LEIGH NEWS

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Forest School

I'm thrilled to say that Leigh Primary School is to become a Forest School. A leaflet about this has been sent out via email today and a copy can also be found on the School Website under 'Learning; Forest School'. This has been made possible by the Sports Premium funding that you may have read about in the press and we're delighted to be using the money in this way. We have a superb outdoor resource with our wildlife area and we will be working hard with the children to utilise and develop this area in the coming months and years. Dates for when the different classes will be involved in this project are on the Forest School section of the School Website.

A Big Thank You – *A message from Janet Court*

I would like to thank the staff and pupils of the school very much indeed for the wonderful collection of £64 for the Poppy Appeal. The Legion will be delighted and make very good use of the money to help servicemen and their families who are in need. The village as a whole so much appreciates the school's generosity and particularly their presence at the War Memorial on the 11th November when the pupils behaved so beautifully on a rather wet morning.

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

This term's Open Classroom afternoon will be on Thursday 19th December from 3pm-4pm. We would encourage all of you to come and see what the children have been working on this term and to share in their successes. It is also an opportunity for you to have a look in all the classrooms and see what is happening around the school. Please do attend this event if you can.

Next Week's Theme – 'Working as a Team'

Severe Weather Closure

We are getting to that time of year when there could potentially be issues with severe weather conditions affecting the school's ability to open. The school will only be closed in the most exceptional circumstances but, if there is a need to close, the first place to check will be the School Website under Announcements. If there is a need to close the school then I will post a message on this section of the website by 6am of that day. In addition a message via email will be sent out to all parents, BBC Radio Kent will be informed and a message will also appear on the Kent County Council Website (www.kent.gov.uk). Thank you.

E-Safety Talk

I'm delighted to say that they will be an E-Safety talk on Wednesday 22nd January at 7pm. Internet safety is of huge concern to many parents and I'm delighted to say that Stuart Hancock will be coming to lead the session which will last about an hour. Please keep this date free in your diary for what promises to be a fascinating evening.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Could we remind parents that School Dinners now cost £2.30 (rather than £2.25) and that any payment for school dinners should be received at the beginning of the week. Thank you.

Carol Singing

The school choir will be singing a selection of carols at the Christmas Fair on the 30th November. If there are any children who would like to join us for this event then we are rehearsing at 8am on Wednesday mornings in Jessica's Hall – all are welcome. Also, if any parents would like to join us and add a little bit of harmony then feel free to turn up on the 30th, it should be great fun!

PTA NEWS

The Christmas Fair is a week on Saturday! Please contact your child's PTA Class Representative to see how you can get involved. We would love to see all of you on the day (2pm) with lots of money!
The Children's Film Night will take place in Jessica's Hall on Wednesday 4th December.

Parent Consultations

Sheets are now up on classroom doors for you to book a time with your child's class teacher. If you are unable to come into school to sign your name up then please phone the school office or email me (headteacher@leigh.kent.sch.uk) and we will find a suitable time for you.

Christmas Trees

If you intend to buy a real Christmas tree this year please consider purchasing from Stonepitts Farm, Seal. They will make a donation to Help for Heroes and also give £2.00 to Leigh PTA for each tree sold, on production of this newsletter. For details visit www.stonepitts.com or phone 01732 762983.

Parking

We are having some issues with parking and careless driving around the school premises. Could I respectfully request that all parents are watchful when driving around the school site and that cars are parked legally and with due care. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

The Baroque Singers

There will be a concert in St Mary's Church on Saturday 30th November given by the Baroque Singers. Tickets (which will include refreshments) are £10 for adults, £8 concessions and £3 for under 16's. Tickets are available on the door or from www.baroquesingers.ticketsource.co.uk

New Book Club

This week our new Book Club started. It was great to see so many children participating in this club and they have now been given their first book to read, 'Forever X' by Geraldine McCaughrean. The next meet is at 3.20pm on Tuesday 17th December and we hope the children get a huge amount of pleasure from reading and discussing these books. All the dates for the forthcoming meetings are on the School Website so please do put these in your diary.

Football

Yesterday two football teams from Leigh played against Four Elms Primary School up on the School Field. They were both absolutely fantastic matches and were thoroughly enjoyable to watch. The 'A' team lost 4-1 whilst the 'B' team were so close to victory but ended up losing 3-2. Many thanks to all the parents and supporters who turned up to watch, and to both teams for playing so fairly. Our next match is another home match, this time against Penshurst Primary School on Tuesday 3rd December.

Christmas Decorations

We're having a Christmas Decoration Competition to raise money for some playground equipment which is being organised by the School Council. It will cost 50p to enter and the prize for the best decoration will be 50 House Points for the winner's house. The School Council will be using the decorations to decorate a big Christmas tree in the hall (if anyone wants to donate a beautiful, real tree then please see Miss Oyler). Please bring your decorations to school by 29th November. Thank you.

Events

26.11.13	Wolves Class trip to the Tate Modern Gallery
27.11.13	Weasel Class trip to the Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux
28.11.13	Parent Consultation Evening (6pm-8pm)
29.11.13	Fruity Friday
30.11.13	Christmas Fair
3.12.13	Parent Consultations Evening (3.30pm-5.30pm) Football Match v. Penshurst (home)
4.12.13	Bishop of Rochester visiting Children's Film Night
5.12.13	Wolves Class trip to the National Portrait Gallery
11.12.13	Squirrel Class Nativity in St. Mary's Church (2pm)
12.12.13	Christmas Lunch
13.12.13	Whole school visit to the STAG Theatre
17.12.13	Book Club Meeting
18.12.13	Orchestra Concert (4pm)
19.12.13	Last swim for Yrs 5&6 Open Classrooms Afternoon (3pm-4pm), Fruity Friday
20.12.13	Last Day of Term 2 End of Term Service at St. Mary's Church (2pm)
6.1.14	Term 3 begins (NO INSET day)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar