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Dear Parent/Carer

Newsletter 11

Welcome back to the penultimate term of the academic year. It is lovely to see the sunshine at last!

Value

Our value for this term is 'Service'. Jesus exemplified in his person, ministry and relationship with God, what it was to be called the 'Servant King'. Christians believe that their calling is to follow Jesus' example according to their gifts and abilities. They believe that though serving God in others, 'perfect freedom' will ultimately be found.

Staff

I am sorry to say that Mrs Rudnik will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Rudnik has dedicated 22 years of her working life to the school - which is a remarkable achievement. I would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years and I am sure you will join with me in wishing her well in her retirement.

Mrs Donaldson has started as School Business Manager this week. The school is extremely fortunate to have her as part of the school team and we extend a warm welcome to her.

Governors

I would like to welcome two new Community Governors onto the Governing Body. Mrs Julie Knell and Mrs Suzanne James bring a wealth of experience to the board and I hope they will enjoy working with us.

Easter Service

Thank you to all the parent/carers/grandparents who joined with us at the end of term service. It was lovely to see you all. Thank you to all the readers who took part and also the choir who continue to grow from strength to strength.

Friends

The Friends of St Leonard's have already had their first meeting of the term! The Summer Fete is going to be held on Saturday 7th July and if you are able to help out, you would be most welcome. The next meeting dates are as follows: Monday 14th May, Tuesday 12th June, Thursday 21st June and Monday 25th June - 7.30pm at the Blunsdon House Hotel. Mrs Sturla has asked me to remind you about Easy Fundraising. If you shop online regularly with numerous retailers and are signed up to the website, the school gets a percentage. Please consider signing up if you haven't already!

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Reg Office: As above
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Non-Uniform Day

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 29th June. In exchange for wearing non-uniform, we would like the children to bring in an item for the tombola stall at the school fete.

Toilets

Over the Easter holiday, some of the children's toilets have had some much needed refurbishment, including the replacement of some broken tiles and toilets. We are awaiting some new panelling for the Reception toilets.

Lunch orders

Once again, I need to remind parents/carers to check that they have ordered their children's lunches. Mrs Fruin spent most of Monday morning of this week phoning parents and informing them that their child didn't have a lunch ordered for that day. This continues to be over and above what we are expected to do and is taking time away from vital work in the school office.

PE Kit Reminder

Please note that all pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform, including the correct PE kit. The PE kit is as follows:

Gymnastics and Summer Games

Boys/Girls: Plimsolls/trainers, black shorts and school, round neck, tee-shirt in house colour

Winter Games

Boys/Girls: Football kit (juniors only)
Tracksuit/leggings and/or an old sweater in cold weather
Trainers (not studded boots)

Swimming

Girls: One piece swimsuit
Boys: Swim shorts (above knee length)

Uniform Orders

The last date for ordering new school uniform for this year will be Monday 21st May. If you are considering purchasing new uniform for next year please get your orders in before this date.

Alternative Sports Provision

As you may already be aware, we receive extra money from the government to be used for the purpose of PE related activity and equipment. We will be using some of this money to provide some alternative sports provision over the coming year. From Year 1 up to Year 6 children will be experiencing Pop Lacrosse, Short Golf and Archery. This will be in addition to their PE lessons. Staff will be trained alongside the expert and will therefore we will be able to build this type of activity in our PE curriculum in the future. Superstars will also be running an after school sports club (further details to follow).

School Council

This week Mr Ian Jankinson spoke to the School Council about his role as a Parish Councillor. He answered a number of questions and talked to them about various local issues.

Sport Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated money and/or cakes to sell for Sport Relief. We raised a total of £341.99. Primary Schools in Swindon have raised a staggering £18,000 in total!

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills