LEIGH NEWS

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Off By Heart Poetry Competition

On Friday afternoon we held the Grand Final of our annual Off By Heart Poetry Competition. The children performed superbly and if there were any nerves they certainly didn't show! We were fortunate to have three independent judges for the afternoon: Tim Oyler, Cherry O'Neill and Tim Walker and they had the very difficult task of trying to decide the winners for each of the Key Stages. There were 14 finalists in all and they each received a framed certificate with the winners each receiving a book token. We are very proud of all the children who have learnt a poem this year and we will definitely be doing another competition next year. There are plenty of photographs in the 'Galleries' section of the school website for you to look at. Congratulations to all our finalists: Isabelle Andrews, Cordelia Holzer, Clem Anderson, George Wood, Amelia Watson, Freya Pearson, Isabela Jones, Rocco Padden, Felix Murray, Rosie Burns, Ben Sharpe, Anna Lake, Samuel Barker and Isobel Mitchell.

2017-2018 Term Dates

Term 1 4th September 2017 – 20th October 2017
Term 2 30th October 2017 - 20th December 2017
Term 3 8th January 2018 - 9th February 2018
Term 4 19th February 2018 – 29th March 2018
Term 5 16th April 2018 - 25th May 2018
Term 6 4th June 2018 – 20th July 2018
INSET Days 1st September 2017, 4th & 5th January 2018, 23rd & 24th July 2018.

Next Week's Theme –'Advent'

Christmas Lunch

We are currently taking orders for the School Christmas Lunch which takes place on 14th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch then please do fill in the form at the bottom of the letter which have been sent home (spare letters can be found in the school office). The cost of the lunch for children in KS 2 is £2.20 (it is free for those in KS1). The children are also encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper on this occasion should they wish! Thank you.

Christmas Trees

This year Stone Pitts Farm and The Fleur de Lis pub have kindly agreed to make a donation to the school for every Christmas tree bought from them, so if you usually buy a live tree please do consider buying from them. If buying from Stone Pitts, please take along a copy of this Newsletter. Thank you.

New ICT Equipment

This week we have installed some new ICT equipment into some of the classrooms. These new interactive whiteboards are much clearer and more effective than the old ones and will greatly enhance the learning experiences of the children. We will be aiming to replace the rest of the whiteboards in the next year or so.

Sal's Shoes

A huge thank you to everyone who donated shoes to the Sal's Shoes appeal. In all we collected a grand total of 129 pairs of shoes which is a terrific achievement. Rachel and Caitlin Moriarty-Cole have sorted through them all and paired them up. There was a really good range of shoes, different sizes and types, all in really good condition. These shoes will really make a huge difference so thank you once again to everyone who donated shoes and to Rachel and Caitlin for organising the whole project. We hope to do another collection in the spring/summer so please do keep any unwanted shoes for then. Thank you.

Library Opening

On Friday afternoon we officially opened the newly refurbished school library. Local author Tim Walker and Bea Wood from Hedgehog Class officially cut the ribbon and Tim said a few words about the importance of reading. A special thank you to all the members of the PTA who helped with much of the fundraising and cataloguing of the books and especially to Noemie Richardson for designing the wonderful word cloud which is now on display. If you haven't had a chance to see our newly refurbished library then please do pop in to have a look.

School Uniform

It has been noted that there are a few children who are regularly not in the correct school uniform and so having to constantly borrow ties from the school office. Please ensure that children arrive at school with their ties on looking smart. Clear guidance and further information about school uniform can be found on the school website or by clicking on the link below.
http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Parents/Uniform/
Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Grandparents Afternoon

This year's Grandparents Afternoon will be held on Friday 17th March 2017 (1.30pm-3pm). This is a lovely opportunity for grandparents, elderly relatives or friends to come into school and spend time with the children, look at their work, have a tour of the school and then enjoy some refreshments in Jessica's Hall. Please do advertise this date to those who might be interested. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

The School Christmas Fair is tomorrow in the village hall, 2-4pm. There will be lots of exciting stalls to visit, some old favourites and some new ones too! Tea, cakes & mulled wine will be served in the small hall, toasted marshmallows will be available outside and there will be a raffle with some fantastic prizes to be won! Entry is free so do come along for an afternoon of festive fun and support the school. Looking forward to seeing you there!
If your child wants to send a letter to Santa and receive a reply, his magic post box will be visiting the fair. Please ensure that you include your child's name, address, class/age and a text or email contact so Santa can check things with you! £1.50 covers the postage! If you can't attend the fair please bring the letter (with postage cost) into school on Monday marked for the attention of Santa!
If you can not attend the fair, raffle tickets will be on sale today after school in the hall, £1 each. Thank you for your support.

Nuts

Some children have started bringing in packed lunches containing nuts or food with nuts in them. Please note that there are some children in school who are allergic to nuts and so they are not allowed in school. Thank you.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Amelia Bell

Congratulations to Amelia Bell who came 2nd in the Kent Synchronised Swimming Championships at Canterbury. Amelia attends the Sevenoaks Synchronised Swimming Group every Sunday morning and there were 8 people in her group. This was their first competition together and they performed a routine to the song "Annie". During the routine Amelia had to perform an oyster and inverted splits underwater! This is an incredibly challenging sport to participate in and Amelia and her group have done fantastically well. Congratulations Amelia.

Skye Newman

Congratulations also to Skye Newman who has donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust. The trust exists to provide wigs for children who are suffering from a variety of illnesses. This is a terrific thing to do and we're very proud of you Skye.

Events

26.11.16	PTA Christmas Fayre
29.11.16	Hawks Forest School
30.11.16	Hedgehogs Forest School
2.12.16	Fruity Friday
5.12.16	School Choir to High Hilden Residential Home
6.12.16	Robins Forest School Squirrel Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar