LEIGH NEWS

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WINTER ARRANGEMENTS

Now that the weather has well and truly changed, we will need to tweak our drop-off and collection arrangements to ensure that, when possible, we can continue to use The Green. Until further notice the children will need to wear their wellington boots at the beginning and end of the day. The children will then change into their school shoes when they enter the school building. We would prefer it if the children's school shoes stay in school each evening but, if you would like them to bring their shoes home with them each night, please provide a named plastic carrier bag. In the event of heavy rain, please ensure the children have appropriate weatherproof wear which could include waterproof trousers as well as a waterproof coat. I'm extremely grateful to all of you for your continued support with this arrangement and I appreciate that for some of you there have been significant changes to your daily routine to accommodate this. We hope that, in due course, we will be able to return to a more normal system where we are using the playgrounds but for now, this will continue until further notice. Thank you.

Dolls for Squirrel Class

We are in need of additional dolls for Squirrel Class. If anyone has a doll that is not needed at home then we would be delighted to receive them via the school office. Thank you.

Class Curriculum Leaflets

Each class now has their curriculum leaflet on the class pages of the school website. Please do ensure you have downloaded your child's leaflet to see what they will be learning this term. Thank you!

COVID Letter

Please click on the link below to read a copy of the letter sent to all parents and carers from the Chief Nurse and Chief Medical Officer.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKDFE/2020/09/23/file_attachments/1553140/23rd%20September%20-%20PHE%20letter%20to%20parents%20and%20guardians.pdf

Miss Oyler

Miss Oyler was originally planning to get married in December but, due to the government announcement this week, has hastily brought this event forward to tomorrow afternoon! I'm sure you'd like to join me in wishing Miss Oyler and Rob all the very best for their wedding tomorrow and we look forward to welcoming Miss Oyler back as Mrs Short on Monday!

Reading Help

We are in need of additional support with reading throughout the school and, in particular, in Key Stage 1. If you feel you are able to support us with some regular weekly reading support then please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time. Thank you.

Football Club

Football Club is resuming this afternoon after school for just those children in Year 6 who would like to attend. Please ensure that the children have football boots and shin pads and are collected from The Green at 4.15pm. Thank you.

Arbor App

If you haven't downloaded the Arbor App then please do so as soon as possible as we are using the In App Messaging facility increasingly to send messages. Please also do consider linking your private calendar to the school calendar and details about how to do this can be found by clicking on this link. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Calendar/

Behaviour on the Green

It has been observed that some children's behaviour at the beginning and end of the day whilst on The Green is not as good as it should be. This has involved children being overly boisterous, playing rough games and even throwing objects at each other or into the road. It is absolutely crucial that, if we are allowed to continue to use The Green, that the children display good levels of behaviour at all times. I have spoken at length with the children about this but your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Kent Test/PESE

The 11+ has been moved to Thursday 15th October. The assessments will take place in Jessica's Hall and are for children in Year 6 who have registered to take them. If you have a child sitting these assessments then please make sure they are in school on time and, if they are unwell, that you notify the school office as soon as possible. Applications for Secondary School admissions for September 2021 are **now open** and will close on 2nd November 2020. Further details and online applications can be found by clicking here: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2
Due to the delay in the Kent Test this year, parents are now being given SIX choices on their SCAF Forms (an increase from 4 due to the fact that parents and carers will not have the 11+ results by the time the SCAF Forms have to be submitted on 2nd November 2020). If any parents or carers would like any further advice regarding this process, please do make contact via email or telephone.

Events

25.9.20	Foxes Forest School
2.10.20	Robins Forest School
9.10.20	Squirrels Forest School
12.10.20	Parent Consultations All Week, Fox Class To Himalayan Gardens
15.10.20	11+ Assessments
16.10.20	Wolves Forest School
22.10.20	End of Term 1
23.10.20	INSET Day
2.11.20	INSET Day
3.11.20	Start of Term 2

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar