

# Leighterton Primary School



NEWSLETTER 5

30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

<http://www.leighterton-school.co.uk>

Dear Parents

## JEANS FOR GENES DAY REMINDER



On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking part in the annual Jeans for Genes day event. On that day children are permitted to come to school in their jeans in return for a donation to our collection. The money raised goes to the Jeans for Genes campaign that funds better care for children affected by genetic disorders, research into the causes and even cures for these disorders. For more information please visit [www.jeansforgenes.com](http://www.jeansforgenes.com)



Thank you for your help and support

## Sponsored Walk

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part, we had a great afternoon last Saturday and a fantastic turn out of around 80 people for our PTFA sponsored walk. The walk from Didmarton village hall turned out to be a very sociable affair for everyone. It was lovely to see so many children taking part with great enthusiasm. Tired legs were revived with a great spread of food afterwards, washed down with a few refreshing beers. Somehow the children managed to find the energy for football and rounders as well. A special well done and thank you to Mrs Trueman and her family and to Mrs Ward and the Mallinson family, who doubled the walk in order to raise extra money.

Please hand all sponsor money into the office as soon as you can. Don't forget that we're still accepting donations from anyone who was unable to take part.

**SPONSOR MONEY IN PLEASE BY NEXT FRIDAY 7th October.**

## PTFA - Cath Halls

It is with real sadness that I find myself in the position of having to step down as chair of the PTFA - I have had a great year. I feel even greater sadness and great frustration that no one has come forward to take over. We have a great school for our children with great staff who we should support. Our school needs resources and a sense of community and it is up to us as parents to contribute in every way we can. It is hard work, it does require putting ourselves out but the rewards are well worth it and surely our children deserve it. I feel very strongly that as a parent who wants the best for my children I owe it to the school to do whatever I can to help. We're all busy people with ever increasing demands made upon us but surely someone can find the time to give something back. I do not mean to offend and those people who do make the effort are greatly appreciated but there are many more out there who have a lot to offer. Please do not take your school or its community for granted, you are in danger of compromising both.

**Next Meeting of the PTFA Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in After School Club Room.**

**Please come along to plan the events for the rest of this term.**

## Printer Ink Cartridge Recycling

We have now joined a scheme to collect and recycle printer ink cartridges with a company called Cartridge Collectors. As well as helping the environment through recycling, Cartridge Collectors will pay the

PTFA for all cartridges collected, so you will be directly helping the school. There is a collection box in Mrs Harris's office. Although most types of cartridge are accepted, please check online at [www.empties-express.co.uk](http://www.empties-express.co.uk) to ensure that we can recycle yours. Please also check at work or with relatives to see if they can help us raise money.

### **PANTS COLLECTION REMINDER**

We are collecting right up until half term. Please send them into the school office. We seem to have a lot more ladies than mens.



### **Equipment Appeal from Class 1**

Class 1 would love to offer a good home to any of the following items of equipment, in connection with their ongoing outdoor activities and projects:-

small gardening tools, small wheelbarrow, binoculars, wind-up torches, bird table, bird feeder, bird bath, saucepans/lids/spoons etc (for hanging as musical instruments), drainpipes, guttering, logs, branches (for den building), play tent, ground sheets, plants, seeds, garden kneelers, bicycle locks, picnic rug.

Please check sheds, attics and cupboards, and let Miss Hayward know as soon as possible if you are able to help, as she is about to place an order for some of the above. Thank you!

Also a huge thank you to Mrs Wendy Smith for sourcing the bulbs and pansies for us to plant in our super new raised flower bed.

### **INTERNATIONAL THEME WEEK REMINDER**

We have a themed week commencing Monday **October 10<sup>th</sup>**, when the children will be doing many activities towards our full accreditation for the International Schools Award. We already hold the intermediate level of award and we are going all guns blazing for the full award this year. We will be doing many activities towards this over the year and that week will be the launch.

On **Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding a family event between 6-7pm. The

children will be entertained by their class teachers and teaching assistants with stories from around the world. They will be given hot chocolate and biscuits. Children are invited to come in their pyjamas to this event, if they so wish.

Meanwhile the parents will attend a short meeting with myself and Miss Sarah Gaunt to chat through the International Schools project and our Modern Foreign Languages programme at Leighterton.

**On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.** We will be holding our annual open morning when parents of pupils who are in the school are invited to school along with prospective parents. All parents will get a tour of the school by one of the *Governors* to see the school in operation and see the children doing some work on our International Schools Project or French.

Please come along to any of these events.

### **CINEMA TRIPS REMINDER**

Miss Hayward has managed to secure free tickets for the children to go to the Cinema in Stroud, as part of National Film week. We have been in the past and it is a lovely experience for the children. On this occasion we could not get enough tickets for the whole school to see one film so we have arranged for KS1 and KS2 to go the cinema on two dates during the week. Classes 3 and 4 will be going on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> to a 10am screening of "Rio" and Classes 1 and 2 will be going on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October to the 10am screening of "Tangled." All children will be travelling to the cinema by coach. We will need a £3 voluntary contribution per child to cover transportation costs. Please sign the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return to school with your voluntary contribution. Thank you.

### **CRAB APPLES**

**Please find attached a map to show where you can find lots of crab apples.**

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE & LOST PROPERTY**

**3pm FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**We will be setting up stall after school either under the shelter by Class 1 or in the hall, depending on the weather.**

**Do come along and see what we've got – some items will be at knock down prices!**

**Also, don't forget to bring us your outgrown uniform – we are particularly short of the larger sizes.**

**Having cleared out the lost property box we've got various items which may belong to you including:-**

- various sweatshirts and cardis
- various boys' trousers & shorts
- black waterproof trousers size XS – would fit about age 10-11
- navy zipped O-KDS hoody age 6-7
- grey zipped Nike hoody age 10-12

**If any of these items are yours, please get in touch with Jane - any items unclaimed will be sold at the above sale to raise money for our children's school.**

**Many thanks.**

**Seema Bowers (KS1 sizes) and Jane Weyman (KS2 sizes)  
Contact details in the office.**

## **CHELTENHAM TOWN**

**We are delighted that Miles Baxter will once again be able to run his hugely popular multi-sports courses again for us this October half Term. The rates are the same as summer at £12 per day or 3 days at £35. The course will run from 9am-3pm each day. Ages 5-13 boys and girls, all abilities. Activities including Football, Tennis, Cricket, Dodgeball, Hockey, Netball and Rounders.**

**To book a place please ring 01242 518630, e-mail [community @ctfc.com](mailto:community@ctfc.com) or visit the CTFC website.**

**Also look out for booking forms in the book bags.**

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Please check the dates**

**Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> - Class 4 Cake Sale**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Genes for Jeans day**

**Week beginning October 10<sup>th</sup> - International Theme Week**

**Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> - International Theme Night 6-7pm Family Curriculum Event**

**Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> - School Open Morning 9.30-11.30am All Parents welcome.**

**Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> - "Eat with the children day" Reception children start staying to lunch.**

**Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Cinema Trip to Apollo Cinema Stroud.**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evenings.  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> -October KS1 Cinema trip to Apollo Cinema Stroud  
Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Disco  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October -Half Term  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October Cheltenham Town Multi Sports Course  
Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> - INSET School Closed to pupils.  
Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Harvest Assembly - All parents welcome 9am  
Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> - PTFA Family Event  
Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Xmas Bazaar  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime comes to School  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Xmas Productions Dress Rehearsal am  
Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> - KS1 and KS2 Xmas Productions.1pm  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> - KS1 and KS2 Xmas Productions.1pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Xmas Lunch and KS2 Xmas Party  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Lunch and KS1 Xmas Party  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term Finish 12.30pm

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I give permission for ..... (name of child) to attend the Apollo  
Cinema in Stroud on October 17<sup>th</sup> /October 20<sup>th</sup> ( Please delete as appropriate).

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £3 towards transportation costs.

Signed..... Name .....