LEIGH NEWS

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OFF BY HEART POETRY FINAL

On Friday afternoon we held our annual Off By Heart Poetry Competition Final. It was a wonderful event and so many congratulations to all our finalists and to all the children who provided musical entertainment. I would like to thank our three independent judges: Katy Joiner, David James and Diana Wood who had the very difficult job of deciding the winner from each Key Stage and two runners-up. We will be repeating this again next year but will keep all the poems on the school website should any of the children like to learn another one in the meantime.

CAROL SINGING

On Friday the children from Wolves Class went carol singing at Penshurst Place. They performed brilliantly and entertained the crowds for around half an hour. This morning they are out again, this time at Ightham Mote, with the children from Weald Primary School. Best of luck to all involved!

Next Week's Theme –'The Christmas Story'

Governor Newsletter

Attached with this Newsletter is the annual Governor Newsletter. This provides lots of information about how the Governing Body works, its function and how you can get involved. Please do take a moment to read it. This is a good opportunity to thank all the members of our wonderful Governing Body who give up so much of their time to ensure that the school runs so well. A copy of the Newsletter can also be found on the school website or by clicking on the link below:
http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Governor_Newsletter_2018_2019.pdf

PTA NEWS

The Christmas Fair has raised just over £2000 for our school! A great big thank you to everyone who came along on the day, donated prizes, manned stalls and made crafts, cakes and biscuits. It was a real team effort and a very enjoyable afternoon.

A special thank you must go to the children from Wolves class who ran seven wonderful stalls raising more than £300. Great work Wolves!

The PTA's final Christmas activities take place this week, with the Pavilion Flowers wreath workshops last night and tonight in the small village hall, and then Breakfast with Santa on Sunday. We look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Parent Consultations

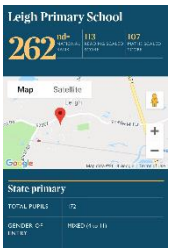
We have now fixed the dates for next term's Parent Consultations. These will take place on Wednesday 6th February (1.30pm-3.30pm) and Thursday 7th February (5pm-8pm). Please do try and keep these dates free for these important meetings. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

NATIVITY

The children in Squirrel Class will be performing their Nativity Play in St. Mary's Church at 2pm on Wednesday. All are very welcome to attend this event which will last about 20 minutes.

2019 Calendars

The PTA have produced a wonderful 2019 School Calendar. These calendars would make excellent Christmas presents and can be purchased from the school office for £7 each, £12 for two or £15 for three.



The Sunday Times League Table

Out of 20,925 primary schools in the country, we've just been ranked 262nd in the Sunday Times League Table. This is based on academic achievement and puts us in the top 1.25% nationally. Congratulations to all pupils and staff on this achievement.

Dance Club News

You are all warmly invited to Jessica's Hall on Monday 10th December at 4pm to watch a short performance of the dance routines that the students have learnt this term. Please do come along if you possibly can.

END OF TERM SERVICE

The End of Term Service will take place in St. Mary's Church at 2pm on Wednesday 19th December. All are very welcome to attend this event which will last about an hour.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday we held our annual Christmas Lunch. It was a wonderful event and also a good opportunity for us to thank all the kitchen staff and midday supervisors who do such a wonderful job for us throughout the year. Many thanks to all the staff for helping to serve the dinner and to all the children for being so wonderfully behaved throughout it.

Open Classroom Afternoon

Also on Wednesday we held our termly Open Classroom Afternoon. This is a really good opportunity for parents and carers to have a look at your children's work and discuss with them what they have been learning this term. We will be holding another one of these next term but if you didn't manage to get to see your child's work on this occasion, please do speak with your child's class teacher to make an alternative date.

Events

7.12.18	PTA Wreath Making Workshop Carol Singing at Ightham Mote (Year 6), Wolves Forest School
9.12.18	Breakfast with Santa
10.12.18	Beginning of Assessment Week Dance Club Show (4pm) in Jessica's Hall
11.12.18	Dress Rehearsal for Squirrel Class Nativity (2pm)
12.12.18	Squirrel Class Nativity at St. Mary's Church (2pm)
14.12.18	Hawks Class Forest School Fruity Friday
18.12.18	Pantomime Trip (whole school)
19.12.18	End of Term Service at St. Mary's Church (2pm) End of Term 2
3.1.19	INSET DAY
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7.1.19	Beginning of Term 3

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar