LEIGH NEWS

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New Staff

Over the past week we have welcomed two new members of staff to our team. Caroline Simpson will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Weasel Class and Cherryl Stone will be working in the office from 8.45am-9.45am to help deal with parent enquiries and various admin duties. A very warm welcome to them both of them.

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

There are days when we occasionally need cover for Midday Supervisors. If you are interested in being part of a pool of people who we contact when the need arises, please contact the school office to put your name down on the list.

Special Visitors for Squirrels

On Friday Squirrel Class were treated to a visit from Speckle the calf. The children enjoyed finding out all about him and learning about a real working farm. Thank you to Kate and Ellie McCutcheon and, of course, to Speckle himself! On Thursday Squirrels also met a 3 week old Springer Spaniel and a 14 week Cocker Spaniel. They had lots of cuddles and learnt about looking after and caring for puppies.

MATHS MORNINGS

If you are intending to attend either of these meetings please return your slip to Miss Birchenall as soon as possible. Copies of the letters can be found in the Calendar section of the website.

Secondary School Open Days

07.10.13 Trinity School 9.30am – 12.00 noon
08.10.13 Trinity School 9.30am – 12.00 noon
08.10.13 Trinity School 6.00pm – 9.30pm
09.10.13 Trinity School 9.30am – 12.00 noon
21.09.13 Walthamstow Hall 10.00am – 12.15pm
15.10.13 T.Wells Girls' Grammar 11.00am – 12.30pm, 2.00pm – 3.00pm
09.11.13 Sutton Valence School 9.45am – 12.15pm
05.10.13 Kent College 9.30am – 1.00pm
08.10.13 Kent College 9.15am – 1.00pm
25.09.13 St Gregory's 9.00am – 11.15am
26.09.13 St Gregory's 9.00am – 11.15am
26.09.13 St Gregory's from 6.30pm
22.10.13 St Gregory's 9.00am – 11.15am
12.10.13 Beechwood
Sacred Heart 9.30am – 1.00pm
05.10.13 Kings Rochester from 9.15am
25.09.13 Hayesbrook 6.00pm – 9.00pm
05.10.13 Sackville from 10.00am
07.11.13 Sackville from 11.15am

Curriculum Evening

The Curriculum Evening is this Thursday in Jessica's Hall from 6pm-8pm. I will speak at 6pm and again at 7pm but the rest of time will be available for you to look round the displays. You are welcome to "drop in" at anytime and see the changes we have made to the Curriculum. There's no need to tell us you are coming, just turn up.

FREE LUNCHES FOR SQUIRREL CLASS

All children in Squirrel Class are eligible for a week of free school meals from THIS MONDAY. Please let the office know if you are interested in taking up this offer.

PTA NEWS

There will be a RACE NIGHT and BBQ at the Fleur on Sunday 20th October (time tbc). Please put this date in the diary as it promises to be great fun and another fantastic way to support the work of the PTA.

Morrison Vouchers

We have started collecting Morrison vouchers and there is an envelope in the entrance hall. This is a great way of raising more money for the school so please do collect these if you can.

CLUBS

RECORDER CLUB

If you are interested in your child attending a recorder club on Friday after school (£4 per child, per session) then please contact Mark Underwood on mcunderwood@me.com or 07985 563063. If finance is an issue then please do see me as we have some money we could use to support children who want to attend this club.

FOOTBALL CLUB

We are always on the lookout for more help at football club on a Friday after school; it's great fun and the children hugely enjoy the session. If you're able to help then please see me or John Henderson.

BOOK CLUB

I'm very interested in trying to get a Book Club up and running in the school and wondered if any parents, grandparents or friends would be interested in running a group. I don't envisage this being a club that runs every week as the children will need time to read the next book, but a meeting every two/three weeks would be ideal. If there was enough interest we could look at running one for each of the Year Groups or Key Stages. The school will be able to help with suggesting suitable books and sorting the groups out but the person running the group would have the freedom to run the group how they wish. If you would like to run a group or know someone who might, please contact me and I'll make a list. Thank you.

New Fence

The new fence has now been completed! This should allow safer and more convenient access to the Key Stage 1 Playground. Many thanks to all who have worked hard on this over the years and to John Henderson for masterminding the whole operation.

Forthcoming Events

30.9.13	Football Match v. Chiddingstone (away)
3.10.13	Curriculum Evening in Jessica's Hall (6pm-8pm)
7.10.13	Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's Church
20.10.13	Race event and BBQ at The Fleur
21.10.13	Open Afternoon for prospective parents
22.10.13	KS1 Maths Morning
23.10.13	Open Classrooms Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
24.10.13	KS2 Maths Morning Last swim for Yrs 3/4
25.10.13	Fruity Friday HALF TERM
4.11.13	INSET DAY – No children at school
5.11.13	SCAF Form Deadline
6.11.13	Football Match v. Edenbridge (home)
7.11.13	Swimming starts for Yrs 5/6
8.11.13	Tim Walker (author) visiting
13.11.13	Open Morning for prospective parents
21.11.13	Football match v. Four Elms (home)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar