

Leighterton Primary School



NEWSLETTER 4

24th September 2010

Dear Parents

DON'T FORGET THE CRAB APPLES

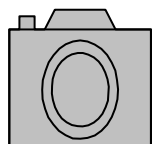


Thank you to all families who have picked crab apples for our collection and brought them into school. Last week we collected a further 40kg, thus we have 75kg altogether. We get 50p from

Tracklements for school for every kilogramme that is collected. Our target is 200kg so we still have a way to go on our "Crabappleometer". Please help us with this enjoyable fundraiser for the school.

If we collect more than other local schools they will also make a donation to a charity of our choice.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER REMINDER



The school photographer, Leigh Hibbs, will be taking the annual school photographs on Monday 27th Sept.

If you have pre-school children who would like to be photographed along with their siblings, then please bring them in at 8.45am.

ITALIAN CLUB REMINDER



A reminder that Mrs Hartley is running a new Italian Club on Friday afternoons from 3.00- 3.40pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn the basics of another language and for only £1 for the term! Mrs Hartley is planning to run it as a fun club so it will not be

like a formal lesson.

PUFFIN BOOK CLUB REMINDER

If you would like to place an order, please can it be returned to the school office by Monday 27th Sept.

SCHOOL THEATRE TRIPS REMINDER

Thank you to parents who have already filled on the permission slip and voluntary contribution.

If you have not done so already please fill in the permission slip at the bottom of the newsletter along with a voluntary contribution of £10.00



to cover the cost of their ticket and an ice lolly. Payments can also be made online through Parent Pay. We keep the costs down for these trips by having the coach transport subsidised by the PTFA and buying the tickets before the summer break.

Please be aware that although we ask for voluntary contributions these trips will not be able to proceed if we do not receive enough contributions to cover costs.

PTFA AGM REMINDER

A reminder that the first meeting of the PTFA of the year will take place next Thursday 30th September at 8pm rather than at 7pm as previously advertised.

BOOK CLUB LAUNCH

Mrs Williams, Mr Wilson and myself went off to The Barn Owl Centre at Netheridge Farm Gloucester, for the book launch of Mrs Tracey Corderoy's latest book for Little Tiger Press "The Little White Owl." We had held a prize draw to decide who was going to go and the lucky names that came out of the hat were Travis and Tegan Wood, Martha and Lorna Evans, Logan Smith, Clarissa Wilson, Bailey Jones and Lottie Weyman.

We started off looking around the centre and each child was given an owl card with a particular owl to find. We saw a large number of birds that had been rescued including British owls, European



Eagle owls and a Golden Eagle. We then went inside and Mrs Corderoy read us her new story and we then had the opportunity to hold and fly a barn owl called Gysmo.

Each child had a goody bag with materials to make their own owl book mark.

Everybody had a fantastic and we felt very honoured to be invited along.

Leighterton have been given the opportunity for one week only to buy a hardback copy of "The Little White Owl" at the special launch price of £8 ...it is

normally retailing at £12. If you would like a copy please could you fill in the slip at the bottom of the page and make any cheques payable to "Tracey Corderoy."

NEW PARENTS EVENING

We had a very pleasant evening yesterday at the small, but very sociable gathering of new parents, current PTFA committee and myself. Convivial conversation, subdued lighting, a glass of wine and some delicious food added to the mix so that it did not feel like the Library!

Thanks go to Chris Ticehurst and the PTFA Committee for laying on the event and to all the parents who came along. Hopefully this will be the first of many events that they will attend in their time at Leighterton.

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF PTFA CHRIS TICEHURST

Hi everyone, I hope everyone has settled into being back at school again. The summer holiday seems like a long and distant memory already!

Well, we had our first social event of the new school year last night- the New Parents Evening- to meet and welcome parents of the children that had just started in Reception. It was a friendly and informal evening, we had a good turn out and it was great to meet everyone over wine and nibbles.

As I'm sure you all know it is the PTFA AGM next Thursday. Tania Davies and myself will be stepping down as chairs of the committee so we will need to elect a new chair or co-chairs. We are both keen and happy to stay on the committee, be involved and give as much help as we can, so whoever steps up will have plenty of

support. I must say, I have really enjoyed my year as co-chair ...it is lovely to be involved with what is going on at school. It's a great way to meet new friends and if you do as Tania and I did and split the role, it is a) more fun and b) less work! All it takes is a few good ideas, being vaguely organised and delegation skills!

On a serious note though, the PTFA plays a vital part in fundraising for the school. Without the funds that we raise (obviously with the support of all you parents out there) the children would all miss out on so many things. No Christmas Panto, sports coaching etc. It is also pivotal in creating a social community between the parents and staff.

So..... don't just sit at home and say "Oh I'm sure someone else will do it"....8pm in the school hall next Thursday, everybody is very welcome and if you don't want to be involved in the committee, just come along to see what it's all about.

Look forward to seeing you Chris T☺

CAR PARK AND ROAD REMINDER

We are continuing to receive complaints about the speed and lack of consideration that some of our school community are showing in the car park and lane. Please can we remind all our parents that there is a one way system that operates inside the school car park for the safety of all our school community. Please turn left as you enter the school gate wherever you intend to park. The car park does become rather congested at peak times and it is vitally important that we all drive with particular care and consideration and at a very slow speed.

If you need to park your car please be aware that it is important to keep the thoroughfare open.

Thank you for your help.

FOR SALE

Half size black electric guitar complete with amp. It is in excellent condition. Reason for sale pupil outgrown it. £30 Please see Mrs Glew.

Dates for the Diary

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

September 30th - PTFA AGM

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 19th School Bookfair.

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

November 8th - Class 3 Swimming starts

December 7th - Dress Rehearsal for Nativity

December 8th / 9th Infant Nativity and Junior Christmas Carol event.

December 14th - Christmas Theatre Trips.

December 15th /16th Xmas Parties and School Xmas Lunches

December 17th - End of Term School will close after lunch at 12.30pm.

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Theatre Permission Slip -

I give permission for _____ Class _____

To join the theatre trip 14th December 2010

I am using the online ParentPay facility (please tick)

I enclosed a voluntary contribution of £10.00 (please

tick)

Signed _____

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CLUBS

I give permission for _____ class _____

To attend the following

CLUB	DAY

I enclose £1 as voluntary fee for this club for terms 1 & 2

Signed _____

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I would like to purchasecopies of Tracey Corderoy's " The Little White Owl" at a cost of £8 per book.

I enclose a cheque forpounds.

Name.....gg