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. We are also delighted to welcome a new member of staff, Mrs Barber who is teaching in Squirrel Class. 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 24th 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. In particular we would 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 10th October (1.30pm-3pm) and Thursday 11th 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 Tuesday 16th 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'

2018-2019 Term Dates

3rd September 2018	INSET DAY
4th September 2018 – 19th October 2018	TERM 1
29th October 2018 – 19th December 2018	TERM 2
3rd January 2019	INSET DAY
4th January 2019	INSET DAY
7th January 2019 – 15th February 2019	TERM 3
25th February 2019 – 5th April 2019	TERM 4
23rd April 2019 – 24th May 2019	TERM 5
3rd June 2019 – 19th July 2019	TERM 6
22nd July 2019	INSET DAY
23rd July 2019	INSET DAY

2019-2020 Term Dates

2nd September 2019	INSET DAY
3rd September 2019 – 18th October 2019	TERM 1
28th October 2019	INSET DAY
29th 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

Zac Hodges

Huge congratulations to Zac Hodges who took his Trinity College Grade 1 exams in Group Drama and Musical Theatre at his drama school at the end of last term. Zac passed both exams with a Distinction and we're all very proud of him on this fantastic achievement. Really well done Zac!

Baby Hawken

I'm sure you'll all be delighted to hear that Mrs Hawken (nee Casper) has given birth to her first baby, Arthur. Arthur was born at 6.13am on Monday 23rd July weighing 8lbs 6oz. Both mother and baby are doing extremely well and I'm sure you'd like to join me in congratulating Gemma, Matt and Arthur on this wonderful news. We're hoping that Mrs Hawken and Arthur will be able to visit us soon and, in the meantime, we wish all three of them all the very best.

PTA NEWS

Disco

Thanks to everyone who came along to the 80s and 90s disco on Saturday, it was a great night and raised lots of money. The event would not have been possible without the help of lots of parents, and Adam Howe who DJ'd for free. Thanks Adam!

AGM

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 18 September at 8pm in Jessica's Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along to help us plan our events for the coming year. If you'd like to get involved with the PTA or become a class rep, please do join us.

Treasure Hunt

The rescheduled family Treasure Hunt is taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 29 September. Booking forms will be coming home soon, please save the date.

Events

7.9.18	Wolves Forest School
13.9.18	NSPCC Assemblies Clubs Sign Up Session in Jessica's Hall (3pm-3.30pm)
14.9.18	House Meetings (10am) Clubs Sign Up Session in Jessica's Hall (3pm-3.30pm) Hawks Forest School
17.9.18	Squirrel Class Staying for Lunch High Hopes Assembly (1.30pm) Rounders Tournament at Chiddingstone Primary School
19.9.18	NSPCC Workshops (Years 5&6)
21.9.18	Hedgehogs Forest School
24.9.18	Clubs Start Squirrel Class Full Time
26.9.18	M&M Productions performance of Pinocchio (1.30pm)
28.9.18	House Tournaments (am) Robins Forest School
5.10.18	Robins Class Trip to Maidstone Museum Foxes Forest School Kent Messenger to take photos of Squirrel Class (2.45pm)
10.10.18	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-3.30pm)
11.10.18	Parent Consultations (5pm-8pm)
12.10.18	Launch of the annual Off By Heart Poetry Competition Squirrels Forest School
15.10.18	Art and DT Week Begins
16.10.18	Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's Church (10am)
17.10.18	Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.30am)
19.10.18	End of Term 1 Wolves Forest School
29.10.18	Start of Term 2

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar