LEIGH NEWS

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OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

This afternoon we are hosting the final of our Off By Heart Poetry Competition. The final will start at 2pm and will last about 45 minutes. Nearly all the children have been learning their poems over the past 6 weeks and this week we have been listening to them all in the classrooms. The final is being judged by 3 independent judges and all children will receive a prize for entering and for getting through to the final. All parents are very welcome to attend this event.

FOOTBALL MATCH

On the Friday before half term our football team travelled to Ide Hill School to compete in our first football match of the season. The boys played fantastically well and scored two excellent goals. Some brilliant goalkeeping from Ethan Burbridge and some excellent defending kept our team in the game right up until the final whistle. The match eventually finished 3-2 to Ide Hill but all the boys were a real credit to the school and to themselves Many thanks to those of you who provided lifts and to Mr Matthews and Bradley Cooper for organising the team.

PARENT ELECTION

Attached with this Newsletter is a letter regarding the election of Parent Governors. Governors play a hugely important role in the school and, along with myself, are responsible for the running of the school. We are extremely fortunate here at Leigh to have such an effective Governing Body who are so passionate about every child receiving the best possible start in life. If you wish to stand as a Parent Governor then please ensure that the attached form is completed and returned to me within 2 weeks.

Plastic Bottles

We are still in need of additional plastic 500ml water bottles to help us create 150 poppies for the Leigh War Memorial. If anyone has any more of these then please do put them in the box in reception. Thank you.

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Tuesday 9th December. The children should now have a copy of this month's book: 'Billy the Kid' by Michael Morpurgo, however there are spare copies in the school library should the children need them. Please note that this club finishes at 4pm. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme – 'Remembrance'

SCAF FORMS

If you have a child in Year 6 then you should have completed the Secondary Common Application Form by last Friday. Please could we ask that you send a copy of this form to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Golden Time Games/ DVDs

We are in need of additional board games and DVDs (universal certificate only please) for use during wet play and golden time. If you have any spare DVDs or games then please do speak with the class teacher. Thank you.

PARENT WORKSHOP

The second of our five parent workshops took place on Tuesday morning; many thanks to those of you were able to attend. The third workshop is on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 9am in Jessica's Hall and is entitled 'Key Stage 1 Phonics'. Please do attend if you possibly can.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations will take place on the 12th and 13th November. Lists have now gone up so please do sign your names up for a convenient time.

PTA NEWS

Attached with this Newsletter is a letter from our new Chariman of the PTA, Faydra Mitchell. Please do read it and we would be delighted if you would like to get involved with the Christmas Fair.

This year our Christmas Fair is on 7th December 2014. It would be lovely to see lots of families there to help make it a really successful fundraising event. Next week is 'Donation Week', and any donations you can make will be gratefully received. Every little helps, so please have a look around at home to see if there is anything you can donate. All children bringing donations will earn 3 House Points on the day of the donation. Friday 14th will be an Own Clothes Day in return for bringing a bottle, but if you can't bring a bottle then please make a £1 donation on the day which will be collected by the class teacher. All donations can go into the boxes outside Jessica's Hall where they will be collected by the PTA or a member of staff. Thank you.

IPAD CHARGERS

We are in need of additional ipad chargers for the ipads we have in school. If anyone has a spare old ipad charger (those used to charge the iphones 3 or 4) that we could have then please do speak with Miss Marshall.

Taking place as part of the Remembrance of the outbreak of fighting in 1914, and heavily linked with our visit to Ypres, Belgium, we are holding an afternoon exhibition of some of our writing and artwork. Feel free to visit our exhibition at anytime during the afternoon but there will be poetry readings at 2pm and 2.30pm for you to listen to. Please encourage all family and friends to attend. Thank you.

Remembrance Day Poppies

At 11am on Tuesday we will be having our annual act of remembrance at the War Memorial. As this is the 100th anniversary of the commemoration of the start of World War I all the children have made their own poppies which will all be placed around the memorial just before 11am. As ever, you are all invited to this occasion which will last about 15 minutes.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our existing team to commence as soon as possible. The post is for 7.5 hours per week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) for 38 weeks of the year (term time only).The successful candidate will have the ability to work effectively and enthusiastically as part of a team and be able to engage with the children, extending them in purposeful activities and enhancing their social skills whilst having fun. Please contact the school office for further information or look on the school website under 'News and Events; Current Vacancies.'

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For a number of years the school has been supporting Operation Christmas Child by wrapping and filling empty shoeboxes and sending them to children in Eastern Europe and Africa. David Bennie took assembly on Tuesday and has talked to the children about this project and letters and leaflets have been sent home. If you are having trouble getting a shoebox then David has some flat-packed ones from Samaritans Purse. Please contact him on isdaddyrasta@gmail.com or 07572 508694. Also at this assembly David spoke about many children around the world only being able to attend school if they have shoes. This means for some they can't attend school and others have to share shoes and attend part-time. We would like to start a shoe campaign and therefore ask you all to help by donating your children's old shoes. A box will be placed in the entrance hall for them to go into. It will be a great way of getting rid of old shoes and knowing they will be going to a very worthy cause. Thank you.

OFSTED Report

Attached with this Newsletter is our latest OFSTED Report. As you all know the school received a visit from OFSTED on the 14th and 15th October and I'm pleased to be able to share the report with you now. The report rightly highlights a wide range of strengths the school has and the huge progress that has been made over the past 17 months. I would like to thank all of you who contributed to the inspection by answering the questions on Parent View. The results of this were extremely encouraging and I'm very proud of the excellent relationships we share with parents and carers. We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend a Parent Meeting on Thursday 27th November at 8pm. During this meeting I will discuss the OFSTED Report in more detail, the decision about how year groups will be split next year and future plans for the school. Please do attend this important meeting if at all possible. Thank you.

Events

10.11.14	Individual Photographs
11.11.14	Remembrance Day Events (morning and afternoon)
12.11.14	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-3.30pm)
13.11.14	Parent Consultations (3.30pm-8pm)
18.11.14	Parent Workshop 3 – 'Key Stage 1 Phonics'
25.11.14	Parent Workshop 4 – 'Key Stage 1 Writing and Reading'

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar