LEIGH NEWS

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PARENT MEETING

I am proposing to hold a parent meeting on Thursday 26th June at 8pm in Jessica's Hall. During this meeting I will be talking about:

- The New Curriculum in 2014 and how we are planning and preparing for it;
- The changes to the 11+ assessments for 2014 and the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education;
- How I am planning to structure the classes at Leigh next year and the system we will use to divide the year groups up. Please note that you will not be told what class your child will be in but I will talk about how the classes will be structured and the reasons behind this.

Please do attend this evening if you can but I will make all the notes available on the website if you are unable to be there yourself. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Making the Right Choices'

GET SAFE FOR SUMMER
WEDNESDAY 28th MAY
This one day Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) course teaches children aged 7-14 years how to stay safe when swimming in open water, basic lifesaving skills, water survival skills and includes fun challenges. Participants must be able to tread water and swim for 10 metres comfortably.
COURSE COST: £18

10am-3pm Tonbridge Swimming Pool
Please contact Tonbridge Swimming Pool if interested

RESPONSE TO PARENT SURVEY

Over the past few weeks the staff and I have been carefully going through the Parent Survey. This has been extremely useful to us and has prompted discussions around a variety of topics. Having feedback from parents is fundamental and I am extremely grateful to all of you who took the time to complete it. I have prepared a response to some of the issues raised in the survey and the actions we will take to address them. This will be attached to next week's Newsletter and I will also place a copy on the school website under 'Parents; Pupil and Parent Surveys'.

YPRES

Now that we have increased the number of coaches to 3, we have JUST THE LAST REMAINING FEW additional adult places available. If you know of any friends or family who would like to accompany us on this trip then please do let the school office know. The cost is £43 for the entire day.

PARENT MEETING

We are holding a Parent Meeting about our trip to Ypres on Thursday 5th June at 8pm. This will involve further information about where we will be going and final arrangements for the day itself.

YEAR 6 SATs

This week the Year 6 children have been sitting their end of Key Stage assessments (SATs) in Jessica's Hall. Although it's been a testing week (!) the children have been fantastic and have done their best in all the different papers. The results of these assessments won't be available for some weeks but they will obviously be shared with parents when they have been returned. Many thanks to all the children who turned up every morning at 8am for some exercise and breakfast and to all the staff who helped with this.

Home to School Transport

Now is the time for Y6 to apply for transport to secondary school. All information is available online but if you wish to read the brochure then we have put some copies in Reception. Further details can be found on www.kent.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the internet please speak to the school office.

A Message From Leigh Cricket Club

Whether you're a bowler, batter, fielder or (more importantly) a 5-11 year old beginner, then come along and join in our Kwik Cricket Club. Starts Sunday 11th May from 11am-12pm on the Green and will run every week until the 29th June. Do come along and have fun as well as improving your cricket skills. Thank you.

MUSIC CONCERT

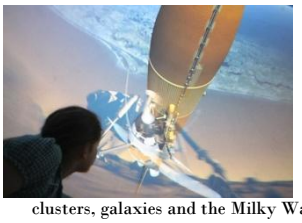
We are very excited to announce that we will be holding a music concert in Jessica's Hall on Wednesday 2nd July at 6.30pm. We are encouraging the children who have music lessons to play a solo piece and there will also be contributions from the school orchestra and choir. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend this concert and see some of the fantastic music making that goes on here at Leigh. The concert will finish about 7.30pm and we will serve some light refreshments afterwards. Please do come if you can.

PTA

The existing PTA constitution was drafted in 1993 and is out of date, so a new draft has been created and published on the PTA page of the school website. The new draft amends the school name from Leigh CP School to Leigh Primary School. The Committee would welcome any comments or suggested amendments before it is submitted to the Charities Commission on the 16th June.

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

Please do come to our latest Open Classroom afternoon which is taking place on Thursday 22nd May from 3pm. We hope you will be able to join us and look at your child's work as well as talking to them in more depth about what they have been studying this term.



SCIENCE FUN

PLANETARIUM

Today we have welcomed a state-of-the art professional inflatable planetarium dome to Leigh. Each class went on a journey into deep space with sight, sound and very realistic graphics. As the children went on their journey they investigated nebula clusters, galaxies and the Milky Way and identified constellations to help them find their way back to Leigh! It was a wonderful presentation and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about space in this way. Very many thanks to the PTA for part-funding this visit and to Miss Birchenall for organising it.

ELECTRICITY WORKS

Next week the children will be taking part in a series of 'Electricity Works' workshops in Jessica's Hall. During these workshops the children will be learning about electrical circuits, electro magnets, generators, solar panels and resistance.

Hedgehog Class at Forest School

On Wednesday the Hedgehog Class spent the whole day in our wildlife area learning more about Vikings. The Vikings are their topic for this term and it's wonderful to be able to support the children's learning within the classroom in this imaginative and practical way. The children have started making a Viking Roundhouse using the technique of wattle and daub, played Viking forest games and made nettle soup and Viking bread. The children were, as expected, beautifully behaved throughout the day and we're really proud of being able to offer these experiences to all the children.

Events

20.5.14	Science Workshops begin in Jessica's Hall Book Club
22.5.14	Open Classroom Afternoon
23.5.14	School Nurse visiting Squirrel and Wolves Class End of Term 5
2.6.14	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN
3.6.14	Beginning of Term 6
3.6.14	Class Photographs (am)
4.6.14	Sports Day (1.30pm-3.00pm) PTA Meeting (8pm)
5.6.14	First Swim (Yrs 5&6) Parent Meeting for Ypres (8pm)
6.6.14	War Memories Afternoon (pm)
10.6.14	Year 6 away on the School Journey
17.6.14	Book Club
20.6.14	Key Stage 2 trip to Ypres
23.6.14	Some Year 6 children to Wimbledon
24.6.14	Owl Class visit to the Natural History Museum
26.6.14	Parent Meeting in Jessica's Hall (8pm)
28.6.14	Church Fete (school choir performing)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar