LEIGH

Primary School

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Friday 26th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a lovely week at school and we're delighted to have been able to welcome back all year groups in some capacity. Year 5 have been attending everyday for classroom based learning and Years 2, 3 and 4 have been back for some outdoor learning as part of our Forest School programme. Thank you to all of you who have supported us with this latest phase of our contingency plan and the benefits of being able to put these additional sessions on has been very clear for all to see. At the moment we are still waiting for further clarification regarding the situation in September but I am certainly planning for the whole school to be back on a full time basis if the government guidelines allow.

A proposal has been submitted to Kent County Council's Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to delay this year's Kent Test (11+) by approximately a month. They have contacted all 431 primary and junior schools in Kent and, of those that responded, 91% supported the proposal to delay the assessments. Matt Dunkley, KCC's Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education, said: 'While the pathway to a return to normal school life is still not fully understood, we know that it is important that schools, parents/carers and children have adequate notice of any adjustments to the Kent Test process. 'Proposals are therefore being made to delay the Kent Test by about a month, with testing for children in Kent Schools to take place on Thursday 15th October and children from outside Kent to be tested on Saturday 17th October. As a delayed process will mean that results are unlikely to be available until late November, it is proposed that the number of schools that can be named on the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) be increased from four to six for one year only, enabling parents to name up to two grammar schools without reducing the number of non-selective schools on their application.' If you have a child in Year 5 and would like them to be considered for one of the Grammar Schools you should ensure that you register them by Wednesday 1st July AT THE VERY LATEST. Further details about how to do this are on the Secondary Transfer page of the school website which can be found by clicking on the following link. Thank you. https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Parents/Secondary-Transfer/

Two weeks ago I sent home details regarding this year's District Sports Competition. Please do take part in this event if you possibly can. In addition we are organising a virtual sports day for all the children at Leigh next week. Attached to this letter are further instructions on the events we would like the children to take part in and please send the results to Mrs Barber: Suzanne.barber@leigh.kent.sch.uk by Monday 6th July. Sheet 1 on the spreadsheet is to be used if you have one child at home completing this event and Sheet 2 is for those of you with more than one child at home completing this event. Please note that this is for all children from Reception to Year 5 and the children in Year 6 will be completing their own Sports Day events with Mr Thacker on a Tuesday afternoon. Mr Thacker has also produced a video to support you with these events and will soon be available on his SSTV YouTube Channel. Mrs Barber will also be encouraging the children to get involved in different ways via the children's Google Classrooms so please do keep a look out for further information. The final results will be announced on Friday 10th July. Best of luck to all Houses!

As a reminder anyone can now be tested for Coronavirus if you display the symptoms and details about how to do this can be found on the NHS website and by clicking on the following link: https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test If any member of your household displays Coronavirus symptoms then please do let us know as soon as possible so that we can advise you accordingly.

On Monday we were treated to some first class music making on the Green courtesy of the Nettle Family. Jo, Terry, Thomas and Isabelle gave up an entire day to play for the different teaching groups and the quality of music making was absolutely amazing. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and my sincerest thanks to all four of them for giving the children such a memorable experience.

Very best wishes,

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