LEIGH NEWS

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COVID SYMPTOM STUDY

We have now registered with the COVID Symptom Study which is a not-for-profit organisation which has been launched to support the vital COVID-19 research. The aim of the research is to help scientists understand COVID-19 with the following specific aims:

- Better understand the symptoms of COVID-19
- Understand how fast the virus is spreading in our area
- Identify high risk areas in the country
- Identify who is most at risk by better understanding symptoms linked to health conditions.

It works by asking parents to download the App and then asking them to report any symptoms and COVID tests on behalf of their children. All symptoms and test results are then collected anonymously and aggregated by their school and bubble and then we as a school receive daily insights on a variety of key COVID metrics for each bubble. This could be a really useful tool for us as a school if enough people sign up to it and, if you feel able to do so, I would encourage you to download the App. The app is available to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the App and receive personalised COVID insights about Leigh, go to:

- Edit Profile for your child's profile
- School Network
- Enter our school's Unique School Network Code (see below)
- Select the bubble (class) that your child belongs to.

Our Unique School Network Code is **A2K84EW**. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school. For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools Thank you.

Forest School Volunteers

We are currently in need of some additional volunteers for our Forest School sessions on a Friday afternoon. No experience is needed, just a willingness to come along and enjoy the sessions. If you do have a bit of spare time on a Friday afternoon, or know someone who does, then please do contact Rachel Murray for further details. Thank you.
Rachel.murray@leigh.kent.sch.uk

Orchestra

As soon as this current lockdown is over I would like to start running Orchestra Club again. For the time being this will be just for those children in Hawks Class and will be on a Thursday after school until 4.15pm in the music rooms. If you would like your child to take part in Orchestra then please do let Mrs Burbridge know and we will compile a register. Once we have a start date then we will let the relevant parents know but I am hopeful that we will be able to have at least two sessions before the Christmas break to allow us to learn some Christmas carols. Thank you.

Virtual Tour

The school's Virtual Tour is very nearly ready to share with you and with all our prospective parents. We are hopeful that this will be available from the middle of next week and please do inform anyone who you think might be interested in viewing it. We will post a copy on the school website as well as emailing it out to all those who have expressed an interest in viewing it. Thank you.

Shoebox Appeal

Every year Operation Christmas Child run a Shoebox Appeal. Although this is not something we are directly running through school, we do have some shoeboxes and leaflets should any families wish to get involved in this project this year. If you would like a leaflet and shoebox then please do ask your child to collect one from the school office and further information about it can also be found on the website:
https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

Church Christmas Cards

St. Mary's Church have produced these Christmas Cards to help raise money for the church. If you would like to purchase some then the cost is £6 for 5 cards. If interested please do contact Lionel directly. Thank you.

Survey Results

Communication Survey Results Back in March, just before lockdown, the governors attended the parent consultation evenings to ask parents and carers about how we as a school communicate with you. It was a wide ranging set of questions and I'm extremely grateful to all of you who took the time to tell us what you think about the information you receive from us. You can access the results by clicking on the link below and, although it was pre lockdown, does give us lots of really useful information for us as a school to reflect upon. The survey also celebrates lots of what is going well and it was lovely to read so many positive comments about how you feel we communicate with you. I would like to thank Nicki Butler for spending so much of her time organising this survey and collating and presenting all the information so clearly. We will organise another of these in February 2021 to see how we are progressing against the action points and to reflect on how best to proceed in the future. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Communications_Survey_Results_March_2020__1_.pdf

Empathy Action

One of our ex-teachers here at Leigh, Heather Phillips, has become involved with a local charity called Empathy Action. The charity is a social enterprise which is run entirely by volunteers and aims to increase empathy and raise awareness of global deprivation thereby igniting a desire to take compassionate action. Their aim is to inspire and empower people to come together to improve the lives of others in need. If you'd like to find out more about their work, please do click on the following link.

https://mailchi.mp/ffde24a01ba4/foryoubecause

Flu Immunisations

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation team will be visiting Leigh on 10th December 2020. You must give your consent if you would like your child to have their annual nasal flu spray and you can do this by following the instructions on the letter that can be found by clicking on the following link. Please note that all consents must be given by 7th December at the very latest. Please note that the school's URN is 118278. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Flu__R-6__Invite_letter_V3-_FINAL_-_2020_programme.pdf

PTA NEWS

Don't forget to sign up for the 150 club, it's a £5 monthly draw with fantastic prizes, this month's prize will be the chance to win a family Christmas tree kindly donated by Mitre Farm (2 to be won)!
This year the PTA can't hold a Christmas fayre or other social events we normally run because of COVID, however our school still needs our help. They are short of Chrome books and the forest school needs a new roof, so please support your school. All money raised by the PTA goes directly to help our pupils.
Who's interested? There's one week remaining to sign up and be entered into the November draw!
Prize list to date:
Nov- 2x Christmas trees, plus £10 kids voucher
Dec- Monetary draw- 3x cash prizes
Jan- Meal for 2, Family meal for 4 plus £10 kids voucher
Feb- 2x bottles of gin, £20 Cook voucher plus £10 kids voucher
March- Monetary draw- 3x cash prizes
April- 2x £100 Garden centre vouchers plus £10 kids voucher

Events

20.11.20	Foxes Forest School
27.11.20	Robins Forest School
4.12.20	Year 2 Phonics Check Squirrels Forest School

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar