LEIGH NEWS

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Music and Creative Arts Room Update

The Music and Creative Arts Room project is coming on very well indeed. The builders have made lots of progress over half term and we are hopeful that this room will be available to be used at the start of December. Some of the children have taken photos this week so you can see for yourself just how well they're doing and we have placed these on the Galleries section of the school website. When we have an official opening date we will of course let you know.

Halloween Maths Challenge

Well done to all of the children who have participated in the Halloween Maths Challenge. Mrs Halfhide would like all other entries by Monday 7th of November so she can collate the Roll of Honour and give some certificates to our budding mathematicians! Next week Mrs Halfhide will post our new Challenge themed around Christmas. Hope it's not too early to get festive.

Next Week's Theme –'Remembrance'

Remembrance

From Monday poppies will be available for the children from the school office in return for a small donation to the British Legion. Next Friday we will be taking the whole school to the War Memorial in the village at 11am for a short act of remembrance. All are very welcome to join us for this event which will last about 10 minutes. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Scarecrow Trail & competition: judging will take place this Saturday (5th Nov) and photos of the entries and prizewinners will be announced next week! Pick up a trail map at the school office for 50p!

The School Xmas Fair is on Sat 26th Nov in the Village Hall 2-4pm, here's how you can help!

This year we will be asking for donations of chocolate, booze and jam jars of sweets. Donation week will be 14th-18th Nov, boxes will be in both playgrounds in the mornings, or hand them in to the school office. We would also love you to bring in cakes and biscuits for the cake stall on Friday 25th Nov.

We also need lots of helpers to run the stalls at the fair so please consider signing up for half an hour, we can't run the fair without you! Parents, friends & grandparents are all welcome, and we'd really appreciate your help. A rota will be put up in reception shortly.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

ALFIE COCHRANE

Huge congratulations to Alfie Cochrane who has recently been awarded his two black strips and red strip at Karate. Alfie attends the Sama Karate club in Jessica's Hall and is already very nearly up to his red belt. As part of the assessment Alfie had to perform a high kick, a block and a punch. Really well done Alfie!

Parent Consultations

Sheets for Parent Consultations are now up on classroom doors. Please do sign up for a time to meet with your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Sal's Shoes Appeal

We have started collecting unwanted children's shoes for a fantastic charity called "Sal's Shoes" who will send these shoes to children who desperately need them. There are 300 million children in the world for whom walking with shoes is a rarity. This makes them extremely vulnerable to infections, as well as injuries to the feet and ankles. These are often untreated and can become very serious. In many countries you cannot go to school unless you own a pair of shoes. Shoes have found new feet in homes, orphanages, schools and hospitals all around the world; as well as refugee camps and the Calais Jungle; and also in parts of the UK. Sal's Shoes collect all sorts of different types of shoes: flip flops, sandals, school shoes, slippers, trainers, winter boots, football boots to name but a few. Larger sizes are acceptable but all footwear must be child appropriate (no heels!). They collect shoes that can still be worn: solid soles with no holes, laces if the shoes need them, and if possible, no mud! ***So, start sorting out your unwanted children's shoes! Bring them to Jessica's Hall where there is a "Sal's Shoes" deposit bin.***

(Sal's Shoes is a not-for-profit organisation recognised as charitable (EW10624) by HMRC for tax purposes.)

NEW PARENT WORKSHOP

There is a **completely new** and upcoming workshop on **Curriculum and Assessment next Tuesday at 9am.** As a school we aim to ensure we communicate your child's progress, attainment and wellbeing in a clear way and this workshop is part of this mission. This workshop has been scheduled for next week to coincide with parent consultations and will provide key information about assessment that is difficult to communicate in a 10 minute meeting.

Assessment

- Assessment bands and what they mean and changes to our reporting procedures.
- An overview of teacher assessment in school. We will provide examples of assessments/tests and our criteria (not to be taken away); this will show what an expected child might achieve in each year group.
- When statutory assessments take place across your child's school career and their significance.
- How our reports are written and how to use them.

Curriculum

- How we ensure progression in the wider curriculum subjects
- What extracurricular opportunities do we provide as a school
- What our school focuses are for the wider curriculum
- What can you do with your child to enrich the wider curriculum

We hope to see as many of you at this workshop as possible and we hope you will find it very informative and useful. Mrs Halfhide will be delivering the workshop and will endeavour to answer any questions you have. If you are coming please do sign your name on the list in reception so that we know how many people to expect. Thank you.

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

Classes are starting to hold the heats for the Off By Heart Poetry Competition. Please do encourage your child to continue learning a poem from the list on the school website and help them get ready for the performance. Thank you.

http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Off-By-Heart-Poetry-Competition/

Events

7.11.16	Fox Class to the Museum of Kent Life High Hopes Assembly (1.30pm) PTA Meeting (8pm)
8.11.16	Parent Workshop 6 – Assessment and Curriculum (9am) Parent Consultations (5.30pm-8pm)
9.11.16	Open Afternoon for prospective parents (2pm)
10.11.16	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-4.30pm)
11.11.16	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial (11am) Flu Immunisations for Years 1, 2, & 3
14.11.16	Start of Anti Bullying Week
15.11.16	Foxes Forest School
16.11.16	Robins Forest School
17.11.16	Hedgehog Class to the Museum of Kent Life

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar