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### Newsletter 8 Academic Year 2016/17

As ever the school has a packed schedule for the coming term. Please see the attached diary.

#### Drum workshop

We had a thumping good start to the summer term when Jeff Rich visited the school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Jeff is a world famous drummer who toured and recorded with Status Quo for sixteen years. He now runs amazing and highly engaging drum workshops for schools around the country. Jeff took the pupils through the fascinating history of the drum from prehistory to the modern kit used throughout the world today.

Following the workshop, where lots of children got to play drums and answer questions, we had a whole school percussion session with Jeff leading on his kit. It really was a superb two hours.



#### Comic Relief

The school managed to raise £215.97 from the comic relief mile challenge on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Well done to all the children for their great effort and to you for supporting our involvement in this national fund raising event.

#### Eisteddfod

This year's European Eisteddfod brought a wide range of high quality performances from all age groups, making for a day filled with lively entertainment. In the EY/ KS1 performance we heard songs from France and Sweden, a fabulous cello performance, a poem written and recited about tasty European food, and we saw paintings of Monet's garden, the Eiffel Tower as well as a fantastic map of Europe featuring all the European flags which must have taken hours to reproduce. In KS2 the performances continued into the afternoon; the audience was blown away by wonderful pieces played on the piano, flute, guitar and cello, Olympic standard gymnastic routines to music, electric dance performances by fans of "Little Mix" and a moving

singing performance by our Year 6 girl duo. The display of handwriting, paintings and drawings was great, but next year we'll be looking forward to more entries in these classes. These are just a few of the acts featured on the day; which left us all with a buzz inside and the thought ....what can I do next year? Well done to all those who entered. You were all stars! Thank you to Mrs Rennard for her organisation.

### **Football**

The Ley Hill football team played their final match of the season against Waterside School last term. We came away with a 3-1 win which was a superb way for the team to round off their series of matches.

Congratulations to Lola, Oliver, Pasha, Henry, Sean, Jonathan, Ben, Felix, Jake V, Jake P, Jake F and Nathan for their participation and exemplary attitude in the face of victory and defeat throughout the season.

### **Open Evening and 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 4.30 – 8.30pm (time to be confirmed)**

This year we will be having an Open Evening with a difference.

As many of you will be aware the school opened its doors in September 1927 and so this year we have decided that we will mark the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a special Open Evening.

The format will be unchanged for the first half of the evening with the school and all classrooms open to parents, friends, pupils and prospective parents. There will also be the usual timetable of class performances from Reception through to Y6.

Following these the evening will move to party mode. We have a 1920s jazz band booked, 'The Silver Ghosts' who will be providing a musical backdrop. We are hoping to have a dance teacher who can lead us through some dance steps from the era. There will be a BBQ and bar run by the Friends of Ley Hill School and some child friendly activities to engage the children.

Exact timings are to be confirmed and we will let you know these in the near future.

### **Y2 and Y6 SATs**

A mention is due to the hard work and effort that the pupils in Y2 and Y6 are involved in right now. As they prepare for the end of key stage tests, which the government demand, they are meeting this challenge with an excellent attitude and full commitment.

Regardless of how you may feel about these exams, most schools believe that there needs to be some kind of summative assessment at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2, not least because they really do act as an indicator for us to spot gaps in knowledge which we can work on as a whole school. For example, last year we noticed that spelling was slipping so we bought into a new whole school approach to spelling and improved how parents were informed regarding regular spelling tests during the year. They are also used to aid comparison to a national attainment averages.

### **Musician of the month - a message from Mrs Mortali**

I'm going to be doing some new things to keep music interesting and exciting for children at school. Each month I will do a music assembly where I will be rewarding a child (nominated by their music teacher) for a 'Musician of The Month' award. They will get a wonderful music trophy (which will be returned each month) and a certificate to keep. This will reward children who are learning an instrument (including singing) and hopefully encourage others to learn an instrument and join the orchestra. Also, if teachers have been doing something great in music

lessons with their class and would like to share this with the rest of the school then this slot will be a fantastic opportunity to do this.

### **Friends of Ley Hill School Summer Fayre**

Preparations are under way for the annual Summer Fayre. Please 'save the day': **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 12 – 3pm**. As always it promises to be a fantastic event full of fun and fund raising.

### **Cake Sale**

Rosie Webb and friends are holding a cake sale on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of April in aid of the East African Crisis. Well done to Rosie for her excellent organisational skills and to all the children and parents who are helping out. We will publish the total raised next time.

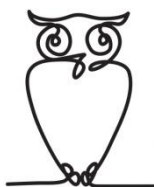
### **Staffing structure for next year**

We will be firming up the staffing structure for next academic year over the term and I will let you all know the 2017-18 organisation in early June.

Yours sincerely

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**Nigel Hoff**  
**Headteacher**



# LEY HILL SCHOOL: Academic Year 2016/17

## Summer Term

<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr to Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Apr: EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	First Day of Summer Term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School Team and Class Photographs
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Y5: PGL Parents Information Meeting
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Y4: Commence 10 weeks of swimming
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4: Shortenills Parents Information Meeting
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> May	FOLHS: Race Night
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5: School Journey to PGL, Osmington Bay, Dorset
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS Week
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3: Tennis Tournament at Chiltern Hills Academy
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	FOLHS: Sausage Sizzle
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2: Games at Chiltern Hills Academy
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6: France Parents Information Meeting
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y5: Swimming Gala
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4: School Journey to Shortenills, Chalfont St Giles
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term holiday (normal finishing time)
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June: HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y1: Athletics at Chiltern Hills Academy
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	YR: Amersham Field Studies
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y2: Kew Gardens
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	FOLHS Summer Fair
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y6: France School Journey
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	FOLHS Father's Day Secret Room
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	FOLHS Father's Day Secret Room
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5: Bikeability Training
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y3: Hampton Court Palace
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	FOLHS: Sausage Sizzle
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	FOLHS: School Disco
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y5: Walk Around Chesham
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6: Buckinghamshire Transition Day
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y1: Waddesdon Manor
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6: Hertfordshire Transition Day
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Music Evening
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6: Games at Chiltern Hill Academy
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Open Evening and 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	School Reports
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y5 & Y6: Swimming Gala
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Sports Day
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>Nursery</b> finish for the Summer holidays
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Y6: Leavers Assembly (11am)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	LAST DAY OF TERM (KS1 finish 2pm / KS2 finish 2:15pm)
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jul onwards: SUMMER HOLIDAYS (school re-opens on 6<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	

*Please note that the above dates are subject to change and we will update you accordingly.*