

Leighterton Primary School



NEWSLETTER 2

10th September 2010

Dear Parents

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS



Please find in your child's school bag our data collection sheets. Can you check all details on the sheet and write down any changes/corrections and return the forms to the school office as soon as possible.

We are setting up a text messaging service to enable us to contact you by mobile instead of sending notes home, eg., in the event of a club not going ahead, a school closure etc

We will be using priority one mobile which in most cases appears to be the mother if you would prefer another mobile number please let us know. We are trying to keep costs down so using one mobile no. is our preference. The system will inform us if the message has not been received and we would therefore try to reach you as normal.

WELCOME



We would like to give a huge welcome to all our new Reception children starting this week; Monty Adamson, Owen Collingwood, Sacha Cooper, Tabatha Dann-Ward, Elise Danton, Poppy Evans, Darren Grimes, Eleanor Hubbard, Rex Preston, Dashiell Tait, Tilly Vernon and Anna Wookey.

VISIT BY HEAD OF SWR

Mr Steven Mackay Headteacher of Sir William Romney School in Tetbury did a presentation and answered parents' questions in his visit to us on Wednesday evening. He brought with him ex-Leighterton pupil Rebecca Stevens to talk about her experiences at SWR and modelled the new, very smart, SWR school uniform.

Mr Mackay talked about how the school is improving in all aspects from academic results to pupil behaviour and internal

re-decoration at the school and the steps he is taking to further develop SWR.

Mr Mackay finished by inviting parents and children (not just from Year 6) to their Open Evening on Monday 27th September from 7-9pm. Open Mornings Wednesday 29th September 2010 9-11am and Friday 1st October 9-11am. So do go along and parents can see the changes for themselves.

CLUBS UPDATE



There will be no football club on Friday 22nd October as we have an INSET day that day. The teaching staff are attending cluster training at Chavenage House that day. The club will run for 12 sessions rather than 13. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Year 5/6 Netball will commence with Mrs Jones after half term. This is the same arrangement as last year. First Steps Year 3/4 Netball will cease after half term.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We would like to run Cross Country Club during the Autumn and Spring term but we do not have staff availability this term. If any parents would be interested in running Cross Country Club this term then please do come in and discuss it with myself and Mrs Jones.

The staff at Leighterton are fully committed to our programme of extra-curricular clubs. For a school of our size we provide a staggering selection of clubs over the course of the year. I am always incredibly grateful for the dedication shown by the staff and volunteer parents who run clubs for us.

PTFA NEWS

For new parents the PTFA is our school parents/teachers and friends association. All

parents automatically become members when their children start school. The PTFA organises a number of fundraising and social events throughout the year including the Xmas Bazaar and Summer fete, 3 discos a year for the children, Bingo and Quiz nights, pamper evenings and auctions to name but a few. The first event of the year will be the New Parents evening to be held on the evening of Thursday 23rd September when new parents are invited to have a drink and some food with me and some of the PTFA Committee.

On Thursday 30th September at 7pm the PTFA AGM will take place in the school hall immediately followed by the first PTFA Committee Meeting of the year. The present joint chairs are looking to stand down and so we will be looking for new people to join the committee. Please come along as the PTFA is increasingly playing a vital role in providing funds for resources for the school and events need plenty of people to organise them.

CRAB APPLE COLLECTION

We are taking part this term in a project in conjunction with Tracklements who produce traditional accompaniments for food, based in Sherston. They provided us with lots of free samples to use in our food week last term.

The aim is for our pupils to collect as many crab apples as possible. The idea is that for each kilo of apples collected by our pupils, Tracklements will give 50p to our school. They

will also put a further 25p from the sale of each jar of Crab Apple Jelly which is sold into a charitable pot. The school that collects the most crab apples will decide which charity benefits from the money. If we were lucky enough to win we would make donations to the Disaster Emergency Committee for the floods in Pakistan.

Tracklements would like us to try and collect 200 kilos of crab apples! We have been given maps (enclosed with this week's newsletter) to show us where some of the crab apple trees are in our area. You may well know of some others.

Class 1 are going to investigate the crab apple tree at the "Tump". Other classes may well go out crab apple hunting as well but we will need parents to go out crab apple hunting with their children to boost our haul.

Thank you in anticipation of your help with this fundraising effort. Happy Hunting!

**TETBURY RFC
MINIS & JUNIORS
FUN OPEN DAY
BBQ & BAR
SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER
10.30 - 12.00PM The REC, Tetbury
Ages 5 - 16 Make new friends
Play Tag/Rugby, Team Spirit,
Unbeaten last season
TetburyRFCJuniors@hotmail.com**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 13th - Guitar Tuition begins

September 21st - 8 pupils go to Tracey Corderoy Book Launch

September 23rd - PTFA New Parents Evening

September 27th - Swimming starts for Class 4 Personal Survival Skills

September 30th - PTFA AGM 7pm the school hall

October 4th - School Council Elections this week.

October 11th - Environmental Theme Week

October 13th - Parent Curriculum Evening and Stories for Children .

October 14th - 9.30-11.30 Open Morning

October 18th and 20th - Parent Consultation evenings

October 21st - 1.30pm Harvest Festival and Appeal for Floods in Pakistan

October 21st - Halloween Disco

October 22nd - INSET School Closed

October 25th-29th - Half Term. November 1st - INSET School Closed