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Dear Parent/Carer

Newsletter 8

Snow Closure

We were left with no alternative but to close the school on Friday. The majority of the teachers were unable to get into work safely and the journey to school for parents/carers would have also been treacherous. There are many factors involved in making a decision such as this and it is also made as early as possible. The decision, made in conjunction with the Chair of Governors, was made at 6.20am and the company who maintains our website was informed very soon after. I have no control over the actual time the information is put onto the website. Thank you to everyone who supported us. For those of you who were unhappy about any aspect of the school closure, I would be grateful if in future you could express your concerns to me and not through social media.

NSPCC Number Day

This has been rearranged for Friday 8th February.

NSPCC Workshops

We recently welcomed visitors into school to talk to the children about various aspects of staying safe. The NSPCC's main message was to 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. The children were very knowledgeable about what they needed to do to stay safe and answered lots of questions that were put to them. This was followed up with separate workshops for Year 5 and 6.

Messy Church

The first session of Messy Church here at St Leonard's was very well attended and was a great success. The next Messy Church will be held in the Pod on Wednesday 13th February. All are welcome to join in the fun. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

School Uniform

A number of pupils are coming to school wearing incorrect uniform. We would be grateful if you could adhere to the following list which is in our prospectus on the school website.

'The basic colours are maroon and grey:

Round necked sweatshirt or cardigan (maroon)

Airtex Polo Shirt, plain collar (white)

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Reg Office: As above
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Trousers/Pinafore dress/Skirt 'A' line (straight or pleated only, and not 'ra-ra' style)
(grey)
Fleece (maroon)
Socks (grey/white)
Shoes (black)

In the warmer weather dresses are a favourite option in dark red/maroon gingham or stripes. Dresses should be consistently gingham or stripes, not half tee-shirt/half dress. Grey shorts can be worn by both boys and girls, however, neither red check shorts nor culottes form part of the school uniform and shorts should not be worn under dresses'.

In addition to this, leggings may not be worn under skirts, but we allow appropriately coloured tights (grey/white/black) during the winter months. Boots are not allowed to be worn in school. However, boots may be worn to school and then changed on arrival.

Mobile Phones

Children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. Any communication to pupils must be made through the school office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Diary Dates

Monday 11th February - Year 4 Trip to Lydiard House
Wednesday 13th February - Year 4 Problem Solving at Warneford
Friday 15th February - End of Term
Tuesday 26th February - Year 2 Trip to Woodland Adventures
Thursday 28th February - Year 4 going to Swindon College
Friday 1st March - St David's Day (Free non-uniform day - please wear something yellow!)
Monday 4th March - School Council trip to Council Chambers
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (details to follow)
Monday 11th March - Science Week (theme - Journeys)
Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day (details to follow)
Monday 18th March - St Patrick's Day (one day late - free non-uniform day - please wear something green!)
Tuesday 19th March - Year 5 Trip to Pitt Rivers
Wednesday 20th March - Year 1 Fundamentals at Warneford
Tuesday 26th March - Parent/Carer interviews
Wednesday 27th March - Parent/Carer interviews
Wednesday 3rd April - Reception Fundamentals at Warneford

As this is likely to be my last newsletter before half term, I would like to wish you all a happy half term holiday!

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills