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 two new members of our teaching staff, Miss Bettridge and Miss Jowett. 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 25th 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. If some clubs are over-subscribed then we will draw names out of a hat on Monday 18th September and let you know whether your child has been successful on this occasion. We will also 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.

Spaces in Reception

We are in the highly unusual position of having a couple of spaces in Reception from September. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested in these places, please do encourage them to make contact. Thank you.

Peace Button Workshops

On Wednesday we are having a series of Peace Button workshops throughout the school. Peace Button seeks to inspire peace by imparting mindfulness methods and practices and they enable children aged 3-11 to connect with this principle in a fun and memorable way. The children will experience mindfulness through breath, movement, storytelling and song, using their Peace Button (aka belly button) which serves as a distinctive physical anchor. They work on the principle that if we instil lasting peaceful and mindful practices in our children, we can witness a global shift in how humans respond and interact with each other. Peace Button will also be conducting a Parent Workshop on their return visit on 19th October at 2.15pm so please do keep this date free to learn more about how the Peace Button works!

Term Dates 2017-2018

Term 1	4th September 2017 – 20th October 2017
Term 2	30th October 2017 - 20th December 2017
Term 3	8th January 2018 - 9th February 2018
Term 4	19th February 2018 – 29th March 2018
Term 5	16th April 2018 - 25th May 2018
Term 6	4th June 2018 – 20th July 2018

INSET Days 1st September 2017, 4th & 5th January 2018, 23rd & 24th July 2018.

2018-2019 Term Dates

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

INSET Days 3rd September 2018, 3rd & 4th January 2019, 22nd & 23rd July 2019

Parent Consultations

We have now fixed the dates for this term's Parent Consultations. These will take place on Wednesday 8th November (1.30pm-3pm) and Thursday 9th November (5pm-8pm). Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Ahoy! Sing for the Mary Rose

Last term I wrote to all parents regarding an exciting charity concert involving the children in Years 4,5 & 6. These year groups will represent Leigh Primary School and will join with the choirs of Walthamstow Hall Senior School, The New Beacon School and the choirs of The Hospice in the Weald. This massed choir will perform a cantata 'Ahoy! Sing for the Mary Rose' by Alexander L'Estrange. The concert is in aid of Hospice in the Weald and will take place on **Friday 13th October, 7pm at The New Beacon School**. All the music will be taught by myself during class music lessons at school. We are very excited to be taking part in this wonderful project and it's crucial that all the children are able to attend the evening performance on 13th October. Further information will be sent out next week but tickets can now be purchased by clicking on the following link:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/combined-choirs-sing-ahoy-sing-for-mary-rose-for-the-hospice-in-the-weald-tickets-36776870610

PTA NEWS

Thanks to all involved in arranging and attending the fantastic "Disco on the Green" last week! Special thanks to Adam Howe, for showing off his awesome DJ'ing skills! We raised over £1000 which is a great result!
Drinks in The Fleur next Tuesday, 12 Sept, 8pm. Come along for a drink, meet new friends and find out how you can help to support the school!
AGM Weds 27th Sept, 8pm Jessica's Hall. We are looking for a new chairperson!
Contact us for details leighprimarypta@gmail.com
Thank you for your continued support.

March for Mandy

The Scribbles Preschool team and members of their PTFA are walking a marathon around London on 23rd September. They are raising money for cancer charities. They would very much appreciate any sponsorship which can be made via http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/MarchForMandy or by making a cash donation through the school office. Many thanks from Mandy Austen, Jess Green, Ellie Armstrong, Tish Trowell, Julie Baggot, Karen Korvin, Katie Bone, Chloe Bates, Anel Andrews, Nicola Drew, Emma Wood and Samantha Comfort

Next Week's Theme –'Working Together'

Harvest Festival

We are holding our annual Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church on Friday 6th 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.

AUTUMN SPRING CLEAN!

We are having our next 'Spring' Clean Day on Saturday 21st October from 10am-2pm. During the day we are hoping to tackle some of the bigger projects around the school such as gardening, tidying the loft in Jessica's Hall and clearing the space behind Jessica's Hall. If you are able to attend then please just turn up on the day. Thank you.

Events

13.9.17	Peace Button Workshops Wolves Class Forest School
14.9.17	Clubs Sign Up Session in Jessica's Hall (3.15pm)
15.9.17	House Meetings Clubs Sign Up Session in Jessica's Hall (3.15pm)
18.9.17	Squirrel Class Staying for Lunch
20.9.17	Robins Class Forest School
25.9.17	Clubs Start Squirrel Class Staying all Day
27.9.17	Trip to The Royal Opera House Hawks Forest School
3.10.17	M&M Theatre Production Visit
4.10.17	Foxes Forest School
6.10.17	Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church (10am)
13.10.17	Ahoy! Sing for the Mary Rose Concert (7pm)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar