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Dear Parent/Carer

### Newsletter 7

A belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope 2018 has started well for you and will continue throughout the coming months.

#### **Value**

The value for this term is 'Respect and Reverence'. The nature of God, as revealed in the Bible, presents all people with a choice. Those whose response is one of respect are acknowledging God's greatness, authority and involvement in the world. This will extend to respect for the created order, including humanity made in the image of God. Reverence takes this response a step further and will include aspects of worship such as awe and wonder, surrender and sacrifice.

#### **Staff changes**

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Sturla onto the staff team on a temporary basis. Mrs Sturla will be covering some release time for teachers and working with individual and small groups of children. Miss Keeble is standing in as Class 6 Teaching Assistant for Mrs Timms whilst she is on maternity leave.

#### **Thank you**

I would like to thank all the children who attended and took part in the Christmas services at St Leonard's Church. The choir sang beautifully and the readers read with confidence. Thank you to all the children in school who made an angel - they looked fantastic displayed in the church alongside some knitted angels made by people in the village. There will be some photographs on the website. Well done to all of you!

#### **Poppy Appeal**

It seems a long time ago now, but we have recently received a letter from the Poppy Appeal organiser in Blunsdon to say that we raised the sum of £384.88, contributing to the village total of £1605.15. The money raised will go towards ongoing vital welfare and benevolent work to help our service veterans. Thank you to all who contributed.

#### **Flu**

As I am sure you are aware, the flu season is upon us. Please remind your child that it is important to wash hands regularly and to cover their mouths and noses when they cough.

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### **Sickness**

Please telephone the school before 9am if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. It is vital that we know where your child is and the reason for their absence.

### **School Car Park**

The school car park is for school staff only - not for picking up and dropping off children. If you have a disability and need access to the car park, please speak to me in confidence.

### **School Dinners**

Please note that occasionally the dinner menu may change. This can happen when there is a special occasion such as Christmas or Bonfire Night, or other special events which Dolce recognise. If this should occur, you will receive an email informing you that your original order is cancelled, and consequently you will need to reorder from the adjusted menu. Please do not ignore the email. We have had a number of instances where this has happened and we have had to telephone parents asking them to make an alternative arrangement. As you can imagine, this can be rather time consuming.

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

The next Friends meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.30pm in Blunsdon House Hotel. This is in order to discuss new ideas for the rest of the school year. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please consider attending to help continue the fantastic work that the Friends do. We are aiming to replace all our whiteboards with interactive touch screens. We have raised enough money for two - we need five more!



### **Non-uniform day**

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January in aid of Swindon Young Carers. As we have recently agreed to take on the Young Carers award, I believe this is a worthwhile cause to support. It also ties in with National Young Carers week. The colours associated with Swindon Young Carers are purple, green and white - so it would be great if the children could wear one of these colours as part of their non-uniform. Please send in £1 on the day.

### **End of Term Service**

It seems far too early to be talking about the end of term, but the school year seems to be whizzing by. The end of term service has been arranged for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am. You are all welcome to join us to celebrate Easter.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills