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Dear Parent/Carer

Newsletter 2

I am finding it hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 1! School has been very busy!

Boiler/Heating update

Work on replacing the boiler is well underway. Up until now, this has been confined to the boiler room itself, but work has now started in school. Work in the hall and library area should be completed over half term.

The following dates are approximate, but hopefully it will give you an idea of when things are happening. It is proposed that classes (one at a time) will have to move into the hall when the work is being carried out in their room.

Class 1 and 2 - 23rd October

Class 3 and 4 - 30th October

Class 5 - 6th November

After School Clubs

- I have been in contact with Premier Sports and unfortunately they are short staffed and therefore currently unable to offer any clubs at the moment. They have assured me that they will inform me as soon as they are in a position to do so.
- Football club is underway and takes place on a Wednesday after school.
- Auditions have been taking place for our Key Stage 2 production 'The Wind in the Willows'. Rehearsals will take place on a Monday from 3.15 to 4.15pm. A separate letter will be sent out shortly.
- Art Club for KS2 is on a Thursday and a Friday.
- Mrs Matthews will be running a Circuits Club for a maximum of 15 Year 1 and 2 children after half term.
- Mrs Porter will be starting two choirs after half term. One is for year 1 and 2 children (Thursday lunchtimes for 20 minutes) and one for Key Stage 2 children after school on a Thursday 3.15 to 4pm.
- Please complete the permission slips attached to the newsletter if you would like your child/ren to attend either the Choir or Circuits club.

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Friends of St Leonard's

Thank you to all of the Parents/Carers who attended the first Friends meeting of the year. We have a great group of people who are willing to give up some of their free time to co-ordinate a number of events throughout the year to fundraise for resources. As a result of last year's efforts, we will be purchasing two Interactive Display screens to start replacing our old interactive whiteboards. Our intention is to try and raise enough money to purchase one for every class! One easy way to do this is through a website/app called Easy Fundraising. If you shop online regularly with numerous retailers and are signed up to the website, the school gets a percentage. Last year we raised £140 with only ten parents registered! In addition to this, with this newsletter, you will be receiving a plastic bag which we would like you to fill with good quality second hand clothing. This will also help us to raise money for the school. Please return the bag to school on Wednesday 22nd November. Details of a new tea towel and/or shopping bag will be coming out soon!

Photography Competition

I have registered the school to take part in the Rotary Young Photographer Competition once again. We have been very successful in the past and it would be great if we could be again! Please contact the school office for an information pack if your child is interested in taking part.

Health and Safety

- We have several children in school who have a life threatening allergy to nuts. Please do not send any food into school which contains nuts or trace nuts. This includes peanut butter and chocolate spread in sandwiches. Thank you.
- Several children are riding their scooters and bikes on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day - please ask your children to stop doing this. The playground is a busy place at these times and we don't want anyone to get injured.
- I have received numerous complaints from frustrated residents who are unable to access their property at drop off and pick up times. Please be considerate when you are parking.

Allergy Reminder

If your child has any type of allergy, it is important for the school to have all the relevant information, and the procedure to follow in case of an emergency. Please make sure the Epi pens are clearly named and check that they are in date. This applies to asthma inhalers as well.

School Council

The School Council has had its first council meeting! We have a lovely group of children who are all very enthusiastic! Watch this space!

The School Council (voted for by the pupils) for this year is...

Year 2 - George Lovell, Macey Lee

Year 3 - Zak Corbett, Sophie Taylor

Year 4 - Arthur Pearson, Pearl Osei Aboagye

Year 5 - Joshua Lovell, Trixie Taylor

Year 6 - Harry Tucker, Jessica Musty

Charity/Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Monday 6th November (St Leonard's Day) to raise money for the dormitory project in Uganda, mentioned by Rev Geoff Sowden in our Harvest Festival. We raised £140 for Water Aid. Thank you to all those who donated money.

Class R Request

Mrs Axon is asking for donations to the 'spare clothes' box. If anyone has any spare pants, socks, tights or smaller size school uniform (to be used in case of accidents) we would be grateful! She would also like any unwanted superhero figures or dressing up clothes that we could keep in the reception class. Thank you.

Absence from School

I have received a number of requests for holidays to be taken in term time. I appreciate that the cost of a family vacation is significantly higher during the school holiday period, but this does not constitute an exceptional circumstance. In the eyes of the law, I am only permitted to grant a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. For further information, please refer to the Attendance page on the school website.

Text Messaging

It appears that we still have a number of parents/carers who may not have received the last text message we sent out, which was regarding the Harvest Festival. When we send out the next message, we will send a paper flyer to check who has and who hasn't received the text and we will then try to rectify any issues!

Website

We are working 'behind the scenes' to improve our website. To update a website that meets the needs of as many people as possible takes time, so please bear with us as we aim to do this.

Special Mentions

*Well done to Eleanor and Cara Phillips who raised £55 for the British Heart Foundation in the summer holidays by selling some of their unwanted toys.

*Thank you and well done to the school choir who sang at St Leonard's Harvest Festival on Sunday 1st October and also at the school Harvest Festival. Maisie Slattery, Boro Dobsa, Naomi and Rosie Porter and Jessica Lee received lots of positive comments from the congregation following their performance.

*Thank you to Mrs Porter for organising the choir and playing at our Harvest Festival last week. It made a huge difference to enter and leave the church listening to live music. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to celebrate Harvest with us.

*Well done to the school football team who won their first friendly football match against Kempford.

And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday. I look forward to seeing you all again when school starts on Monday 30th October.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills

After School Clubs

Year 1 and Year 2 Choir

I give permission for my child.....Class.....to attend the Year 1 and 2 Choir on a Thursday lunchtime.

Signed:.....(Parent/Carer) Date:.....

Key Stage 2 Choir

I give permission for my child.....Class.....to attend the Key Stage 2 Choir on a Thursday after school (3.15 - 4pm)

In case of emergency, please provide a contact number.....

Signed:.....(Parent/Carer) Date:.....

Year 1 and Year 2 Circuits Club

I give permission for my child.....Class.....to attend the Year 1 and 2 Circuits Club on a Thursday after school (3.15 - 4pm)

In case of emergency, please provide a contact number.....

Signed:.....(Parent/Carer) Date:.....

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