LEIGH NEWS

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HOUSE CAPTAINS 2014-2015

Congratulations to our new House Captains for 2014-2015. Each House has two captains and have been elected by the members of their Houses. These two children have the responsibility to lead their Houses throughout the year and to organise them during events and tournaments. We are very proud of all our Year 6 children and those who weren't elected on this occasion will have the opportunity to stand as Prefects. This year's House Captains are: Matthew Weedon, Poppy Alldis, Matilda Butler, Ethan Burbridge, Logan McIntosh, Harrison Hard, Alex Hale and Ellie McCutcheon. Well done to all of them.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

You are all invited to attend this year's Harvest Festival service which will take place on Tuesday 7th October at 10am. We are raising some money for David Bennie's project in Gambia and envelopes will be coming home today for the children to decorate and put any loose change in. Thank you.

LATECOMERS

It is extremely disruptive for children when they arrive late at school. Not only do they have to enter the classrooms when lessons have already started but it can also cause difficulties with school lunches. Although we realise that occasional lateness is unavoidable, we would urge all parents to ensure that children are in school when the bell is rung at 8.50am. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PTA NEWS

You are all invited to a PTA drinks night in Jessica's Hall on Thursday 16th October. More details to follow but please do keep the date free and come along and hear more about the fantastic work the PTA do for our school.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Attached to this Newsletter is a summary of the School Improvement Plan 2014-2015. This outlines our main objectives for this year and has been written in consultation with staff, governors and pupils. I have also put a new page on the School Website (under 'Our School') which gives more information about the School Improvement Plan which I would urge you all to read. We are passionate about School Improvement at Leigh and if anyone wishes to see the full plan or to discuss this with me then please do make an appointment.

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

This term's Open Classroom afternoon will be on Thursday 23rd October 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.

GRANDPARENT AFTERNOON

We have set the date for our now annual Grandparent Afternoon. This afternoon is for grandparents or elderly relatives to come and see the school, have a tour and enjoy spending time with the children. This will be held on Friday 6th March 2015 and we hope that as many grandparents as possible will be able to attend.

SEVENOAKS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
FAMILY CONCERT
STAG THEATRE – Sunday 12th October 2014 at 4pm
MYTHS AND LEGENDS
Come and hear music about princesses, pirates, witches and trolls in a one hour concert.
Tickets from £6. Box Office 01732 450175
www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk
www.sevenoakssymphonyorchestra.org.uk

NATIONAL CEREBAL PALSY DAY

Everyone is invited to come to school dressed in green and donate £1 in support of National Cerebal Palsy Day NEXT FRIDAY. Freddie Bradstock will be taking assembly as well and we hope that many of you will want to support this wonderful cause.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

It would be fantastic to have a few more members of our school orchestra. No musical training is required, just a willingness to turn up and have a go! If any children would like to join the school orchestra then please speak with the school office or Mr Eaton next week.

NEW BREKFAST CLUB

At the last Parent Survey one of the overriding requests from parents was that we start a Breakfast Club. After many months of preparation we have been very pleased to start our new Breakfast Club this week. There are plenty of available spaces so please do look on the school website for further information and contact Denise directly on contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com or on 07717 214041to secure a place.

Taking place as part of the Remembrance of the outbreak of fighting in 1914, and heavily linked with our visit to Ypres, Belgium, we are holding an afternoon exhibition of some of our writing and artwork. Feel free to visit our exhibition at anytime during the afternoon but there will be poetry readings at 2pm and 2.30pm for you to listen to. Please encourage all family and friends to attend. Thank you.

Clubs

The clubs programme has started this week and you should know which clubs your child is now a member of. It always takes a few weeks for the children to settle into the new routines but we hope that you agree that the variety and quality of clubs on offer has never been higher. Please ensure that children do attend the clubs and if they are unable to be there for any reason that they let the adult running the club know. Due to some clubs being so heavily oversubscribed then we have split the children into two groups and you should know whether your child is in the group before the February half term or after. If you have any questions regarding clubs then please do speak with the school office. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Doing Your Best'

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

We are asking all the children to learn one poem from the list on the school website under: 'Learning; Curriculum; Off By Heart'. The children will be asked to recite their poems in class and the two winning entries from each class will go through to the Grand Final to be held on Friday 7th November in Jessica's Hall. Good luck and get learning!

Events

29.9.14	Squirrel Class in full days
30.9.14	First School Council Meeting
1.10.14	Children's Workshop Assembly
3.10.14	National Cerebral Palsy Day
7.10.14	Harvest Festival Service (10am)
13.10.14	NSPCC Workshop
14.10.14	Parent Workshop 1 – KS2 Writing
14.10.14	OPEN MORNING
16.10.14	PTA Drinks in Jessica's Hall
20.10.14	Start of Maths Week

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar