

Leighterton Primary School

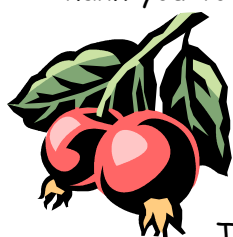


NEWSLETTER 5

1st October 2010

Dear Parents

KEEP GOING WITH 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 29kg, thus we have 104kg altogether. We get 50p from Tricklements 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.

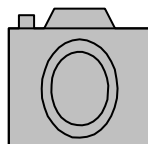
SPLASHDANCE

Last week Charlotte, who runs the Splashdance dancing school, came in and did a very lively assembly with us on Friday afternoon. She came to advertise her dancing classes in street dance, hip hop, ballet, tap and modern which take place in Tetbury, Sherston and Chalford.

She also shared with us what her job entails as part of a series of Friday assemblies on "Interesting" jobs.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer, Leigh Hibbs came in to take the annual school photographs on Monday. To provide parents with more choice this year Leigh has taken children in two different poses and with a white background.



SCHOOL THEATRE TRIPS FINAL REMINDER



Thank you to parents who have already filled out 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.

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.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK OCTOBER 11th - 15th

You will have received a letter in the book bags outlining in detail the activities that are going to take place in our Environment Week commencing on October 11th. The Key events will be the opportunity for children to have a waste free lunch and dress in something in green on the Monday. There will also be a Parent and Child event on the Wednesday evening and on the Thursday morning we will be holding our Open Morning event. On this occasion our existing parents and prospective parents are invited to come and see the school in operation as well as have a cup of coffee in the hall and meet with some of the members of the Governing Body and the PTFA. This event will run from 9.30-11.30 am.

During the course of the week the children will be doing a variety of environmental based activities with their classes.

PARENT AND CHILD GREEN EVENT

On Wednesday 13th October 6-7pm approx, there will be the Parent Curriculum event when Mrs Fynn and I will speak to the parents about the types of Environmental Education we do in school and do some fun activities. Whilst the parents are doing this the children will have stories and DVDs linked to the "Green Theme" and have a biscuit and cup of hot chocolate. The children are welcome to wear their pyjamas to this bedtime event. Please do come and take part. Please fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter to indicate whether your family will be attending.

PTFA AGM URGENT

Last night saw the PTFA AGM followed by the first committee meeting of the year. The first business was to give the reports for the year followed by election of new officers. The secretary Kate Honeyborne and the treasurer Lorraine Walker had agreed to stand again. The joint chairs

Chris Ticehurst and Tania Davies both stood down. We would like to say a huge thank you to them for the fantastic effort they have put in over the last year.

WE WERE UNABLE TO RECRUIT A NEW CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE. WE HAVE PLENTY OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS BUT NONE WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO TAKE OVER THE ROLE. THE CHARITY COMMISSION STATES THAT THERE MUST BE A CHAIR OR ELSE IT MAY BE FORCED TO FOLD. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF SUPPORT FOR A NEW CHAIR SO IF YOU COULD SPARE A BIT OF TIME PLEASE COME FORWARD AS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR SCHOOL.

At the bottom of the newsletter is a copy of a round up by Tania Davies of what the PTFA did last year. As you see we had a very busy year raising funds and having social events.

MESSAGE FROM HAZEL BLACKBURN

An information day for adults worried about redundancy, unemployment, looking for a job or a change in career and need advice about retraining. Drop in and meet advisors from organisations such as Job Centre Plus, Cirencester College, Citizens Advice, Bromford Housing, The Churn and Cirencester Volunteer Services. Discuss training opportunities, benefits, creating a CV, job vacancies, setting up your own business, apprenticeships or becoming a volunteer.

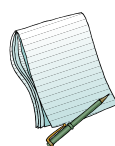
This is a free, drop in event for local people and everyone is welcome. Any enquiries contact Hazel Blackburn, Cirencester College at hmb@cirencester.ac.uk or telephone 01285 653961.

Job Hunting & Training Advice
at Bingham House, Dyer Street, Cirencester
on Tuesday 12 October 2010 from 11-4pm.
Free public drop-in.

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CLERK TO GOVERNORS VACANCY



We still have a vacancy for Clerk to the Governors which pays a flat rate for the year of approx £430. The job involves taking minutes at Governor Meetings, six times a year (usually Tuesday evenings) and then sending them out to the Governors. The Clerk also produces the agenda with the chair of Governors and deals with occasional correspondence and admin for the election of Governors.

If you are interested in the position please contact the school office.

We would also like to thank Jackie Cook our current Clerk to the Governors who has done an excellent and very professional job over the last few years and has carried on in the short term until we can fill the position.

OPEN MORNING AT LEIGHTERTON SCHOOL OCTOBER 14th 9.30-11.30am
COME AND SEE OUR INSPIRED CREATIVE THEMED CURRICULUM.

Dates for the Diary

- 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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CHILD AND PARENT ENVIRONMENT EVENING

We will / will not be attending (please delete as appropriate) the ENVIRONMENT EVENING on Wednesday October 13th

Name.....
Number of Adults attending.....
Number of children attending.....



LEIGHTERTON PTFA 2009/2010 Round Up

We are lucky to have a keen and friendly committee at Leighterton PTFA. All parents are automatically members of the PTFA and can play their part either by being involved in the committee or supporting the events that are organised.

OUR MISSION

Our aim is to provide extra funds for various things that the normal school budget does not cover and also to organise fun and sociable events for parents and children to enjoy.

2009/10 OBJECTIVES/TARGETS

We aimed to generate at least £3,000 from events to fund equipment, activities and contributions to child development.

We successfully raised £4,968

We spent some on the following:

Large PE Apparatus	£1,800
Enrichment Programme Contribution	£1,800
Pantomime Coaches	£ 535
New Urn	£ 103
Overhead Projector	£ 226
Gazebos	£ 29
Text Books	£ 223

Total Spend at end July £4,716

EVENTS

We held the following events to raise the money:

- New Parents Evening
- Coffee Morning
- 100 Club
- T-Towels
- Halloween Disco
- Bonfire Night
- School Uniform
- Christmas Bazaar
- Carols By Candlelight
- Valentines Disco
- Pamper Evening
- Mother's Day Presents
- Bingo Evening
- Quiz Night
- School Fete
- Leavers Disco
- Ice Cream Stall - Wednesdays

All events are organised by the committee in conjunction with the school and are thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and parents and friends.

