LEIGH NEWS

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the start of the summer term. It's been wonderful to hear all about what the children have been up to during the Easter break and we look forward to what promises to be a busy and fun term. As the weather improves could I please remind everyone that the children will need hats, water bottles and sun cream so that they can play safely in the sunshine. The clubs programme starts again on Monday and if you are unsure whether your child is due to attend a club then please contact the school office or the member of staff running that club. Now is also a good time to look on the class pages of the school website as these have been updated with new information about what the children will be studying in this term. Thank you.

Benches

Our new benches have now arrived, have been varnished and, as you can see, are now being used. We have 4 new 'box' benches which have lots of brand new play equipment for the children to use and 4 new standard benches. We are hugely grateful to the 8 organisations or families who have donated these and each bench has a plaque to show who the bench is dedicated to. The 8 benches have been donated by: *The Yeoman Family, Beverley, Lottie and Lucy Doherty, Thomas and Renata Howe Marquez, Chris Rowley, The O'Neill Family, The Friends of Leigh Primary School, Mr Robinson and Scribbles Pre-School.*

SATs Week

SATs week starts on 11th May for all children in Year 6. We held a parent meeting about SATs last term to explain more about these assessments but I have also attached the information covered in this meeting to this Newsletter. Please note that it is crucial that all Year 6 children are in school during this week and that, if possible, the children are in school at 8am for exercise and breakfast! If any parents have any questions relating to SATs week that are not answered in the booklet then please do speak with myself or Miss Taylor. Thank you.

A Big Thank You

The Autism Awareness Day raised a fantastic £163 which will go directly to the National Autistic Society. Many thanks to all of you who participated in this day and to Mrs Pearson, Lewis, Danny, Isabella and all who organised this event for us.

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.

Next Week's Theme –'Cool to be Kind'

Term Dates

20th April 2015-22nd May 2015	**Term 5**
1st June 2015	**INSET Day**
2nd June 2015-23rd July 2015	**Term 6**
24th July 2015	**INSET Day**
3rd/4th September 2015	**INSET Days**
7th September 2015-23rd October 2015	**Term 1**
2nd November 2015	**INSET Day**
3rd November 2015-18th December 2015	**Term 2**
4th January 2016-12th February 2016	**Term3**
22nd February 2016-24th March 2016	**Term 4**
11th April 2016-27th May 2016	**Term 5**
6th June 2016	**INSET Day**
7th June 2016-21st July 2016	**Term 6**
22nd July 2016	**INSET Day**

All term dates are also on the school website under 'News and Events; Term Dates'.

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.

Spring Clean Day

So many thanks to all of you who came along to the Spring Clean Day at the end of last term. It was wonderful to get so many projects finished and I'm extremely grateful to all of you who gave up your time. We will be holding another day at the beginning of the autumn term and when I have a date I will let you know.

PTA NEWS

The next Fruity Friday is on Friday 1st May 2015

New Cricket Net

This week we have seen the installation of our brand new cricket net on the school playing field. The net will be used by the children to help them develop their cricketing skills and we hope to encourage and inspire as many of them as possible to play cricket in the future. The net will also be available for use by the local cricket club in the evening. The money for this project has been raised by Chris Scott and I would like to thank him on behalf of the school for bringing this idea to fruition. We are holding an 'Opening Ceremony' on Thursday 7th May in the afternoon and everyone is invited to attend. When I have further details about this I will let you know.

VE Day Celebrations

On Friday 8th May 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.

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.

ST GEORGE'S DAY

Yesterday a number of children came into school in their cubs, scouts, brownies and beavers uniforms. It was delightful to see the children in these uniforms and terrific to see that these organisations are as popular as ever!

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 or see her at the end of the school day. We are hoping to get the programme finalised by the middle of June.

Events

27.4.15	Clubs Start
28.4.15	Year 6 to Safety in Action
1.5.15	Pupil Conference
4.5.15	BANK HOLIDAY – no children please
6.5.15	Cross Country Tournament
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 Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
22.5.15	End of Term 5

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar