# LEIGH NEWS

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## The John Knock Cricket Net

**This week our brand new cricket net has been finished. This project has been led by Chris Scott and all the money raised has been through private donations. This will provide a wonderful facility for the children to use and we hope that this will enthuse and inspire them to play cricket for many years to come. We are having a grand opening on Thursday 7th May at 11.30am and all are welcome to attend. The net has been named after 'Mr Leigh' John Knock who, as well as being a school governor for 16 years, was also heavily involved in the local cricket club. John Knock sadly passed away last month but we hope that his love of cricket, his love of the school and his love of the village itself will be remembered for many years to come.**

## CLUBS

The clubs programme has started this week and we're delighted that so many children are enjoying attending at least one club a week. As you can see the beekeeping club has already been hard at work and we're looking forward to hearing more about what they have been getting up to in the wildlife area. There are still some clubs with spaces so if you would like to enquire about the possibility of joining a club then please do speak with the adult running that club or the school office. Attached to this Newsletter is a letter about the school choir taking part in the 3 Arts Festival and we would welcome new members for this. I am extremely grateful to all who run clubs every week and it's hugely rewarding to be able to offer such a variety and number of clubs for the children to enjoy.

## INSET Day at Hillview

On Monday 1st June we have an INSET Day at Leigh. We have arranged for Hillview School to put on a day of languages workshops for children in Years 4&5 and have attached a letter to this Newsletter with further information. If you are interested in your child attending this day then please fill in the slip and return directly to Hillview. Thank you.

## *Secondary School Transition Event*

***On Friday we welcomed back 14 ex-pupils of Leigh to speak at our year 5&6 transition evening. It was a terrific event and wonderful to see so many of our ex-pupils back at school offering their advice and sharing their knowledge. I would like to thank all of our pupils for staying at school on a Friday evening, Mrs Gonzalez for her excellent presentation on 'Stay Safe and Connected' and all of our ex-pupils who gave up their time so freely.***

## YEAR 6 – SAFETY IN ACTION

On Tuesday afternoon Year 6 went to the Salomons Centre in Tunbridge Wells to take part in a 'Safety in Action' workshop. During the afternoon they were presented with different health and safety situations such as stranger danger, railway safety road safety, internet safety, social media safety and first aid. It was a terrific afternoon and the children were, as ever, excellent ambassadors for the school.

## Year 5 Parent Meeting

**I am proposing to hold a parent meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 5 about the 11+ and the procedure for entry to secondary education. During the evening I will talk about the process of applying for places at secondary school and the selection tests themselves. Although this will be principally aimed at parents of children in Year 5, other parents may well find it useful and anyone who wishes to attend is most welcome. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd June at 8pm in Jessica's Hall and will last about 45 minutes.**

## Epilepsy Awareness Day

We are holding an Epilepsy Awareness Day on Thursday 21st May. During the day the children will learn more about what epilepsy is and how it can affect both children and adults. The children are invited to wear purple and, if you can, bring £1 in to raise money for the Epilepsy Society. Thank you.

## VE Day Celebrations

Next Friday we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of VE Day with a street party on the Green. The children will have lunch together and then there will be games and activities throughout the afternoon for the children to enjoy. At the end of the afternoon we will also listen to the speech Winston Churchill gave on 8th May 1945. If possible we would like all the children to dress in red, white and blue and also bring in a plate/bag of party food. The children are welcome to bring in food to share if they wish or to bring in a packed lunch of their own to eat. Please note that school dinners will NOT be served on this day. We would love to see parents and carers at this event too so please feel free to join us.

## SUMMER PRODUCTION PROGRAMME

This year's Summer Production is being held on Wednesday 15th July at the EM Forster Theatre at Tonbridge School. We are in the process of putting together the programme for the event so if anyone knows of any businesses or individuals who would like to advertise in our programme then please do contact Miss Oyler at: viccie.oyler@leigh.kent.sch.uk We are hoping to get the programme finalised by the middle of June.

## Football Tournament

**Last Thursday our Year 5&6 football team travelled to Edenbridge Primary School to take part in the district football tournament. We played matches against Weald, Chiddingstone, Edenbridge and Hever and the boys played very well to get two well deserved draws. This was the final football event of the year and the team have done extremely well to only lose two league matches all season beating our local rivals Weald and Chiddingstone in the process. We look forward to other sporting events this term and congratulate our football team on a wonderful season. Many thanks to Mr Matthews for managing the team this year.**

**Next Week's Theme –'Why Do Vicars Dress Like That?'**

## SATs Week

**SATs week starts on 11th May for all children in Year 6. If any parents have any questions relating to SATs week that are not answered in the SATs booklet we have produced then please do speak with myself or Miss Taylor. Thank you.**

## FOREST SCHOOL

Our Forest School sessions have continued this week and, as you can see, the children have had a wonderful time discovering slow worms! Please make sure that the children have the correct clothing for their Forest School sessions, the dates of which can be found on the school website.

## PTA NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Quiz Night. We raised £894 during the evening which is amazing and the tables looked spectacular! A particular thank you to Jenna Birchenall, James and Faydra for organising this event and to all of you who helped clear up at the end.

We are now taking donations of clothes and accessories in good condition for the summer fair. If you have any donations then please see Faydra.

## Reading

We cannot stress too highly the importance of regular reading at home. Reading is a necessary and, hopefully, enjoyable activity which can be shared as a family. Suggested reading lists are available on the school website and if any parents have other books that they would recommend then please contact Miss Oyler and we will add these to the list. There are a number of quality fiction and non-fiction books in school that the children are welcome to borrow and we would encourage all the children to belong to the local libraries. As a guide we are expecting children in Key Stage 1 to spend 15 minutes per evening reading and children in Key Stage 2 to spend 30 minutes per evening reading. If you have any questions about reading at home then please contact the class teacher or Miss Oyler.

**May we wish everyone a very enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the children again on TUESDAY**

## Events

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| 4.5.15 | BANK HOLIDAY – no children please |
| 6.5.15 | Cross Country Tournament |
| 7.5.15 | Opening Ceremony of the John Knock Cricket Net (11.30am) |
| 8.5.15 | VE Day Celebrations (12pm-3.15pm) |
| 11.5.15 | SATs Week Begins |
| 13.5.15 | Eagle Heights Visiting (pm) |
| 15.5.15 | Badger Class to Harry Potter World |
| 20.5.15 | E-Safety Talk (KS2) |
| 21.5.15 | Epilepsy Awareness Day<br>Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm) |
| 22.5.15 | End of Term 5 |

**Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar**