LEIGH

Primary School

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Thursday 3rd September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful summer break. It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school this morning for what promises to be a very enjoyable, if somewhat different, term. In particular it has been great to see those children we haven't seen for such a long time and we hope that they will enjoy being back at school with their friends. As the next Newsletter is not until a week tomorrow, I thought I would write to you with some information regarding the coming week.

COVID Transitional Arrangements

This term the school will be operating slightly differently from normal due to Government Guidance around the COVID pandemic. I have attached a letter which was sent home towards the end of last term which I would urge you to read again. Although we are trying to make the school day as normal as possible for all the children, there are inevitably some changes we are having to make and these changes will be in place until further notice.

School Dinners

Over the summer holiday our school dinner provider has changed its catering contracts and these are now being offered by CH&CO BlueRunner Solutions. Due to this the way you will need to register and pay for school dinners has changed slightly and I have attached various documents for your information to support you with this. This is a new platform so you will need to register and pay in a slightly different way. Please note that there is no immediate rush to do this but the sooner you are able to do it the better. The website can be found by clicking on the following link:
https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/
Joanne Allen is our dedicated CH&Co education contact and is happy to support parents if the school office is unable to do so. Her mobile number is 07876 869 980 and her email address is joanne.allen@chandcogroup.com

Clubs

Due to Government Guidance we are not in a position to be able to offer the full range of extra-curricular activities until Christmas at the earliest. Usually we would be offering around 20 clubs a week so this is very disappointing for all of us at school. However we are trying, where possible, to offer some clubs for some year groups and via Zoom. Rather than hold a clubs sign up session as usual we will be sending details of the clubs that we will be offering on an individual basis and these will be sent out to relevant year groups as and when we are able to do so. Hopefully we will be in a position to get the clubs programme fully running again after Christmas and, when we have further details, we will of course let you know.

The Kent Test/PESE

The 11+ has been moved from Thursday 10th September to Thursday 15th October. They will take place in Jessica's Hall and are for children in Year 6 who have registered to take them. 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.
Applications for Secondary School admissions for September 2021 are now open and will close on 2nd November 2020. Further details and online applications can be found by clicking here:
https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2
Due to the delay in the Kent Test this year, parents are now being given SIX choices on their SCAF Forms (an increase from 4 due to the fact that parents and carers will not have the 11+ results by the time the SCAF Forms have to be submitted on 2nd November 2020). If any parents or carers would like any further advice regarding this process, please do make contact via email or telephone.

Term Dates

I have now set the term dates for 2021-2022 and have detailed these below. I have also included this year's dates as a reminder. All these dates are also on the School Website under 'News and Events; Term Dates'.

Forest School

The Forest School sessions start again tomorrow with Wolves Class. Please ensure that the children in Wolves Class have their Forest School clothing in school by Friday. All the other Forest School sessions for the term can be found in the Calendar Section on the School Website.

Parent Consultations
We have now set the dates for this term's Parent Consultations. As these cannot take place in person we have decided that these will need to be via the telephone or Zoom. These consultations will take place throughout the week beginning 12th October and your child's class teacher will be in contact with you to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Reading Helpers
If you would like to assist with reading in your child's class this year then please do make contact with your child's class teacher to arrange a day and time that suits you. We are always in need of additional parent readers so, if you have the time, please do consider helping us in this way. Also if you feel in any way you would be able to help generally with classroom or school support, please do feel free to make contact with your child's class teacher or the school office. Thank you!

Class Teacher Contact Details
As I hope you all know we have always operated an open door policy here at Leigh Primary School. However, due to COVID restrictions the school site continues to remain closed to parents apart from those who have booked an appointment via the school office. The class teachers will be available to speak with you very briefly at the start of each school day when they collect the children from the Green but if you require a more in-depth conversation, please do make contact with them via email (details below) to arrange a mutually convenient time to have a conversation via the telephone. We appreciate your assistance with this matter and hope that the school will be operating more normally after Christmas.

Homework
I have attached the homework letters for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 for your reference and also two additional letters from Mrs Halfhide regarding Times Tables and Spellings. If you have any questions about your child's homework, please do feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

School Uniform
The start of a new year is a good time to remind everyone about School Uniform. Please note that all children are expected to wear a school tie and these can be purchased from the school office. **It is also extremely helpful if all clothing is named**. Girls are allowed to continue wearing their summer uniforms until the end of Term1. In addition, please could I ask that if children are wearing headbands that these are kept as plain as possible and that all children are wearing black shoes. For further information regarding the school uniform please click on the following link:
http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Parents/Uniform/

Please note that the next Weekly Update will be on Friday 11th September.

With very best wishes,

Daniel Eaton
Headteacher Leigh Primary School

2020-2021 Term Dates

1st September 2020	**INSET DAY**
2nd September 2020	**INSET DAY**
3rd September 2020 – 22nd October 2020	TERM 1
23rd October 2020	**INSET DAY**
2nd November 2020	**INSET DAY**
3rd November 2020 – 18th December 2020	TERM 2
4th January 2021 – 12th February 2021	TERM 3
22nd February 2021 – 1st April 2021	TERM 4
19th April 2021 – 28th May 2021	TERM 5
7th June 2021	**INSET DAY**
8th June 2021 – 21st July 2021	TERM 6

2021-2022 Term Dates

1st September 2021	**INSET DAY**
2nd September 2021– 21st October 2021	TERM 1
22nd October 2021	**INSET DAY**
1st November 2021	**INSET DAY**
2nd November 2021 – 17th December 2021	TERM 2
4th January 2022	**INSET DAY**
5th January 2022 – 11th February 2022	TERM 3
21st February 2022 – 1st April 2022	TERM 4
19th April 2022 – 27th May 2022	TERM 5
6th June 2022	**INSET DAY**
7th June 2022 – 22nd July 2022	TERM 6

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