LEIGH NEWS

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Remembrance Day

On Monday morning the whole school walked over to the Leigh War Memorial to pay our respects to all who lost their lives during the two world wars. The two minutes silence was impeccably respected and the children then presented wreaths which they made in class. A collection of photographs from this event can be found on the school website in the Galleries section. Thank you.

Attendance

A pupil's absence can seriously disrupt their learning, not only do they miss out on teaching while they are away but they are less prepared for future lessons when they return. It is difficult for us to ensure your child fulfils their academic potential if they are not in school regularly enough. This also applies to lateness as this is also severely disruptive. As a rule, a 96% attendance rate is the absolute minimum attendance expected and I would urge everyone to read the leaflet attached to this Newsletter regarding attendance. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Odd Socks for Anti Bullying Week

This week has been anti bullying week at Leigh Primary School. We have been learning about celebrating differences and standing up for as well as celebrating friendship. On Tuesday we encouraged the children to come into school in odd socks to draw attention to individuality and difference.

OFF BY HEART POETRY COMPETITION

Please do encourage the children to start learning a poem from the list on the school website. Thank you. All the poems are now available on the school website or by clicking on this link: http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Off-By-Heart-Poetry-Competition/ Get learning and good luck.....!

SPORTS NEWS

KS1 Multiskills

On Tuesday a group of children from Years 1 & 2 went to Weald Primary School to take part in the annual Key Stage 1 Multiskills event. Despite some fairly atrocious weather, the children took part in a number of activities including standing long jump, balancing, shuttle run, ladder run and speed bounce. The children had a wonderful afternoon and eventually ended up coming second overall which was a wonderful achievement. Very well done to all concerned.

Basketball Competition

Also on Tuesday some children in Years 5&6 went to Hayesbrook School in Tonbridge to take part in the district basketball competition. We have never entered this competition before but the children had a wonderful evening competing against different schools. Having won all of our four league matches, we then played against Woodlands in the semi final which we also won. We then played a very tense final against Hildenborough Primary School and, after normal time, the score was 8-8. Only in the dying seconds of extra time did Hildenborough manage to grab the winner but huge congratulations to all the team for performing so brilliantly. Many thanks to all of you who came along and cheered the team on and to Mrs Barber for organising this for us.

New Governors

I am delighted to announce that we have 4 new governors on our governing body. The governing body of a school is responsible for ensuring that it is run properly and holds the Headteacher to account for the progress it is making against its objectives. We are delighted that Richard Hartley, Karen Korvin, David Dorrell and Stephen Hall have joined the governing body and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Joke Competition

Today the School Council are organising a joke competition for Children in Need. The competition can be entered for a donation of 50p towards the charity and the winning jokes will be told in assembly!

Year 5 Residential Parent Meeting

We will be holding a Parent Meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 5 THIS MONDAY at 3.20pm to cover the details of this year's Year 5 residential trip. This event will take place in Hawks Class and last about 10 minutes. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Doing the Right Thing And Having Courage'

Brownies Sleepover

On Friday night some of our girls (Sophia, Isabelle, Holly, Ella, Sophia, Isabella and Isabelle) took part in a brownie sleepover, "kip on a ship" on HMS Belfast! They had a fabulous time, learning about being a sailor on a war ship and even slept in the ships bunk room! Well done all involved.

PTA NEWS

The PTA Winter Fair is on Sunday 24th November. Please do come along and support the event if you possibly can. Any further donations can be left in the reception area at school. Thank you.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Whillan who has recently been awarded this Fair Play medal from the Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club. Tonbridge Juddians is a very sociable and friendly rugby club, providing rugby for all ages and further information about what they do can be found on their website at: http://www.tjrfc.co.uk/ Huge congratulations Whillan.

Mrs Halfhide

Today Mrs Halfhide starts her maternity leave and I'm sure you'd like to join me in wishing her and James all the very best for the coming weeks and months. We'll be seeing Mrs Halfhide again in the very near future and when I have further news I will of course let you know.

Events

15.11.19	SPaG Parent Workshop (8.45am), Hedgehogs Forest School
18.11.19	Year 5 Parent Meeting for Residential Trip (3.20pm) in Hawks Class
22.11.19	Fox Class to Chatham Dockyards
24.11.19	PTA Christmas Fair
25.11.19	Wolves Class to the Museum of Kent Life
28.11.19	Flu Vaccinations
29.11.19	Robins Forest School, Fruity Friday
2.12.19	Start of Assessment Week Football Match v. Chiddingstone (away) Netball Match v. Four Elms (home)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar