LEIGH NEWS

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Welcome Back

We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a very enjoyable New Year. It's been a great start to the new term and we look forward to sharing with you all the wonderful things the children will be doing this term. Please continue to check the school website on a regular basis and do see me if you feel there is something missing on it. Could I take this opportunity to remind everyone that we operate an open door policy here at Leigh; you are welcome into school at any time to discuss your child's progress.

Grandparents Afternoon

As a reminder, our annual Grandparents Afternoon will take place on Friday 6th March 2020. Please do advise grandparents or elderly relatives to keep this date free. The afternoon will run from 1.30pm-3pm.

Clubs

The Clubs Programme starts again on Monday. Please remember that if a child has signed up for a club then it's important they attend it unless there is a good reason. We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer so many extra-curricular opportunities for the children and I'm very grateful to all of you who give up so much of your time to run clubs. Unfortunately Kate Dorward is unable to continue running Cross Country Club on a Tuesday lunchtime. Kate has run this club for many years and, as well as running the club, has also entered children into a number of cross country events throughout the district. I am extremely grateful to her for all the hours she has given to cross country over the years and it would be a shame if this club didn't continue. If you feel you would be able to assist with Cross Country or Football Club on a Friday after school please do let Mrs Burbridge know. For further information about clubs, please click on the link below. Thank you.

http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Extracurricular/

Severe Weather Closure and Text Messaging

We are getting to that time of year when there could potentially be issues with severe weather conditions affecting the school's ability to open. The school will only be closed in the most exceptional circumstances but, if there is a need to close, we will, for the first time, be **sending a text message via Arbor to your mobile phone** and will also post a message on the school website under 'Announcements' and via the school's Twitter account (@Leigh_primary). In addition a message via email will be sent out to all parents and a message will appear on the Kent School Closures Website (www.kentclosures.co.uk). Please assume that unless you are informed otherwise that the school will remain open**. In order to test whether your phone is receiving our text messages, we will be sending a test text message on Monday morning at around 10am simply saying the word 'Test'. If you do not receive a text message from us on Monday morning please do let Mrs Burbridge know as soon as possible.** Please note that it is relatively expensive for us to send text messages to you so we will continue to use email and telephone calls as the normal method of communication and will only be using text messages in exceptional circumstances. Thank you.

Driveway

The start of a new year is a good time to remind everyone about the driveway between the main school site and Jessica's Hall. This land does NOT belong to the school and is privately owned. Although we have right of access between the playground and the entrance to Jessica's Hall, the land is not ours. Under no circumstances should the driveway be used by parents or children at any time as this is being constantly used by the residents of the two properties behind the school building. Access to Jessica's Hall should only ever be through the side doors or via the playground. Thank you for your assistance and co-operation in this matter.

Netball Match

Please note that as we have a Netball Match on Monday after school there will not be Netball Club next week. Thank you.

Open Classroom Afternoon

The next Open Classroom Afternoon will take place on Thursday 30th January 2020 from 3pm-4pm. This is a really good opportunity for you to come into school and look at the work your child has been doing this year. Please do try and come along to this important event if you possibly can.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 10th March (1.30pm-3.30pm) and Wednesday 11th March (5pm-8pm). You can now book your appointments for these meetings via your Arbor Parent Portal so please do try and book these as soon as possible. If you have any problems booking your appointments, please do contact Mrs Burbridge in the school office. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Bravery – Overcoming The Challenges We Face'

Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting

We are holding a short meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 6 to go through all the arrangements for this year's SATs tests in the summer. This meeting will take place in Wolves Class on Tuesday 11th February at 3.30pm and will last about 10 minutes. Thank you.

2019-2020 Term Dates

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

2020-2021 Term Dates

1st September 2020	**INSET DAY**
2nd 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	**INSET DAY**
23rd 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

Events

10.1.20	Wolves Forest School
13.1.20	Clubs Start Netball Match v. Chiddingstone (away)
15.1.20	Cake Sale for Endangered Animals (3.15pm)
16.1.20	Fox Class Rocks Day
17.1.20	Hawks Forest School PTA Uniform Sale (after school)
20.1.20	Football v. Ide Hill (home)
23.1.20	Netball Match v. Ide Hill (home)
24.1.20	Hedgehogs Forest School
27.1.20	Football Match v. Penshurst (home)
28.1.20	Football Match v. Crockham Hill (away) PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE CHOIR THIS EVENING
30.1.20	Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
31.1.20	Fruity Friday Foxes Forest School
3.2.20	Football Match v. Weald (home)
4.2.20	Love2Dance Tickets On Sale
6.2.20	Netball Match v. Weald (home)
7.2.20	Robins Class Trip to Port Lympne Squirrels Forest School
10.2.20	Netball Match v. Hever (home)
11.2.20	Year 6 SATs Meeting (3.30pm)
13.2.20	Netball Match v. Crockham Hill (home)
14.2.20	Robins Forest School End of Term 3
24.2.20	INSET DAY – No children in school today please
25.2.20	Term 4 Starts
28.2.20	Fruity Friday Wolves Forest School
2.3.20	Start of Science Week

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar