LEIGH NEWS

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Charlotte's Web

On Tuesday morning the whole school enjoyed a wonderful performance of Charlotte's Web by M&M Theatrical Productions. The children were thoroughly engaged throughout and loved listening to the story as well as participating when appropriate. Charlotte's Web tells the story of a pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a barn spider named Charlotte. When Wilbur is in danger of being slaughtered by the farmer, Charlotte writes messages praising Wilbur (such as "Some Pig") in her web in order to persuade the farmer to let him live. After the performance some of the children participated in a workshop where they learnt about how a show is directed and produced as well as picking up some of the tricks of the trade! Many thanks to the group for performing for us and to all the children for being such a great audience. There are plenty of photos of this event on the school website in the Galleries section.

AUTUMN SPRING CLEAN!

Thank you so much to everyone who gave up so much of their time on Saturday to come to the Spring Clean Day. We managed to get a huge amount done and I hope you all agree that the school is looking really smart and tidy at the moment. We will be holding another one of these in April and when I have further details I will let you know.

Next Week's Theme –'Harvest Festival'

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

A big thank you to all who entered the Halloween disco poster competition; we were very impressed with the effort that was put into them & found it really tricky to pick a winner. The winner & runners up will be announced in assembly & prizes will be awarded by Mr Eaton.

The Halloween disco will be held on Thursday 22nd Oct in Jessica's Hall, KS1 5:45pm-7pm, KS2 7:15pm-8:30pm. It's fancy dress with prizes being given out for the best costumes.

The cost is £3 per child including refreshments & a glow stick. The tuck shop will also be selling treats. We look forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget to book your "Breakfast with Santa"! Just fill in the form on the back of the PTA newsletter & hand it in with payment of £5 per child to the school office.

Rugby

Congratulations to Sam Kings and Mansel Hard in Fox Class who have competed in the Medway Mini Rugby Festival in Rochester. Both boys play for Tonbridge Juddians and played in several matches including against Cranbrook, Medway, Edenbridge and Gravesend. Well done to both boys.

School Attendance

Please see attached to this Newsletter an information sheet we have received regarding school attendance. We are obviously keen to work very hard with parents and carers around the issue of attendance and hope that the information on the sheet is of interest, particularly in relation to lateness. Thank you for your continued co-operation with this matter.

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

Please do encourage the children to start learning a poem from the list on the school website under' Learning; Curriculum; Off By Heart'. The children may also, if they wish, choose their own poems to learn. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

We are holding our annual Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 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.

PARENT WORKSHOP – Key Stage 2 Writing

The first of our 5 Parent Workshops is this Tuesday morning at 9am in Jessica's Hall. All are very welcome to attend this session which will last about an hour and will take place in Jessica's Hall. Thank you.

Clubs

The clubs programme is now fully underway. If there are any children who haven't yet joined a club then please do see the school office. We are advising that children in Squirrel Class do not start clubs until after Christmas so please do speak with Miss Casper if you require any assistance with this. As you can see our Beekeeping Club have been getting to work and have already learnt a huge amount about extracting honey from the frames.

School Improvement Plan 2015-2016

On Wednesday a group of staff and governors met to detail what we feel are the main priorities for the coming academic year. Attached with this Newsletter is a summary of these priorities which can also be found on the school website under 'Our School; School Improvement Plan'. School improvement is an ongoing and continuous process. Consequently, this School Improvement Plan Summary is an organic document, outlining goals and current plans. Behind each of the 22 objectives will be a plan with milestones to track how we are delivering against them and these will be altered and reviewed as we go through the year. I hope that everyone will be involved in this process through consultation, helping to build capacity for further improvement. I believe we are extremely fortunate to have a staff and governing body that are so passionate about school improvement and our strength comes from a relentless focus on providing high quality learning and teaching experiences within a culture of continuous improvement. Thank you to all who have been involved in this and I would welcome any feedback parents or carers have about it.

Events

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

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar