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Dear Parent/Carer

Newsletter

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday! On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you, (new or old!) to the start of our new school year.

Values for Life

Our value this term is 'Humility'. Christians believe that Jesus was both servant and king. He demonstrated this through His life, death and resurrection. Jesus taught his disciples what it means to be truly humble. Christians believe that they can serve God by demonstrating humility through their attitudes and actions. This approach to life runs contrary to many role models presented to children in the media and popular culture.

Welcome to new staff

I am delighted to welcome Mr Hogan (Deputy Head/Year 5 Class Teacher), Miss Colledge (Year 3 Class Teacher), Mrs Hudson (Year 2 1:1 teaching assistant) and Mrs Hincu (Year 4 Teaching Assistant) to the staff team.

Governor news

We are always extremely grateful for all the hard work that the Governors do in and around school. I am pleased to inform you that Mr James Lovell will be continuing his role as Parent Governor.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant (5 hours per week) starting the week beginning 2nd October. Please contact the school office if you are interested, or alternatively, details of the position can be found on the eTeach website.

Thank you

I would like to thank all of you who came to Mrs Wheatley's retirement picnic at the end of term. We were blessed with fine weather and I know that Mrs Wheatley enjoyed her last day with us. I would also like to thank everyone for their good wishes as I start a new phase of my career with the school. I am looking forward to working with you to secure the best possible outcomes for your children.

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Start of the school day

Teachers will be on the playground, where possible, at 8.15am with a view to taking their children into class at 8.20am. Registration remains at 8.30am, so children need to be in school by this time.

School photographs

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 19th 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 25th 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) and ask to be added to the mailing list.

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, creative hour, 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.

Uniform

For information regarding the school uniform policy, please refer to the prospectus on the school website. If you are unsure about anything, please contact the school office where we will be happy to answer any queries you may have. We would be grateful if you could ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name - it helps us to track down the owner much more quickly!

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held at St Leonard's Church on Thursday 5th 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.

Harvest Choir at St Leonard's Church

Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to join an 'all ages choir' to sing John Rutter's 'Look at the World' during St Leonard's Harvest Festival on Sunday 1st October. Rehearsals will take place in school on Thursday lunchtimes. Please complete the separate slip attached to the newsletter if you would like your child to take part. The invitation to sing also extends to parents/carers - with rehearsals taking place on Friday evenings at the church. Please indicate on the reply slip if you would also like to be involved.

Phonics Workshop

Mrs Axon will be leading a phonics workshop for Reception Class parents/carers on Wednesday 27th September at 6pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there. More details will be sent out soon.

Text messaging service

The text messaging service is ready to go! If you haven't already opted in to this service and would like to, please complete the attached form and return it to school by Friday 15th September. We would also like to know if you would prefer not to receive information in this way.

Boiler update

Work on replacing the old boiler and heating system is due to start soon. I will endeavour to keep you informed as much as possible with the regard to the progress of this project. We aim to keep any disruption to a minimum.

Flu Immunisation

Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Monday 13th November for Reception to Year 4 pupils. Details and a consent form will be sent out shortly.

After school clubs

Details regarding after school clubs and auditions and rehearsals for our Key Stage 2 production will be sent out separately in the next couple of weeks.

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!

School dinners

As I am sure you are aware, we will be receiving our school dinners from Dolce, starting on Monday 18th September. If at any point you think your child would like a school dinner, either now or in the future, you need to give your email details to Mrs Fruin in the school office, by Thursday 14th September.

School dates

Attached to this newsletter is a term time calendar for 2017-2018. 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.

And finally for now...

If you are happy with our school please tell others...if you are not, please tell us. (There is a 'Good News' section on the website if you would like to share your positive experiences) If you have any worries or concerns, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills

St Leonard's CE Primary Academy
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 15th September, thank you.

'All Ages Choir'
Harvest Festival at St Leonard's Church
Sunday 1st October

I give permission for my child.....Class.....to take part in the 'All Ages Choir' at St Leonard's Church on Sunday 1st October.

I would/would not like to be involved in singing in the choir.

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

Date:.....