LEIGH NEWS

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Warner Brothers Studios

On Monday the Hedgehog Class were the envy of the entire school when they made the magical trip to Harry Potter World. The Hedgehogs were completing research and taking photos to create a prospectus for Hogwarts School. They saw sets and scenery, costumes and props, flew on broomsticks and tried Butterbeer too! They were all fantastically well behaved and a brilliant day was had by all. Many thanks to all the parents and staff for accompanying the children on this trip and to Miss Marshall for organising it.

Football and Netball Matches

On Friday our football and netball teams both played Hever Primary School. The football team travelled to Edenbridge Leisure Centre whilst the netball team travelled to Hever. The two teams played extremely well and although neither of them managed to win on this occasion, they can be very proud of the way they played against some tough opposition. Both teams are progressing well and can be proud of the way they represented the school. Extremely well done!

Next Week's Theme 'Using Your Talents'

Year 5 Parent Meeting - 25th May 2017
PESE 2017-2018

I will be holding a meeting about the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education (PESE) for those parents of children in Year 5 on Thursday 25th May. This meeting will take place in Jessica's Hall and will start at 7.30pm. My aims for the meeting are:

- To look at the situation in Kent regarding secondary schools
- To look briefly at the different secondary schools in the local area
- To look at the data from last year's 11+
- To look at the 11+ in its current format
- To look at the PESE timetable for 2017-2018
- To look at the SCAF Form, Appeals Process and Home School Transport

All parents of children in Year 5 are strongly encouraged to come to this meeting if at all possible although all the slides will also be available on the school website afterwards. Thank you.

Grandparents Afternoon

As a reminder, this year's Grandparents Afternoon will be held NEXT FRIDAY between 1.30pm and 3pm. This is a lovely opportunity for grandparents, elderly relatives or friends to come into school and spend time with the children, look at their work, have a tour of the school and then enjoy some refreshments in Jessica's Hall. Please do advertise this date to those who might be interested.

Book Fair

On Wednesday we welcomed the Book Fair to Leigh. The Book Fair will be leaving on Tuesday so please do come along to Jessica's Hall after school to see what books are on offer this time. Thank you.

School Dinners Parent Taster Session

Ever wondered what school dinners actually taste like? We have arranged a free taster session for you to try out samples of the school dinners from 2pm-3pm in Jessica's Hall on Thursday 30th March. We have set this date as it's just before this term's Open Classroom Afternoon and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this event. Attached with this Newsletter is an invitation from the catering company and it is crucial that the slip is returned to the school office by Thursday 23rd March if you would like to attend. Please do come along and see what food the children eat at lunchtimes! Thank you.

Open Classroom Afternoon

Many thanks to all of you who attended parent consultation sessions this week. If you haven't had the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher then please do make an appointment next week. Our next Open Classroom session will be on Thursday 30th March so please do come along to see what the children have been up to this term.

Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival

Sunday 30th April and Monday 1st May (Bank Holiday)

Taking place in the glorious house and grounds of Chiddingstone Castle, this new literary festival brings you an inspiring line-up of new and established writers to provoke debate, stimulate discussion and entertain. Sunday's programme will appeal to adults and teenagers whilst Bank Holiday Monday has events for all the family. For further information please visit http://www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk/literary-festival/

PTA NEWS

Raffle tickets will be on sale after school today for the quiz night raffle, £1 each. There are some fabulous prizes to win, including a guided tour of the Greensand Ridge Gin Distillery!

School disco: Friday 24th March, tickets are £3 and available from the school office. We still need volunteers to supervise the KS2 disco; if you can help please email us leighprimarypta@gmail.com

Scribbles Easter Fayre Sat 25th March 10-12 in the village hall

May Fete Sunday 7th May, 1-4pm on the village green.

PARKING

Please do ensure that if you are driving to school that you park considerately, carefully and legally. We are again having some issues with some cars being parked without due care and attention and this is causing problems for other parents and the local community. **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CANNOT PARK DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL ON THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN.** Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Photography Competition

On Friday the School Council launched an exciting new photography competition. The School Council are inviting all the children to enter just 1 photo which can either be emailed to us at school (headteacher@leigh.kent.sch.uk) or printed and handed to a member of the School Council. There will be prizes for the winner from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 as well as an overall winner. The photograph can be of anything but we are asking that it must be taken by the child and not by an adult! The closing date for entries is Friday 21st April and the entries will be judged by the School Council. Thank you.

Cake Sale

On Tuesday, the four girls who arranged the recent cake sale handed over £100.20 to David Bennie for his work in The Gambia. Many thanks again to the girls for organising this and to everyone who supported it.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

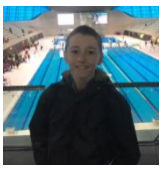
Sophie Green

Congratulations to Sophie Green who has recently been awarded her Stage 1 Learn to Swim Award. To achieve this Sophie had to enter the water safely, move backwards, forwards and sideways for a distance of 5 metres, be at ease with water showered from overhead, push and glide in an horizontal position and demonstrate an understanding of pool rules. Really well done Sophie on this terrific achievement.

Zoe Richardson

Congratulations to Zoe Richardson who has recently been awarded a Green Blue Peter Badge. The Green Blue Peter Badges are given to those children who have shown that they care about the environment and nature. Zoe is a keen gardener who has recently grown pumpkins, beans, sunflowers, tomatoes and lettuce. Really well done Zoe!

Jack Sharpe



Congratulations to Jack Sharpe who has competed in the Kent swimming championships which took place on Sunday at the London Olympic swimming pool. He participated in the 12 and under freestyle and medley and, although not placed, it was an amazing opportunity for Jack to compete in this venue and a credit to all the hard work Jack is putting into his training at Tonbridge Swimming Club. Huge congratulations Jack!

Events

13.3.17	Netball Match v. Crockham Hill (away)
14.3.17	Acorns Forest School
16.3.17	Football Match v. Crockham Hill (away)
17.3.17	Grandparents Afternoon (1.30pm-3pm) Key Stage 2 Cake Sale (3.30pm)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar