

Leighterton Primary School



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Dear Parents

Summer Fete by Mrs Halls

How did we get away with it? Saturday morning threatened a biblical storm and the wind was strong enough to lift the marquees off the ground as some very worried PTFA supporters valiantly battled

to set up the school grounds for the fete. Somehow, as if by magic, at midday the sun came out and the wind dropped and everything looked a whole lot better. There followed a great afternoon of entertainment for everyone with lots of games, 2 bouncy castles, trailer rides, pony rides, a dance display, tombolas for sweets, bottles and circus hats, face painting, gifts, toys, a fancy dress parade, and even a fortune teller who looked suspiciously like she had a vested interest in foretelling the children's need for extra effort at school! All this was topped off

with plenty of refreshments - burgers, hot dogs, an extremely popular paella, drinks, ice cream, toffee apples and popcorn - so absolutely no one was left hungry.

Everyone appeared to have a fantastic afternoon which ended with the announcing of the raffle winners, the latest 100 club winners and the winners of the various competitions that had been running during the afternoon. Special thanks to Barton End Stables, Splashdance, Dursley Dog and the many, many families of helpers who worked so hard to make the event happen.

Everyone's effort and huge contribution has made a massive profit for the school of £2,200 (final exact figure to be confirmed). Thank you.



HUNDRED CLUB DRAW WINNERS

Mrs Weyman - £100

Mrs Freeman - £50

Mrs Howe- £50

Mrs L. Evans £20

Mrs Cowperthwaite- £20

CIRCUS HAT COMPETITION

The winners of the crafted Circus Hats competition were as follows:

Reception - Monty Adamson

Year 1 - Henry Yandell

Year 2 - Rubie Wing

Year 3- Jack Glew

Year 4 - Lewis Wing

Year 5 - Will Oliver

Year 6- Joshua Bleasdale

Overall winner Henry Yandell

All winners received a small prize.



PTFA Committee Update from Mrs Halls

Thanks to everyone for a really great year of fundraising and social events. I think we managed to put forward some new and different ideas along with our more traditional affairs and raised a lot of money for the school in the process. Final exact figures have yet to be confirmed but the grand total that you have raised since last September currently stands at around £7,000. (A full breakdown of fundraising, costs and spending will be presented at the PTFA AGM on September 21st - all welcome.)

In spending this money we've tried to strike a balance between providing some very necessary resources and equipment that are

no longer covered by the school's normal budget, mixed with special treats that the children may not otherwise experience. Your money has gone towards Sports coaching on Friday afternoons (enrichment) - £1980
 Music and DT resources - £550
 Abacus maths workbooks - £80
 Art resources - £610
 Coaches to the Xmas Pantomime - £550
 New microwave - £50
 Percussion workshop for class 3 - £180
 Petrol contribution for class 4 residential trip - £200
 Hire of staging and lighting for KS2 Buggy Malone production - £140
 Leavers' books - £160
 Birds of Prey display - £135
 Teddy Bears' Picnic - £36
 Classroom resources - £800 (£200 per class)
 Obviously there is still some spending to be done as no one dared hope that Saturday's fete would generate quite such an impressive profit. As yet, Mrs Kiss has not put forward any specific proposals but whatever she requests is bound to be educational, fun and of great benefit to all the children. Thank you again to all the parents and staff for the continued help, support and generosity which make Leighterton such a great school for our children.
 Cath Halls – Leighterton PTFA

Leavers' Disco



Last night saw the annual Leavers' Disco take place in the school hall. KS1 as usual danced, played games, consumed enough sweets, biscuits, crisps and squash to sink a battleship and had a riotous time with the ever popular DJ Steve. KS2 had an altogether more elaborate affair with their "Beach Party" themed evening. The parents of the year 6 children pulled out all the stops to decorate the hall and make the evening really special. There was a VIP area, special cocktails, photographs and a host of extra games to complement the dancing and the amazing beach costumes. Yet another great night but sad to see the end of another year and with it the departure of more friends and familiar faces.

Musical Soiree

On Tuesday evening we had one of our annual favourites, the Musical Soiree. All of our pupils who learn an instrument at school or at home are invited to take part along with the school choir and one or two extras. It was very sad this year that Mrs Fynn was unable to

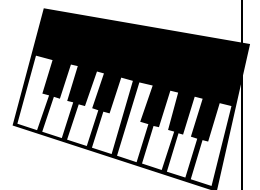


attend the event as she has been struck down by illness. Still we thought that the show must go on. A huge thank you to Mrs Ward and Mrs Hampton who sorted out the organisation in Mrs Fynn's absence. We were lucky enough to also have support on the night from some of our peripatetic music teachers; Mr Coldrick our drum teacher, Mrs Mills our guitar teacher and Mr Ellsmore our brass teacher. As well as a superb range of items from the children, we had a short demonstration from Mr Ellsmore. All the children did a fantastic job. It should never be underestimated how much courage it



takes to go up in front of such a large audience and perform. But as Mr Ellsmore said it does give the children a reason to learn and practise their instruments if they know they will perform at the end of it.

Thank you also to all the other staff and parents who helped the evening to be such a success.



NEW CHAIR FOR PTFA Reminder

Mrs Halls has done an absolutely fantastic job as PTFA Chair this year, but she is unfortunately unable to continue as her family are moving abroad. We do feel that leaving the country is a rather extreme way of getting out of performing the role for a second year but we wish the Halls family every success in the future!

NEW CHAIR FOR PTFA Reminder - continued

We are therefore looking for someone who can take over the helm from late September.

Mrs Halls has kindly agreed to continue up until the AGM, which will also include the organisation of the September event. So please come forward as we are becoming ever more dependent on the PTFA to help our fundraising efforts. We do need your help. Thank you.

Sponsored Family Walk –



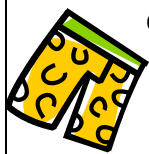
Saturday September 24th. Plans are already underway to organise a fundraising event next term. We are going to get as many Leighterton Primary

School families as we can, to walk from Didmarton Village to the school and to find people to sponsor us to do it. As usual we're planning to make a full afternoon of it with the walk being followed by a barbeque and games in the school field.

More details will follow in September, but make sure to put the date in your diary now - Saturday 24th September.

PANTS COLLECTION REMINDER

At Christmas we collected gloves for a charity helping the homeless in Bristol and now we are going to collect mens' and ladies' underwear. They do not need to be brand new but they do have to be very clean! Please send them into the school office.



SUMMER ACTIVITY COURSES REMINDER



Cheltenham Town FC will be running their Multi-Sports holiday courses again this summer, here at Leighterton Primary School. They will be run by Miles Baxter, from CTFC, along with other Qualified CTFC coaches. There are 2 separate courses running, the first is **MON 25TH JULY - THURSDAY 28TH JULY** (a 4 day course) and the second is running from **MON 22ND AUGUST - THURSDAY**

25TH AUGUST (also a 4 day course). The courses once again run from 9am till 3pm for children aged 5-13. The cost is £12 per day, or at a discounted price of 4 days, for £45, if booked for all 4 days - which is just over £11 per day! All participants will receive prizes, and there will also be special awards given out. All coaches hold FA coaching certificates and have an enhanced CRB check. The Multi-Sports courses will cover all sports, including football, tag rugby, tennis, netball, hockey, basketball, athletics, dodge ball, cricket, rounders and more! To find out more about the courses and how to book on please visit www.ctfccp.com, e-mail community@ctfc.com, phone **01242 518630**.



Edwards & Ward

On the last day of term there will be a change to the menu, Friday's menu will replace Thursday's:-

A = Fish Fingers, or **B** = Roast vegetable and cheddar baguette, or **C** = Ham Salad Also, please can we remind you to check that your ParentPay account is up-to-date and no money outstanding. Please can you fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter if your child would like a school lunch.

LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Our annual Leavers Assembly will take place next Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend but seating priority will be for the parents who have children leaving this summer.



CIRCUS CLUB from Mr Crick - years 5 & 6



This is a proposed after-school club for the autumn term, and if it is successful and popular may carry on and be available to other year groups. Mr Crick has worked for Britain's's first Circus school, Fooltime, in Bristol, as well as helping out at the Circus Space in London, NoFitState Circus in Wales and Swamp Circus in Sheffield. The focus will be on learning new

and fun skills, and will include juggling, diabolos, teeter-board, stilts, unicycle, spinning plates, devil-sticks and close-up magic. Some performance skills will be taught as well, adding to a child's confidence and ability to relax in front of an audience. Circus skills need to be learned, and this is a learning class where the skills will be taught in a fun



and age appropriate way. All the usual CRB, Health and Safety checks, Risk Assessments and Insurance will be in place.

This class will run after school, have a maximum of 20 persons attending (payment in advance half termly please), run through 12 weeks and cost £3 per child per session, total cost £36. All equipment will be provided.

Dates for the Diary

- July 18th - Sports Day 1.30pm
- July 19th - Talent Show 1.30pm
- July 20th - Leaver's Assembly 1.30pm
- July 21st - Leaver's Lunch
- July 21st - End of Term 3pm

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- September 1st INSET Day
 - September 2nd- New Term Starts for Pupils in Years 1-6
 - September 5th - Reception Pupils start
 - September 24th - PTFA Sponsored Walk and Barbecue.

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My Child would like to take part in
 I agree to pay £36 for a series of 12 After School Clubs sessions which I will pay at the beginning of next term.

Signed Name.....

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Edwards & Ward

Name _____

Please circle a choice **A** **B** **C**

Signed

This club will run on a Wednesday evening. If we have more than 20 children who want to do the club then we will run another club in the Spring Term.

Please sign up on the slip at the bottom of the newsletter

SPORTS DAY

We are hoping to hold our annual Sports Day event on Monday afternoon at 1.30pm. This year all the races will have a Circus theme. All parents are very welcome to attend. In the case of bad weather on the day the event may be cancelled so please keep an eye on your mobiles in case we need to send a text message.