM 1
18th October 2019	INSET DAY
28th October 2019 – 18th December 2019	TERM 2
6th January 2020 – 14th February 2020	TERM 3
24th February 2020	INSET DAY
25th February 2020 – 1st April 2020	TERM 4
16th April 2020	INSET DAY
17th April 2020	INSET DAY
20th April 2020 – 22nd May 2020	TERM 5
1st June 2020 – 22nd July 2020	TERM 6

Please note that the May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May 2020 to Friday 8th May 2020 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day

PTA NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school, we hope you have had a great summer with your children. Thank you for all your support over the last school year, it was another successful year for the PTA raising thousands for our school.

There are lots of ways to get involved in the PTA this year….

Join us at the AGM on Wednesday 18 September at 8pm in Jessica's Hall. We will elect our team to run the PTA, hear the school's spending priorities and decide our high-level plans for the year. If you would like to join the PTA committee please get in touch with us to find out more.

Become a class rep. We need each class to nominate two class reps ahead of the AGM. It's such an important job, we'd be lost without our class reps helping us to spread the word about our events and activities, please get involved.

Come to the Family Treasure Hunt and BBQ on Sunday 29 September. It's our first event of the year and a great opportunity to connect or reconnect with families from school. Booking forms will be coming home this week, in the meantime save the date.

Find out about match funding. Many large employers run programmes which match any fundraising undertaken by their employees. If your company has a match funding programme please let us know.

Or, just give us money! The absolute best way to support our school is to give a small, regular donation via our local giving page.
https://localgiving.org/charity/leighprimaryschoolpta/

Here's to a great year,
Leigh Primary PTA
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New Website

We in the process of launching a new school website. This should become live next week but you may encounter a few issues if you try and access it on Tuesday. Please do bear with us as we migrate all the information over. Thank you.

Events

6.9.19	Wolves Class Forest School
12.9.19	11+ Assessments for Year 6, Clubs Sign Up Session (3.15pm)
13.9.19	Hawks Forest School, Clubs Sign Up Session (3.15pm)
18.9.19	PTA AGM (Jessica's Hall) 8pm
20.9.19	Kent Messenger Taking Photos of Squirrel Class Hedgehogs Forest School
23.9.19	Clubs Start
24.9.16	M&M Theatre Productions Visiting (Yr1 upwards)
26.9.19	Height and Weight Measurements for Reception and Yr 6
27.9.19	Foxes Forest School
4.10.19	Robins Forest School
9.10.19	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-3.30pm)
10.10.19	Robins Class at Chiddingstone Castle Parent Consultations (5pm-8pm)
11.10.19	Launch of Off By Heart Poetry Competition, Squirrels Forest School
15.10.19	House Tournaments
16.10.19	Hedgehog Class visiting a London Mosque
17.10.19	Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church (10am) End of Term 1
18.10.19	INSET DAY – No children in school please
28.10.19	Start of Term 2

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar