16th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I can’t believe that Term 1 is nearly at an end. It has been so busy and gone by so quickly!

Primary Science Quality Mark

Firstly, I would like to celebrate the latest achievement of the school. The school has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. Thank you to Mr Hope, who has led on this project and worked with the teaching and support staff to achieve this award at Gilt level which demonstrates how embedded the strong provision of Science is at St Leonard’s. I know that some of you would have seen this at the Science parents workshop that Mr Hope led at the end of the last academic year.

Harvest

We will be holding our Harvest festival in school on Wednesday 18th October. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents to join us for this, as there isn’t enough space in the hall. Now that we have a new Reverend at the church – Reverend Phil Goodey, we hope to be able to come together as a community again at St Leonards church, in the near future. We will be collecting for Foodbank and any donations would be greatly received. They can be brought into school on Tuesday or Wednesday. We will also collect the first week back after half term, until Friday 3rd November. The Foodbank are currently needing the following items:

* 1 litre bottles of squash
* Long life milk
* Long life juice
* Small jars of coffee
* 500gms and 1 kgs Sugar
* Tinned fruit
* Tinned plum tomates
* Tinned puddings (rice pudding, custard, semolina), angel delight, jellies.

Tea Towels

The PTA would like to raise further funds for the school by organising a St Leonard’s tea towel to be created. The children will complete their self-portraits in school either at the end of this term or the first week of next term. These designs will then be given to Mrs Woods who will organise for the tea towel to be created. We will then be able to share details regarding how to order these. A perfect Christmas gift!

Parent’s Evening

Thank you for supporting the school by attending the parents evening earlier in the term. It is very much appreciated.

Homework

The dates when Maths and English are set are on the website and updated each term. The homework will be set via My Maths and Classroom Secrets. Your chid will have already been given their log in details and assigned learning to do. A big thank you to the PTA for supporting us in buying the subscription for the year to Classroom secrets and for enabling this to be available to the children to access from home.

Medication

It is really important that if your child requires any medicine and has an Individual Health Care Plan written, that the correct medicine is in school and in date. Any unused medicines and empty bottles will be returned home as school is not allowed to dispose of medicine. If something has changed regarding your child’s medical needs, for example allergies, it is really important that you let the school know. We can then make a decision together as to whether the school nurse needs to be involved and if medication needs to be kept in school.

We do not administer short term medication.

Asthma

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma they do require their inhalers to be in school. If your child has been diagnosed since joining the school, please ensure school are notified, as we keep an asthma register. If your child no longer needs an inhaler but was placed on the school asthma register please inform the school of these changes.

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

T D Days for next academic year

30th October 2023

2nd Jan 2024 3rd Jan 2024

19th Feb 2024 3rd June 2024

We hope you have an enjoyable half-term and look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 31st October for the start of Term 2.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Warburton