LEIGH NEWS

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Attendance and COVID Symptoms

This week a number of children have, understandably, been kept off school due to displaying symptoms of the Coronavirus. If your child has a persistent cough or a high temperature (over 38 degrees) or is experiencing a loss or change in their sense of taste or smell then please do contact the school office as soon as possible. It is important that you then self-isolate until you can arrange a test for your child via the NHS Testing Website which can be found by clicking here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/ It is important that all members of the household self-isolate until the results of the test return. If the results are negative then please do let the school office know and you can then cease your period of self-isolation and your child should then return to school immediately. If the results are positive then please do let us know and we will take further appropriate action. If another member of your household is displaying symptoms then your child should, I'm afraid, also self-isolate until a test can be secured. I understand that securing a test at the moment is presenting many families with serious challenges but it is important that the guidance is followed for the health and safety of the whole school community. Some parents have reported that if you keep trying and are persistent you might be lucky and get a test within 24 hours of trying. If a child is well enough to work from home then please do contact your child's class teacher and we will do all that we can to support them with home learning. This will obviously depend on the nature of the work being covered in the classroom and the age of the child, but we will endeavour to do all that we can to ensure that work is being set for your child to complete at home. There is a very useful flowchart which might be of use if you are unsure about what action to take and this can be found by clicking on the following link: https://www.egfl.org.uk/sites/default/files/flowchart-parents-when-your-child-should-attend-school.pdf

Reading Help

We are in need of additional support with reading throughout the school and, in particular, in Key Stage 1. If you feel you are able to support us with some regular weekly reading support then please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time. Thank you.

A message from N. Castell, Head of Music at Walthamstow Hall…

I am writing with a warm invitation to this term's ProMusic online concert hosted by Walthamstow Hall School. Established in September 2017, the ProMusic Concert Series brings both rising stars and established professional soloists and ensembles to the School, showcasing a wide array of talent from across the musical sphere in engaging and inspirational performances.

We are extremely excited to announce that, at 7pm on Monday 21 September, the award-winning a cappella ensemble VOCES8 will present an hour-long programme of vocal music curated especially for Walthamstow Hall's ProMusic Concert Series. This concert, broadcast live and interactive from the VOCES8 Centre in London, will include contemporary choral compositions and arrangements of popular hits. Audience members will be treated to studio-quality sound and multiple camera angles, plus the facility to interact with the performers via a live chat stream. The concert will also be recorded, so those unable to watch the event live may enjoy the performance at a later date.

Over the last fifteen years, VOCES8 has performed at many notable venues, including Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Sydney Opera House, and Mariinsky Theatre Concert Hall. In March 2020, realising that touring the 120 concerts scheduled for the remainder of the year was now impossible, the group established Live from London, a ground-breaking global streaming festival connecting world-class performers with audiences around the world. We are extremely privileged that VOCES8 will use their technological and musical expertise to enrich our programme of concerts in the ProMusic Concert Series.

Tickets for this one-of-a-kind concert, priced at £15 per household, may be purchased directly from the event website, ProMusicSeries.eventbrite.co.uk (www. is not required). Ticket holders will receive immediate confirmation of their purchase, followed by a unique hyperlink (viewable in any web browser) delivered by email on the day of the concert. Ticket holders unable to watch the concert live should email music@whall.school and request a link to the recording hosted on Walthamstow Hall Music Department's YouTube channel. Thank you.

The Kent Test/PESE

The 11+ has been moved to Thursday 15th October. The assessments will take place in Jessica's Hall and are for children in Year 6 who have registered to take them. If you have a child sitting these assessments then please make sure they are in school on time and, if they are unwell, that you notify the school office as soon as possible. Applications for Secondary School admissions for September 2021 are **now open** and will close on 2nd November 2020. Further details and online applications can be found by clicking here: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2 Due to the delay in the Kent Test this year, parents are now being given SIX choices on their SCAF Forms (an increase from 4 due to the fact that parents and carers will not have the 11+ results by the time the SCAF Forms have to be submitted on 2nd November 2020). If any parents or carers would like any further advice regarding this process, please do make contact via email or telephone.

Dolls for Squirrel Class

We are in need of additional dolls for Squirrel Class. If anyone has a doll that is not needed at home then we would be delighted to receive them via the school office. Thank you.

Football Club

I am proposing to hold a Football Club for just Year 6 children from a week today. At the moment this is only open to children in Year 6 and will run after school until 4.15pm. If your child is in Year 6 and would like to attend this club then please do let Mrs Burbridge know in the school office. We are hoping to open this club up to more children later in the year but at the moment, we are having to restrict it to just this year group. Further information about additional clubs will be sent out as and when we are able to run them,

School Dinners

Over the summer holiday our school dinner provider has changed its catering contracts and these are now being offered by CH&CO BlueRunner Solutions. Due to this the way you will need to register and pay for school dinners has changed slightly and you will need to access the website by clicking on the link below. We are aware that there have been some difficulties over this first week with children not receiving the food that they have ordered. I have been assured that these issues are being resolved and that the system will be operating smoothly before too long. The website can be found by clicking on the following link: https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/ If you would like your child to receive school dinners at anytime, please do sign up AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with your details. Joanne Allen is our dedicated CH&Co education contact and is happy to support parents if the school office is unable to do so. Her mobile number is 07876 869 980 and her email address is joanne.allen@chandcogroup.com

Events

18.9.20	Hedgehogs Forest School
21.9.20	Squirrel Class in Full Time
25.9.20	Foxes Forest School
2.10.20	Robins Forest School
9.10.20	Squirrels Forest School
12.10.20	Parent Consultations All Week, Fox Class To Himalayan Gardens
15.10.20	11+ Assessments
16.10.20	Wolves Forest School
22.10.20	End of Term 1
23.10.20	INSET Day
2.11.20	INSET Day
3.11.20	Start of Term 2

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar