18th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Coronation

It was really lovely to be able to hold our family Picnic on Friday 5th May – thank you for braving the weather! I would also like to thank the Friends of St Leonard’s Blunsdon for organising the Ice cream van at the picnic and the stalls that they organised and parents ran at the Village events on 6th and 7th May. We really appreciate the support for the school. An update from the Friends of St Leonard’s Blunsdon has also been attached.

Phonics and Multiplication Tables Check

Both the Phonics check for Year 1 and the Multiplication Tables check are being held in June.

Schools must administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils before the 16th June. Schools must administer the Phonics check during the week beginning Monday 12 June.

Bag2school

The PTA have arranged for a Bag2school collection at St Leonards. This time the charity has been able to send bags and leaflets and we will be giving these out at the end of term. If you are having a clear out over the half term and have any unwanted clothes that you can donate, please can you, using the bag provided. The collection of the bags has been organised for 21st June. You can begin to bring the bags into school on the 19th June. (Unfortunately, we have limited storage space in school, for this to be any earlier)

Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child’s clothes are labelled. This makes returning or finding any lost items much easier. We have many burgundy jumpers of the same sizes and labelling them enable us to ensure that they can be returned.

Jewellery – only small ear-rings can be worn; no other jewellery is permitted. Please ensure that long hair is tied back. Smart Watches are not permitted to be worn in school.

Parent workshops

Mr Hope ran the first of our curriculum workshops this week, focused on the teaching of Science. Thank you to those who attended this event. The information provided will be available on the website in Term 6. Mrs Matthews will be running our Maths workshop on Monday 22nd May – 6.00-6.45pm

Please could you email into the office with the Subject; Maths to register your attendance at this event.

Swinpups – Fundraising

Thank you for your support with the Swinpup design, we received many entries and it was really difficult to choose. We have decided to go with elements of different designs and once the design is complete, we will share the names of the children involved.

We have also decided that we would like every child to participate in some way, so each child will be adding their fingerprints to the pup. We look forward to sharing our finished pup with you.

Through the design entries and the collection at the family picnic we have raised £86.25. Our target by the end of June is £500. With this in mind we are organising a non- school uniform day on 26th May. The charge to do this will be £1. This is not compulsory and your child can attend in uniform if you do not want them to take part.

Hay fever

We are now entering the summer months where hay fever does affect many children. We cannot administer eye drops to the children and we cannot allow the children to administer them. Please ensure they have taken the relevant doses of any medication they have before they come to school.

KS1 Free School Meals.

All children in EYFS and KS1 receive a free meal each day. This is called a Universal free school meal and is part of a government initiative. If you feel that you meet the requirements for benefit related free school meals, it is important that you apply for this, even though they already have a dinner supplied, free of charge. You can make this application at any time throughout KS1.This entitlement stops in Year 3. You need to make the application through Swindon Borough Council.

If your child is in KS2 and you feel that this applies, you can also make the application for free school meals.

<https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals>

Online Safety

I have attached the latest edition of the online safety letter to this email.

School Photos

Class photos will be taken on the following dates:

Year 6 - Wednesday 7th June

Reception,1,2,3,4 and 5 – Thursday 15th June

Term dates

We will be following the Swindon calendar for term dates for the academic year 2023-24.

T D Days have not yet been decided. I will update you with these dates as soon as I can confirm them.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Warburton

TD Days for this academic year

3rd July 2023

**Dates**

KS1 (Year 2) SAT’s – May

22nd May – Maths Workshop

24th – 26th May - Yr. 6 Residential

5th- 16 June 2023 – Yr. 4 Multiplication Tables check

7th June – Class photos

12th June - Yr. 1 Phonics check

15th June – Year 6 class photo

23rd June - Sports Day – more details to follow

13th and 14th July – Children will meet their new class teacher

14th July – Reports handed out