LEIGH NEWS

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Cake Sale

Last Friday a cake sale was held at school organised by Emily Henderson, Skye Newman, Amelia Bell and Ruby Rossiter. It was a terrific event and the girls managed to raise £137.08 by selling cakes and biscuits. All the money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support and I would like to thank all the children and parents who supported this event to make it such a success. Many thanks to the girls for organising this and congratulations for making it such a success!

Year 6 Residential Meeting

We are holding a meeting for parents of children in Year 6 on 20th October to discuss the arrangements for this year's residential trip. This meeting will be held in Wolves Class and will start at 3.30pm. We will also make the slides from this meeting available on the website should parents not be able to attend on this occasion. Thank you.

AUTUMN SPRING CLEAN!

We are having our next 'Spring' Clean Day TOMORROW from 10am-2pm. During the day we are hoping to tackle some of the bigger projects around the school such as gardening, tidying the loft in Jessica's Hall and clearing the space behind Jessica's Hall. If you are able to attend then please just turn up on the day. Thank you.

Curriculum Evening

Many thanks to all of you who attended the Curriculum Evening on Wednesday evening. The slides from the event can be found on the home page of the school website. It was very good to share with many of you the curriculum resources that we use and to outline the changes in assessment that are taking place this year. If any parents would like to discuss any of this further then please do make an appointment to see me. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Being Thankful'

School Dinner Payments

Please could we ask that school dinners are paid for at the beginning of the week. Dinners cost £2.30 and can be paid for in cash or on line via the GPS website. Further information about school dinners can be found on the school website under 'Parents; School Meals'. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PTA NEWS

We have been running a competition to design the poster for our Halloween Disco. The deadline is TODAY. Prizes will be given for our favourite entries so get working on those spooky designs! The children will be bringing home the PTA newsletter this week, please have a read! After the success of last year's event we will be hosting "Breakfast with Santa" again this year, more details & booking forms to be handed out next week.

Dates for your Diary: Halloween Disco Thursday 22nd Oct
Winter Fair: Saturday 28th Nov
Breakfast with Santa: Saturday 12th Dec

Parent Workshops

We have now set the dates for the autumn term parent workshops. This is now the third year we will have been running these and they have proved extremely popular with parents. All workshops will be held in Jessica's Hall, will start at 9am and last about an hour.

Tuesday 13th October - Key Stage 2 Writing
Thursday 22nd October – Key Stage 1 Maths
Tuesday 3rd November – Key Stage 2 Maths
Thursday 12th November – Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Literacy
Tuesday 17th November – Year 2/Year 3 Writing

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

We are delighted to be able to launch the second Leigh Primary School Off By Heart Poetry Competition 2015!

Following on from the success of last year's competition we are launching our second 'Off By Heart' competition. We are again asking that all the children 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 4th December in Jessica's Hall. We are hoping this is going to be great fun for the children and prizes will be on offer for all those who have a go! The best way of learning a poem is not to try and do it all at once. Little and often, line by line, is often the best approach. We want the children to challenge themselves and not simply pick the shortest or easiest poems. Extra marks will be given to those children who really push themselves and try something difficult. Although some children will find this a challenge we are asking that they all try and learn at least one of the poems or part of it from the list. We appreciate that there will be some children who do not wish to stand up in front of the class. For some children this can often be a very stressful experience and we would obviously not wish to embarrass or worry them. Those children will be allowed to write their poems from memory as a handwriting exercise. The poems are the same as last year so please do encourage your child to learn a DIFFERENT poem! We look forward to learning these poems with you and to our final Poetry Recital on Friday 4th December at 2pm where there will be extra prizes on offer and three independent judges to make the decisions. Get learning and good luck.....!

Harvest Festival

We are holding our annual Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church on 13th October at 10.10am. We are asking the children to put some small change in an envelope and all the money raised will be donated to David Bennie's project work in The Gambia. All are very welcome to attend this service which will last about 30 minutes.

Canterbury Cathedral

We are delighted that the school choir has been invited back to Canterbury Cathedral in January. This is part of the Kent School Choir Festival and it is a great honour to have been invited back. All children in the school choir will be performing at this event and if any other children would like to join the school choir then please do come along on Wednesday after school in Jessica's Hall. Information about how to get tickets for this event will be available after half term. Thank you.

Events

3.10.15	Spring Clean Day (10am-2pm)
5.10.15	Height and Weight Measurements for Yr R and Yr 6
6.10.15	Theatre Group Visit
7.10.15	Netball Match v. Weald (away)
9.10.15	Football Match v. Weald (away)
13.10.15	Parent Workshop 1 – Key Stage 2 Writing Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church (10.10am)
14.10.15	Children's Workshop Assembly
15.10.15	PTA Meeting (8pm)
16.10.15	Hawks Class to the National Portrait Gallery
20.10.15	Year 6 Parent Meeting
21.10.15	Open Day (am)
22.10.15	Parent Workshop 2 – Key Stage 1 Maths Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm) PTA School Disco
23.10.15	End of Term 1
2.11.15	INSET Day
3.11.15	Beginning of Term 2 Parent Workshop 3 – Key Stage 2 Maths
4.11.15	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-4pm)
5.11.15	Parent Consultations (5.30pm-7.30pm)
10.11.15	Open Day (pm)
11.11.15	Short act of remembrance at the village war memorial
12.11.15	Parent Workshop 4 – Key Stage 1/EYFS Literacy
17.11.15	Parent Workshop 5 – Year 2/3 writing
18.11.15	Football and Netball Matches v. Ide Hill (home)
28.11.15	PTA Winter Fair
30.11.15	Football and Netball Matches v. Penshurst (away)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar