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Dear Parent/Carer

### Newsletter 1

I would like to start by extending a warm welcome to all our new Reception children and new children throughout the school who started with us this week. We welcome you and your families to St Leonard's and hope that your association with us will be a happy one.

I hope you all had a good summer break. The children are working hard and there is a fantastic atmosphere around school.

#### **Value for Life**

The value for this term is Thankfulness. Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. They know that their response to this provision should be one of thankfulness and praise.

#### **New website**

I am pleased to say that our new website went live on Monday. I hope that you will find it useful. There is still some content we need to add as this is an ongoing project. We are now on Twitter - please follow us @StLeonardsCEPri. We aim to use this in addition to our text messaging service to communicate information to you quickly.

#### **Meet the Teacher**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in each of the year groups from Year 1 to Year 6. These will take place in your child's classrooms from 3.15 to 3.45pm. If you have children in different year groups it will be possible to drop in to each of them. It provides you with an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and ask any questions you may have.

#### **Building update**

Over the summer, a number of improvements have been carried out in the school. The fence which was damaged at Easter has been repaired along with the addition of more substantial and secure fencing behind the Pod. The Reception Class has been painted and a new door fitted to Class 3. Class 5 has had its floor repaired and it now has a new carpet and vinyl area.

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### **School photographs**

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September (from 8am for pre-school siblings). All siblings in school will automatically be photographed together unless we receive a written request for separate photos. Please address your letter to your child's class teacher, thank you.

### **Friends of St Leonard's**

The Friends of St Leonard's is a vital part of the school community and does much to raise funds to provide extra resources for the school. The first Friends meeting this year will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Blunsdon House Hotel. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. If you are unable to make any of the meetings but would like to be kept updated on the work of the Friends, please email Georgie Sturla ([georgiesturla@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:georgiesturla@hotmail.co.uk)) and ask to be added to the mailing list. We will not be holding a Christmas Fair this year; however we still intend to run a raffle which will be drawn at the school disco. Please also start collecting any old clothing/material as we hope to organise a clothing collection before Christmas. We will also be sending out information with regard to the children being able to design their own Christmas cards. Any profits raised will go to the school fund for the interactive screens.

### **Parent volunteers/helpers**

If you are interested in helping out in school, we would love to hear from you. We are always looking to recruit people to help with reading, walks around the village, Art/DT - the list is endless! If you could give up even just a little of your spare time, please contact Mr Hogan.

### **Creative Hour**

We have decided to bring Creative Hour to an end. Although successful, we felt the time was right for a change. Instead of Creative Hour, we will be holding more curriculum days and weeks where there will be more opportunities for classes to link up and work together. Our first themed week starts on 19<sup>th</sup> November which is going to be our 'Take a Picture' Week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with Creative Hour in the past. Your support is much appreciated. If you would like to help with any of our future curriculum days/weeks you would be more than welcome. In addition to this, we intend to celebrate each of the Saints days this year. As our house colours are named after the saints - St Andrew, St David, St Patrick and St George, we thought it would be appropriate to learn a little more about them.

### **Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Festival will be held at St Leonard's Church on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. All parents/carers, friends and family are welcome to join us. We are continuing our support for the Water Aid charity and we would be grateful if families could send in a £1 donation in an envelope on the day of the service.

### **Homework**

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) homework is as follows:-

- English/Maths alternate weeks - given out on Friday - to be returned the following Tuesday
- Creative Homework - one piece each week - given out on Friday - to be returned the following Thursday

Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2) and Class R homework will be set individually by the class teacher.

All children are expected to practise their reading, spellings and times tables regularly please!

### **After school clubs**

Information about after school clubs will be sent in a separate letter.

**Open Mornings**

Open Mornings will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 9am-12pm. This is an invitation to both prospective and existing parents/carers to come and see the school in action.

**Holidays**

I would like to remind you that parents/carers are not permitted to take their children on holiday during term time. If you take your child on holiday without the school's permission you may be issued with a fine. Holiday requests will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the website for further information.

**Polite request**

A number of parents/carers have reported to me that the area closest to the school gate is very congested in the morning. We have plans to either widen the existing gate or install an additional gate, which would provide us with an alternative exit. Until this time, I would like to politely request that you do not congregate or linger in the area closest to the entrance. Thank you.

**Text Messaging Service**

If you would like to receive text messages from the school, please complete the form attached to this letter. Please only complete this if you are requesting the service for the first time.

**School dates**

Attached to this newsletter is a term time calendar for 2018-2019. A list of provisional dates is also attached. We will try as much as possible to keep to the dates, but I am sure you will understand that some may need to be changed and additions made as we go through the year.

If you have any worries or concerns about school, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Ms N Mills

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**Text Messaging Service**

I do/do not wish to receive text messages, as appropriate, from St Leonard's CE Primary Academy.

I agree to keep the school updated with my mobile telephone number.

Name of Child/ren: .....

Class/es:.....

1. Parent/Carer Name:

Mr/Mrs/Ms ..... Mobile number: .....

2. Parent/Carer Name:

Mr/Mrs/Ms ..... Mobile number: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Please return to school by Friday 21st September, thank you.