

# Leighterton Primary School



NEWSLETTER 35

10<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION



We are now able to once again run our School Nurse Drop in sessions. Our first session with our new school nurse, Mrs Pam Andrews, is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, between 2 and 3pm. If you would like to take up this opportunity of meeting with a healthcare professional, then please ring the school office to make an appointment. All sessions are totally private and confidential, as the sessions are held in my office, which I vacate for the hour. She is willing to chat to you about issues including continence and bed wetting, head lice, emotional support, behavioural support, diet and exercise, hearing and language concerns or support with other medical needs. This service has proved very popular in past years and Pam is very approachable.

## FAMILY AND PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID COURSE FOR PARENTS

*Would you know what to do if your child was choking?*

*Don't put off learning these essential skills.*

*We are currently looking to run a Paediatric Family based First Aid course to enable parents to have the essential skills, if ever needed in an emergency.*

*Date: to be confirmed depending on uptake.*

*Probably a Saturday morning 9am- 1pm or 10am- 2pm*

*Venue : School Hall*

*Cost £25 approx*

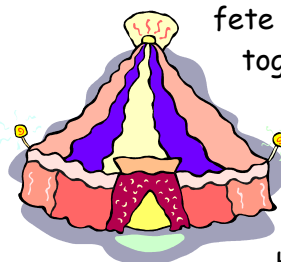
*Course Content: Paediatric First Aid covering choking and resuscitation etc. Training to be delivered by a qualified instructor as recommended by Swindon Surestart.*

*If you are interested please sign up in the school office.*

*Any Queries please contact Kirsty Honey on 01666 504151*

## "Circus" Summer Fete

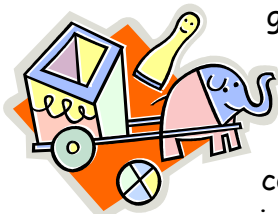
It is now only 4 weeks until the annual summer fete and we are busy putting together what will be a great day for everyone. The children are already drawing pictures for the programme, we'll have a bouncy castle, BBQ, paella,



cakes, popcorn, toffee apples and sweets. There will be lots of circus themed games, tractor rides, fortune telling, face painting, hair braiding and plenty of stalls selling jewellery, toiletries, pashminas and more. There will be a "circus" fancy dress parade with prizes for the best outfits. Entrance to the fete is only £2 for adults with children going free, so it should be a great value family day out. We're adding more events all time, so if you have any bright ideas do let us know and we're always looking for volunteers to help on the day. We're obviously trying to raise as much money as we can for the school so please come and show your support.

## Toys and Books

As usual at this time of year we are looking for good quality toys, books and DVDs (children and adult) for sale at the summer fete. From Monday, there will be collection boxes in the KS1 corridor, so please check at home for any unwanted or outgrown items that could be of use. In addition to helping to raise money at the fete, the teachers will have the opportunity to look through the donations for anything they can use in their classrooms.



## Circus Drawing Competition

Just a reminder to all children that the closing date for the competition is Monday 13th June. All you need to do to enter the competition is draw a picture on the theme of "circus", write your name on the back and bring it in to school on Monday. All entries will be judged by art curator Beth Alden from Brewery Arts Centre. There is a prize for the winning entry in each year group and the overall winner will have their picture printed on the front cover of this year's summer fete programme.



## WATERPROOF COATS

We do like the children to have outside play in all but the most extreme of weather conditions, so it is really important that they have a waterproof coat with them at all times. A "Kag in a Bag" type of coat may be useful to put your child's PE bag if they usually bring a school fleece, rather than a waterproof, to school normally.

This week, a number of children have not brought a coat to school, despite the ongoing unsettled conditions. Some children have had to come in when we have had showers.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

## SPRING DANCING EVENT

We will be holding our annual Spring Dancing event, on the afternoon of June 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope the weather will be kind to us, so that we can all be outside on the playground. This event

has happened every year at Leighterton since the school opened in 1907. The children will be doing a couple of dances with their classes and then parents are invited to join in. So do please come along at 1.30pm. There will be refreshments to follow at the end of the event. It is one of



the highlights of the school year. If the weather is inclement the event will go ahead in a modified format in the school hall.

## RECEPTION/YEAR 1 CLUSTER SPORTS

Next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, Leighterton School will be holding the Reception/Year 1 Cluster Sports event. Miss Hayward has asked if there are any parents available, from any classes, to help with refreshments and supervision of the children, during their activities. Please contact the school office, or Miss Hayward, if you would like to help out.

## Y6 TRIP by Will Oliver and Toby Hammond

Mount Severn was an activity packed week of fun. Firstly, when we arrived, we unpacked, had a fire drill then set off on a long walk and freezing, but refreshing swim in the river.

The evening activities included Survival Challenge, Nightline, Orienteering and the leaving barbecue. Everybody enjoyed every second of them.

In the days we did lots of water based activities such as kayaking, raft building, swimming and other fantastic activities. All in all everyone enjoyed and had possibly one of the best weeks of our lives!



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

We will be bringing the second hand uniform to sell at the ice cream cafe next Tuesday – 14<sup>th</sup> June 3-4pm.

We'll also bring the items from the lost property box so do come and have a look what we've got.

Please also bring us your outgrown uniform – we are particularly short of the larger sizes and also need more Reception sized items to offer for sale at the New Parents' Evening on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

All funds raised go to the PTFA so your child(ren) will benefit & as we are much cheaper than the shops, you'll save yourself money too!

Many thanks.  
Jane and Seema

Contact details – now held in the office Seema Bowers - KS1 sizes  
Jane Weyman - KS2 sizes

## **Dates for the Diary**

June 13<sup>th</sup> - Leaver's Photos  
June 14<sup>th</sup> - District Sports  
June 15<sup>th</sup> - Spring Country Dancing 1.30pm  
June 16<sup>th</sup> - Infant Cluster Sports  
June 20<sup>th</sup> - New Parents Evening 7pm  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Class 3 trip to Sevington School  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Class 1 & 2 trip to Weston - Super- Mare  
June 24<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Cluster Sports  
June 27<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Percussion Workshops.  
June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - Reception Induction mornings 9-10am  
June 28<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Rounders Festival at SWR  
June 30<sup>th</sup> - Area Sports  
July 1<sup>st</sup> - Buggy Malone Dress Rehearsal 1pm  
July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - Buggy Malone Productions 7pm.  
July 7<sup>th</sup> - Class 2 Multiskills at Leighterton 1-2.30pm  
July 8<sup>th</sup> - Mufti Day for prizes for Bottle Tombola.  
July 9<sup>th</sup> - Summer Fete 12-3  
July 12<sup>th</sup> - Musical Soiree 7pm  
July 12<sup>th</sup> - Teddy Bears Picnic.  
July 14<sup>th</sup> - Leaver's Disco  
July 18<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day 1.30pm  
July 19<sup>th</sup> - Talent Show 1.30pm  
July 20<sup>th</sup> - Leaver's Assembly 1.30pm  
July 21<sup>st</sup> - Leaver's Lunch  
July 21<sup>st</sup> - End of Term 3pm

## **INSET 2011/2012**

**We have now set the dates for INSET days for 2011/2012. We thought parents would like to have them in advance for holiday planning etc.**

**Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Cowboys and Indians to attend Didmarton Village Wild West Day – Yee Ha!**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June @ Didmarton Village Hall  
2:00pm – Late!**

**Family fun all day – ‘Ho Down’ starts @ 6:00pm**

**Barn Dance with caller and LIVE band - Licensed Bar - ‘Family Friendly’ cricket match - BBQ - Pony Rides  
Face painting - Fancy Dress Competition**

**£10 per family ticket in advance**

**£4 per adult ticket in advance**

**£5 per person on the day**

**Call Rachel Yandell on 01454 238 096  
to book your tickets now! Please also let us know if you can help on the day!**

**All profits go to Didmarton Playgroup and Didmarton Village Hall**