LEIGH NEWS

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St. George's Day Uniforms

On Wednesday 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. We have posted some of the photographs on the school website in the Galleries section for you to look at. There is a St George's Day parade at St Mary's Church on Sunday morning and we wish all those involved the best of luck.

YPRES

Now that we have increased the number of coaches to 3, we have a number of additional adult places available. If you know of any friends or family who would like to accompany us on this trip then please do let the school office know. The cost is £43 for the entire day.

PARENT MEETING

We are holding a Parent Meeting about our trip to Ypres on Thursday 5th June at 8pm. This will involve further information about where we will be going and final arrangements for the day itself.

Next Week's Theme –'Cool to be Kind'

Penalty Notice Leaflet

We have been receiving lots of questions around the issue of attendance and 'Penalty Notices' and so I have produced a leaflet that will hopefully answer a majority of the questions around this topic. The leaflet has been attached to this Newsletter and we have also put a copy on the school website under 'Parents: Home School Agreement' and there are a few copies in Reception. If you do have any further questions then please do speak with me or contact Cathy Edwards (whose contact details are on the leaflet). Could I take this opportunity to draw your attention to the final paragraph:

At Leigh Primary School we would much rather work with parents to resolve poor attendance rather than resort to enforcement actions like Penalty Notices. Mr Eaton and the teaching staff are always available to contact should you wish to discuss your child's attendance.

Although we are working hard to ensure our attendance is as good as it can be, we never lose sight of the individual nature of each case and of the child/family involved.

PTA

The PTA is hosting a Ladies Fashion Show on 1 May at St John's Church Hall, Hildenborough. Doors open at 7pm, catwalk at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 from your class rep. Please come along to support the school & your 'model' friends as well as bagging yourself a high street bargain! If you'd like to help out on the night, please contact your class rep or Caroline Kings (KS1 playground).

We are still collecting ink cartridges so please do bring these to the Reception if you have any that can be recycled.

The next PTA meeting is on Monday 12th May at 1.45pm – ALL WELCOME!

We have received a cheque from 'Empties Please' for £46.50, which is the funds raised from recycling the ink cartridges and toners; thank you to all who contributed. We also raised £16.50 from recycling old mobile phones with O2. The film night at the end of last term raised £185 – many thanks to all those who organised this.

The next Fruity Friday will be on Friday 2nd May

New Entrance

Over the holidays John and Julie have been working hard to repaint the entrance and put up some new photographs. I would like to thank them for their hard work on this and also to Mrs Jones who organised all the photos and frames. It looks terrific!

SPRING CLEAN

An enormous thank you to all of you who turned up on the first Saturday of the holidays to help with the Spring Clean day in Jessica's Hall. It was a very worthwhile day and hugely satisfying to rid the hall of years of clutter. As one of the children in assembly pointed out: 'the hall seems so much bigger!' We are intending to hold another one of these days at the beginning of the autumn term in September and I will let you know the date when I have one.

Hedgehogs at the British Museum

On Thursday the Hedgehog Class visited the British Museum in London. Whilst there they spent the morning at the Viking Exhibition looking at Viking jewellery, armour and long boats and discovering a huge amount about what it must have been like to be a Viking. It was a terrific day and the children were beautifully behaved throughout. Many thanks to all the adults who gave up their time to accompany the children on this trip and to Miss Casper for organising it.

YEAR 6 SATS DATES

These assessments are fast approaching and we have detailed what assessments will take place on what days below. We are encouraging all the Year 6 children to come in on these days at 8am for some exercise (either cross country with myself or Yoga with Miss Taylor) and then we'll serve them some breakfast of toast and cereal. We hope this will get the children fully focussed on their assessments also be a lot of fun!

Monday 12th May	Reading
Tuesday 13th May	Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation
Wednesday 14th May	Mental Mathematics
	Written Mathematics Paper 1
Thursday 15th May	Written Mathematics Paper 2

ART EXHIBITION

On Wednesday we held an Art Exhibition in Jessica's Hall showcasing the children's outstanding artwork. There were some truly magnificent pieces of artwork on display and it was wonderful to see so many parents at this event. All the work has been professionally framed and, if you haven't purchased one yet, there are still two weeks for you to do so. The school choir added to the atmosphere by singing some of their favourite songs and the whole event was a huge success. I would like to thank all the staff who ensured that this went so smoothly and, in particular Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hickson for co-ordinating the whole event.

Events

28.4.14	Chris Lloyd (author) visiting
30.4.14	Children's Workshop Assembly
1.5.14	PTA Fashion Night (7.30pm)
2.5.14	Viking Day in Hedgehog Class Fruity Friday
5.5.14	Bank Holiday Monday (NO CHILDREN)
12.5.14	Year 6 SATs Tests PTA Meeting (1.45pm)
13.5.14	Year 6 SATs Tests
14.5.14	Year 6 SATs Tests
15.5.14	Year 6 SATs Tests
20.5.14	Book Club
22.5.14	Open Classroom Afternoon
23.5.14	End of Term 5
2.6.14	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN
3.6.14	Beginning of Term 6
3.6.14	Class Photographs (am)
4.6.14	Sports Day (1.30pm-3.00pm) PTA Meeting (8pm)
5.6.14	First Swim (Yrs 5&6) Parent Meeting for Ypres (8pm)
6.6.14	War Memories Afternoon (pm)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar