LEIGH NEWS

News No 281 www.leighprimaryschool.com 01732 832660 6th November 2020

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. It's been lovely to welcome back the children to school this week and we're looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Please do remember to check your child's class page on the school website for further information about what they will be learning this term and, although face to face contact is challenging at the moment, I would encourage you to continue to make contact with your child's class teacher through email or the telephone should you wish to discuss any aspect of their school life. On Tuesday I sent home a letter with further information about the updated COVID guidance from the Department for Education. Please do take time to read it if you haven't done so already. A copy of the letter can be found by clicking on the following link:
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/covid_weekly_updates/Covid_Parent_Letter_November.pdf

Phonics Letter for Year 2

Today a letter has been sent home to Parents and Carers of children in Year 2 regarding the phonics screening check that will take place in December. If there are any questions regarding this check, please do contact myself or Miss Jowett. Thank you.

New Staff

This week we have welcomed two fantastic new members of staff to Leigh. Mrs Cheshire is teaching for two days a week in Squirrel Class (Thursday and Friday) and Miss Simpson is teaching for three days a week in Hawks Class (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). If any parents wish to contact them then their email addresses are below.
helen.cheshire@leigh.kent.sch.uk
jenny.simpson@leigh.kent.sch.uk

Pumpkin Competition

The PTA have recently run a pumpkin competition which has been hugely successful. Thank you to all of you who took part in this event and to all the members of the PTA for organising it. In all £282 was raised in support of the work of the PTA which is a terrific achievement. As you can see we had some terrific entries and it was a very difficult competition to judge. We have put further photos in the Galleries section on the school website and this can be accessed by clicking on the following link:
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/News/Galleries/?SSID=37778&password=#ss_gallery_holder

Congratulations to the following children on their superb entries.

Key stage 1:
Winner- Ollie Sheriff (Fox pumpkin)
Runner up- Molly Carabine (Batkin pumpkin)

Key stage 2:
Winner- Amelia Watson (Harry Potter pumpkin)
Runner up- Lily Avis-Bond (Owl pumpkin)
Wildcard prize- Elsie Rose (Unicorn pumpkin)

Certificates were also awarded to:

Florence Tallent (Day of the dead), Mae Dalton (Tinkerbell), George Hodges (Witch), Kaylah Hersey (Scary face) Megan Phillips (Silver jewelled design), Ella Hansen (Cat), Annie Syson (Ghost), Sebastian Drew (Haunted house, Layla Lawrence (Bat)

Open Days

Unfortunately it has not been possible to run our usual round of Open Days this term for prospective parents. This year we are creating a virtual tour and we will share this with you when it has been produced.

Poppies

We have again this year been approached by The Royal British Legion to distribute poppies to the school community. These are currently available to the children for a suggested donation of 50p. They will also be providing other products for sale as detailed below:
Zip Pull - 50p
Reflector - 50p
Silicon Wristband - £1
Snap Band - £1.50

We will be unable to send the Year 6 children to each class every day this year due to the current climate but all children will have an opportunity to buy a poppy between now and next Wednesday if they so wish.

PTA 150 Club

Welcome to the launch of our awesome Leigh Primary School PTA 150 club...! The idea is that you pick your own number (between 1-150) and set up a standing order of just £5 per month to be entered into a monthly top prize draw AND end of term cash draw with a pot of up to £300! (1st, 2nd and 3rd prize split).
Visit www.leighprimaryschool.com/parents/pta for full rules and a membership form. Not only can you win super prizes, this is a fantastic way of raising PTA funds during a year when we can't run our normal calendar. It will make a huge difference to the pot of money we can make available to the children. You are very welcome to share with friends, family, grandparents etc so they can join in the fun. It could even be a Christmas pressie! Any questions please shout as this is a new format, either via the social media channels, PTA email or via your class reps. Best of luck...!!

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/

Term Dates

As a reminder, this year's term dates are as follows:

3rd November 2020 – 18th December 2020	TERM 2
4th January 2021 – 12th February 2021	TERM 3
22nd February 2021 – 1st April 2021	TERM 4
19th April 2021 – 28th May 2021	TERM 5
7th June 2021	**INSET DAY**
8th June 2021 – 21st July 2021	TERM 6

Events

6.11.20	Hawks Forest School
11.11.20	Remembrance Day Event at The War Memorial (Year 6)
13.11.20	Hedgehogs Forest School
20.11.20	Foxes Forest School
27.11.20	Robins Forest School
4.12.20	Year 2 Phonics Check Squirrels Forest School
10.12.20	Flu Immunisations (Whole School)
11.12.20	Wolves Forest School
18.12.20	End of Term 2
4.1.21	Term 3 Starts

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar