LEIGH NEWS

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Pupil Honours

House Captains

Last week the House Captains were elected and presented with their badges in assembly. Each of the four houses (Earth, Fire, Air and Water) have two House Captains who represent their houses at various different events throughout the year and at the annual Sports Day. This year's House Captains are: Charlie Sullivan, Chloe Higgins, Remy Tyler, Dalma Rajan, Isabelle Sharpe, Lewis Howitt, Michael Lake and John Matthews. Well done to all of them.

Prefects

Every year we also appoint 4 Prefects from Year 6. These children are chosen by the staff and have been consistently outstanding role models for many months. Although this is a very difficult decision to make I'm sure you'll agree that all four of our Prefects are thoroughly deserving of their title. Unfortunately it hasn't been possible to give all the children in Year 6 a position so we will be ensuring that these children are given other areas of responsibility. This year's Prefects are: Maisie Gilbert-Lee, Pier Ypma, Grace Haselden and William Richardson. Congratulations to all of them.

PESE 2015-2016

The 11+ results were sent to parents on Wednesday of this week. If any parents would like to discuss these results or the PESE process then please do make an appointment to see me in the coming days. As a reminder the following dates are relevant to this year's process. Thank you.

14th October 2015	Assessment decision sent to parents
2nd November 2015	SCAF Closing Date
1st March 2016	Offers of school places sent
13th April 2016	Last date for appeals
29th April 2016	Reallocation of places
September 2016	Children start Year 7

HEALTHY SNACKS

Please note that we encourage all children to eat a healthy snack at breaktimes. Fruit is available from the school for all children but if children are bringing a snack in from home then we would encourage this to be fruit or a healthy alternative. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Next Week's Theme –'Being A Good Neighbour'

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday morning we held our annual Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church. Thank you to all of you who decorated your envelopes and donated money towards helping a school in The Gambia. In total we raised £183.75. Many thanks to David Bennie for talking to us about where the money will be spent and to all who turned up on the morning.

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

Please do encourage the children to start learning a poem from the list on the school website under' Learning; Curriculum; Off By Heart'. The children may also, if they wish, choose their own poems to learn. Thank you.

PARENT WORKSHOP 2 – Key Stage 1 Maths

The second of our 5 Parent Workshops is on Thursday 22nd October at 9am in Jessica's Hall. All are very welcome to attend this session which will last about an hour. Thank you.

Sporting News

Football

Our new year 5/6 football team had their first outing last Friday playing away at Weald. By half time they had fought back from 2-0 down to 2-2. The second half didn't go quite so well and Weald were the worthy victors. The team played with great spirit and didn't let their heads drop, even after conceding the second half goals, and we have a good basis on which to build. Well done to the team and many thanks to Mr Hale for organising them.

Cross Country

On Tuesday evening 20 children from Key Stage 2 went to the cross country competition at the Schools at Somerhill. All were very keen, well behaved and represented Leigh beautifully. They all ran brilliantly and tried their best in what is usually the longest and hilliest course of the season. Some had never raced before and others went up into an older age group so were up against tougher competition. The results were as follows: Year 3/4 Girls (117 in the race) Poppy Gilbert-Lee 18th, Esther Murray 31st, Ella Dorward 55th, Sophie Edmonds 85th, Anna Lake 114th, Rosie Seal 115th. Year 3/4 Boys (150 in the race) Ben Sharpe 123rd, Harrison Boucher 138th, Olly Carolan 144th. Year 5/6 Girls (105 in the race) Victoria Vickers-Wynne 26th, Isabelle Sharpe 31st, Millie Boucher 38th, Grace Haselden 44th, Rachel Hickson 63rd, Dalma Rajan 64th, Remy Tyler 99th. Year 5/6 boys (151 in the race) Sam Barker 17th, Jack Sharpe 55th, Frank Gonzalez 61st, James McCutcheon – 126th. Congratulations to all the team on a wonderful afternoon's work and we look forward to the next race on Wednesday 21st October at Coombe Bank. Many thanks to Kate Dorward and Claire Barker for organising and training the team and for accompanying the children.

DANCE SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Georgia Vickers-Wynne who has been awarded a Distinction in her Class 3 Exam in Classical Ballet. As part of the exam Georgia had to perform an arabesque and a plie and was awarded 84 marks out of a possible 100 for her overall performance. Congratulations Georgia on this terrific achievement.

Year 6 Residential Meeting

We are holding a meeting for parents of children in Year 6 on Tuesday to discuss the arrangements for this year's residential trip. This meeting will be held in Wolves Class and will start at 3.30pm. We will also make the slides from this meeting available on the website should parents not be able to attend on this occasion. Thank you.

Halloween Poster Competition

Many thanks to all of the children who entered the Halloween Poster Competition. We had nearly 70 entries which is a terrific response. Congratulations to Remy Tyler, Sophie-May Anderson, Clem Anderson, Renata Howe-Marquez and Thomas Howe-Marquez who were the eventual winners.

Mental Maths Sheets

Attached with this Newsletter is a mental maths sheet for parents. Each page outlines calculations that each year group are covering. Naturally children progress at different rates so it's perfectly possible that they could actually be working on objectives from a different year group. The skills are colour coded according to difficulty. The green (mild) statements are important for children to acquire first, then orange (hot) and finally red (spicy). We hope you find this information useful in supporting your child with their MA books and informally at home. Mental arithmetic is an important part of fluency in mathematics and something that can be fun to practise in the car or whilst walking to school. The mathematics parent workshops will go into much more detail about mental arithmetic and its application. These sheets can also be found on the school website under 'News and Events; Letters Sent to Parents'. Thank you.

Events

20.10.15	Year 6 Parent Meeting
21.10.15	Open Day (am)
22.10.15	Parent Workshop 2 – Key Stage 1 Maths Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm) PTA School Disco
23.10.15	End of Term 1
2.11.15	INSET Day
3.11.15	Beginning of Term 2 Parent Workshop 3 – Key Stage 2 Maths

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar