LEIGH NEWS

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School Choir at Canterbury Cathedral

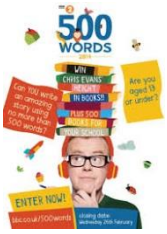
On Thursday the School Choir went down to Canterbury Cathedral to take part in this year's Kent Schools Choir Festival. It was a wonderful day and the children performed absolutely brilliantly. Although it was an exhausting day the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and behaved beautifully throughout. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who accompanied the children on the day and to Tamsin Anderson for conducting and leading the choir so brilliantly. We have taken plenty of photographs of the event and these will be available in the Galleries section of the School Website in the coming days. We are now looking forward to our performance at the London A Capella Festival on Saturday 30th January.

Twitter Account

Ever slow to any internet based party, we have finally succumbed to the lure of Twitter! The real reason for this is to participate in a science project where the children have been recording and then posting questions for Tim Peake on the International Space Station. However now that we have acquired such cutting edge technology it might also be of wider use to us and help us communicate with others of you also on Twitter. Our Username is: Leigh_Primary and there are already some videos of the children posted on the account. If you are on Twitter then please do follow us and take a look.

500 Word Writing Competition

A message from Miss Oyler



Six years ago, Chris Evans had a dream: to get children excited about reading and writing. 500 Words is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for kids in the world. **Nearly half a million** pupils have written a story; that's over **215 MILLION words**! It's very simple. Children need to write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity…like Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, Hugh Bonneville or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories. Winners will rub shoulders with the world's biggest celebrities and massive pop-stars performing at the Final. **The competition is open from the 18th January 2016 and closes for entries at 7pm on the 25th February**. Please can you email your child's story directly to the competition and also email it to me, viccie.oyler@leigh.kent.sch.uk. We will be having our very own 500 words competition in school and there will be exciting prizes for all those who enter and those that win! Our deadline is the same as the national competition – 25th February. Have a look at the Radio 2 500 word web page, there is a great video clip to advertise the competition and lots of resources to help your child write the story. Thank you. http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1

Swimming Success

Congratulations to Charlie Sullivan who has recently been awarded 2nd place in the Tonbridge Swimming Club in the under 10s category. Charlie had to swim 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke and 50m backstroke. Charlie has been awarded this fantastic trophy. Congratulations Charlie.

New Club Starting Next Week

Mrs Connolly will be running a new Spanish club just for children in Key Stage 1 on Wednesday lunchtime in Robins Class. If any children in Years 1 and 2 would like to attend then please do just turn up on Wednesday. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsburys Active Kid's 2016 is launching on the 27th January and we will be starting to collect vouchers from then. Any vouchers would be gratefully received as they help us buy new playground equipment and sports equipment for the summer. Thank you.

Head Lice

We seem to have a persistent and recurring problem with head lice. We understand that head lice is a common occurrence in schools however we feel that there is an unusual frequency of children contracting head lice at Leigh. I am obviously keen for this to be resolved and it could be that the persistent nature of this problem is due to the lice not being fully treated within the family. Therefore head lice are being continually passed around from child to child. Can we request that all children and adults in your family are checked for head lice as soon as possible? If your child or anyone in your family has head lice we would appreciate you letting us know. The advice we are being given is that wet hair with plenty of conditioner should be thoroughly combed with a nit comb. In order to break the egg laying cycle of the lice, combing should be done on days 1, 5, 9 and 13. You need to comb out all the lice to start with on day 1, then 4 days later you comb again to get rid of any lice that have hatched since that first combing and before they can lay eggs. Then you comb again 4 days later (day 9) and so on. Attached with this Newsletter is a leaflet giving further advice about how to treat head lice. Please pay special attention to your child's hair so this problem can finally be eradicated. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

. Next Week's Theme –'Honesty and Fairness'

Netball Match

On a cold Wednesday afternoon, Maisie Gilbert-Lee, the captain for the match, and her team (Isabelle Sharpe, Rachel Hickson, Joe Kirby, Grace Haselden, Remy Tyler, John Matthews and Jack Howe) went to Fordcombe Primary School to play a netball match. Maisie scored an exceptional amount of 4 goals along with Jack who scored 3 goals. The whole team played amazingly and ended up WINNING 7-2! There was an excellent display of team work meaning that it was the first time Fordcombe had been beaten this year. The whole team would like to thank Miss Ray and Mrs Gilbert-Lee as we couldn't have achieved this without you, your coaching is definitely paying off.

PTA NEWS

Tickets for quiz night on the 12th of March will be on sale next week, all proceeds will go towards the refurbishment of the school library. Don't forget Football Cafe, after school today in Jessica's Hall, all welcome!

London to Brighton Ultra Challenge!

A message from the Leigh Blister Sisters…….

We are the aptly-named Leigh Blister Sisters, a team of mums who are attempting the massive challenge of walking 100km in 24 hours to raise money for a new Music and Creative Arts facility. The London2Brighton Challenge has been described as 'the UK's greatest endurance challenge' and it is far, far beyond anything attempted by any of us before. It will be tough, but with the aid of training plans, mobile route planning apps and new walking boots we are determined to succeed! Most importantly though it is your support that will drive us on and see us through to the finish line. We have set ourselves a target of £2,500 and any donations, large or small, towards this are very much appreciated. To make a donation and to visit our page please click on the link below. Thank you for your support.

http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=leighblistersisters

Events

22.1.16	Football Match v. Fordcombe (away)
26.1.16	Robins Class Forest School
27.1.16	Hawks Class Forest School
29.1.16	Fruity Friday Wolves Class Cake Sale (3.15pm)
30.1.16	School Choir at the London A Capella Festival
1.2.16	Mind Fitness For Schools visiting
2.2.16	Wolves Class Forest School
3.2.16	Hedgehog Class Forest School

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar