

Leighterton Primary School



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NEWSLETTER 40

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Dear Parents

Here we are 40 Newsletters on from the beginning of the school year. It just remains to wish all of you a super summer break and hope that the sun does shine on us again in Leighterton. We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Travis Wood. We wish them every success in the next stage of their school careers. We also say goodbye to Reuben Fysh from Class 2. We wish him all the best and hope he enjoys his new school.

STAFF GOODBYES

We also have a couple of staff to say goodbye to. Miss Pollard, who has been working in Class 3 over the last year, is off to Birmingham to train as a teacher. Mrs Barber who has been working in Class 4 over the last year is leaving us to take up a full time position in Chipping Sodbury. The gaps in cover are to be filled by myself and Mrs Clifford Gaunt. We would like to thank both of these excellent members of staff for their professionalism and commitment in their time with us. We wish them every success for the future.

COAT STILL MISSING

Could parents have a final check at home for a red standard school coat with blue lining. The name Hatty Nixon is written on the label. Please can you make sure that your child has been wearing the right coat. Thank you for your help in this matter.



DON'T FORGET THE PANTS

We have not had very much response as yet for our appeal for PANTS (ladies and gents) for the homeless in Bristol. We will be continuing the collection in September but would really appreciate it if you could donate some items. They do not have to be new as long as they are clean and in good condition.

PUPIL GOODBYES

As always at the end of a school year it is always sad to say goodbye to some of our familiar faces. Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils who are going off to Secondary school after the summer break. These are Joshua Bleasdale, Henry Bugg, Oliver Brydon-Hill, Georgia Davis, Oliver Davis, Beth Edwards, Catherine Freeman, William Hampton, Darcy Hanson, Alexa Savage, Oliver Ursell, Phillippa Wilson and

NEW CHAIR FOR PTFA Reminder "Let's be Having You."

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!

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.



CIRCUS CLUB from Mr Crick - Years 5 & 6 Reminder

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 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.

SPORTS DAY

We nearly gave up on Monday morning with the idea of a Sports Day as the weather forecast was grim. But we held our nerve and the rain held off so that we were able to go ahead with this firm school favourite. We were not basking in sunshine but this had some advantages as we did not have to worry about gazebos or children and parents overheating and getting sunburnt. In fact my hands felt like ice when I came back into the office!! July weather?

Despite the blustery weather our Circus themed afternoon of a mixture of sprints, relays and novelty races went off well. We had a slight variation on the parents' races this year as it was a three legged race rather than a traditional sprint. We have had rather a lot of accidents and near misses in recent years with the grown ups and so we wanted to slow it down a little. The children finished off their chilly afternoon with a large ice pop rather than a hot chocolate which in retrospect may have been a better idea.

Thank you once again to staff, ex-pupils and parents who helped on the day with refreshments, stickers etc.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

This afternoon we had our usual emotional farewell to our Year 6 and other leavers in our traditional end of year assembly. We always have a varied programme that includes a hymn, leavers' song, presentation of leaver' gifts, memories, awards etc. It is always sad to see our Y6 go but we are also very proud that we have helped these young people in their journey through education to prepare them for the next stage of their learning. Thank you to the staff, pupils and parents who helped put together the event.

TALENT SHOW

We had a fantastic afternoon yesterday at our annual talent show. We had nearly 30 acts taking part including a variety of talents such as songs, gym routines, joke telling, magic tricks, instrumental pieces, dancers and playground games. We had a panel of judges consisting of Mrs Harris, Ellen Trueman and Miss Weller, who chose our winners. They found it very difficult to pick any winners as the children all tried so hard and had very different strengths.

Congratulations to our top three acts this year. Minami Street came first playing the piano. The Year 6 boys came second doing a dance to "Bad" by Michael Jackson and third came Ella Harries -Jacob, Chloe Ward and Freya-Anne Bleakley, singing and playing the recorder. All the winners got to share some boxes of chocolates and all children who took part received a certificate. A huge, well done to all the children who took part in this ever popular event.

Dates for the Diary

July 21st - Leaver's Lunch

July 21st - End of Term 3pm

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 Circus Skills

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.....