LEIGH NEWS

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CLUBS

The clubs programme has started again this week. We are extremely fortunate to have so many clubs on offer at Leigh and whether it's Craft Club, Pottery Club, Choir, Orchestra, Baking Club, Science Club, Netball, Chess, Football, Book Club or any of the other clubs being run, we hope the children have fun, learn something new and enjoy the experience. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and helpers who give up hours of their time to run these clubs and to say how grateful I am to all of them for all that they do for our children. It's not too late to sign up for some of the clubs and if you would like any further information on this then please see the school website or speak to someone in the school office. Thank you.

Play Equipment

Squirrel Class are always in need of more play equipment for their classroom. If you have any good quality toys that could be used in our Reception Class then please do contact Miss Oyler.

NEW FIRE ALARM

Starting on Monday 27th January we are having a new fire alarm system installed at school. The work will take 4 weeks to complete but will only be taking place in the evenings and during half term to ensure minimum disruption to the school day. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme – 'Being a Good Friend'

SPRING CLEAN

After our 'Spring' Clean day in September we have decided to hold another day (this time in Spring!) to help clear out Jessica's Hall. Please keep Saturday 5th April free and further details will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

E-Safety Talk

Do your children spend a lot of time online? Do you know exactly what they are doing? Should you be worried? Stuart Hancock will aim to answer these questions and many more at our internet safety evening which is being held on Wednesday 22nd January at 7pm in Jessica's Hall. As technology develops at an ever increasing pace, many parents can feel that they are being left behind. News stories can lead us to think that there is danger lurking in every chat room, social networking site and behind every computer screen, but is this really the case? The session will contain a presentation which will explain the risks and the benefits clearly and provide suggestions for ways in which you can keep your children safer when they are online. This is **not a technical session;** it is about keeping children safe when using the internet. The session will last about an hour and will be partly based on a questionnaire that Leigh children will be filling out about their use of the computers and the internet. Please do come along if you can.

Homework

Homework letters were sent out with last week's Newsletter. There are copies of these letters on the school website in ' Parents; Policies'.

YEAR 6 SATS DATES

This is just to remind parents that the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) assessments will be on Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2014. Please do not book any holiday during these dates as it is crucial that all Year 6 children are present in school during this week. Thank you.

Brass Lessons

Ed Davis has been teaching brass at Leigh for nearly a year now. Lessons cost £160 for ten half hour lessons and half this amount for a shared lesson. If interested please contact him by emailing: e.davis123@btinternet.com

PTA

There is no PTA meeting this month but please find below the dates of the PTA meetings for the rest of the year. We will confirm the venue nearer the time.

5th February 8pm, 3rd March 1.45pm, 2nd April 8pm, 12th May 1.45pm, 4th June 8pm, 2nd July 1.45pm.

We are having a recycling drive during the last two weeks of January. Please bring in batteries, printer ink cartridges, DVDs, CDs and old mobile phones to school on Friday 24th January. There will be two collection boxes, one outside squirrel class and one outside the school office.

The other date to bear in mind is Fruity Friday on 31st January. Instead of bringing £1 into school, people can bring in their full "Phil the Bag" by 9am.

The "Swishing" night that was due to take place on Wednesday 29th January, has been postponed for the moment but we will keep you informed as to the new date.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or fancy organising an event! Many thanks.

Parent Consultations

Please note that Parent Consultations will take place on the 18th and 19th March 2014. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Football Change of Date

Unfortunately we have had to change the date of our football match against Crockham Hill. The match was due to take place on the 27th March but will now take place on the 5th March.

This week the children have been treated to a road safety show from the Smart Brothers. Using a mixture of juggling, unicycling, circus skills and song, along with plenty of audience participation, the show was an entertaining way of getting the message about road safety across. The children listened brilliantly throughout and learnt to: 'stop, look, listen and think' before crossing the road.

Survey of Parents and Carers

The staff and governors would like to know where you think the school is doing well and where improvements could be made. A questionnaire has been sent out from school and we would ask that you complete this and return by the 31st January. Alternatively you can download a copy from the school website in 'Parents; Pupil and Parent Surveys'. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

The first of our Literacy Parent Workshop was held on Tuesday. The next workshop is in Jessica's Hall on Monday at 9.15am for parents of children in Years 1 or 2. Please do attend this event if you possibly can.

Events

20,1,14	Parent Phonics Workshop (Year 1/2)
21.1.14	Book Club Meeting
22.1.14	E-Safety Talk (7pm in Jessica's Hall)
23.1.14	Football Match v. Hever (Home)
31.1.14	Phil the Bag Collection
4.2.14	Parent Writing Workshop (Reception/Yr 1) Cross Country Competition
5.2.14	Kites Workshop in Fox Class
6.2.14	Quantum Theatre visiting Football Match v. Fordecombe (Home)
10.2.14	Parent Reading/Writing Workshop (Key Stage 2)
11.2.14	Parent Reading Workshop (Key Stage 1)
14.2.14	End of Term 3
24.2.14	Beginning of Term 4
25.2.14	Book Club Meeting
26.2.14	Fox Class to RAF Museum
27.2.14	Swimming starts (Yrs 5/6)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar