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Dear Parent/Carer

We have just 4 weeks of Term 4 left, but there is still so much going on in school as you will see from our newsletter.

First, some lovely news to tell you. Mrs Mackenzie safely delivered a beautiful daughter on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Mother and daughter are doing well, and we can't wait to see them both when they come to visit in the next few weeks.

#### This terms value: Courage

We will be exploring what it means to have and show courage - this includes facing danger and opposition; overcoming fear; making a stand for what is right; stepping out of our comfort zones and encouraging others to persevere. We will explore that many Christians believe that God is present in every situation and their use of prayer has helped people to find the strength to help them to be courageous. Through our value and World Book Day we will be looking at people who have inspired others and showed courage in their actions, being advocates of change.

#### World Book Day

We have been fortunate to secure "West End in Schools" to work with the children on World Book Day, this year. World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Children will need to wear their PE kit to school as each class will be taking part in a "Bringing Books to Life" dance workshop.

The cost of the workshops works out at £3.50 for each child and we are asking for a voluntary contribution that is set up on Parent mail

On the day, each child will receive a book token worth £1 to put towards purchasing a book. These can be redeemed at:

- Your local independent bookseller
- Asda
- Blackwell's (selected stores only)
- Sainsburys
- Tesco
- The Works
- Waterstones
- WHSmith

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March children can come into school dressed as a book character. The school focus this year will be "People who have inspired us" which also links to our school focus of being an advocate for change. If you already have a costume organised, then please do come in as that book character.

### Comic Relief

Comic Relief takes place this year on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March and once again we will be "doing something funny for money". Children can dress up in red on that day for a voluntary donation to Comic Relief, and from 4<sup>th</sup> March, we will have a limited number of red noses for sale for a £2 donation to Comic Relief.

See the Comic Relief website for more details of this year's event: [Red Nose Day | Comic Relief](#)

### Junior Music Voices

Week 4 of the term promises to be a busy one with our school choir taking part on 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Swindon Junior Voices Festival. They have been busy practicing the songs which this year feature some of the best over recent years. If you would like to go along, tickets are available from the Wyvern box office [Wyvern Theatre Swindon - Junior Voice Festival - Songs From Our Song Book - Tickets \(trafalgartickets.com\)](#)

We are taking part in the 16:45 performance.

### News from our community links

During Lent, our Year 6 children are representing our school by taking part in St Leonard's Church "Lent Lunches". Every Tuesday in March, the church are proving Homemade soup and bread for a donation to Christian Aid.

Another cause for celebration is that St Leonard's Church and St Leonard's CE Primary Academy will shortly be awarded the Church School Partnership award. We have worked together for a long time, supporting each other and it is great to have this recognised.

### PTA - Friends of St Leonard's, Blunsdon

You will have seen on Parentmail that our PTA are busy organising the next fundraising event. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, they are holding an Easter craft session in the school hall for £5 per child.

### News on our Library development

At the beginning of this term, we took delivery of our new library software which has been purchased from PTA funds. A huge thank you to them for supporting this development in school. We are busy, with the support of the Reading Ambassadors, logging every book in school onto the new system. The ambassadors will then be taught how to issue books to lenders and return of them, before we roll out library lending across the school. The library will be open for the last part of lunchtime 4 days a week on a rota basis, so that all children will have the opportunity to make use of this amazing resource in school.

### Repeat Reminder: Homework Year 2-6

A reminder that information about homework can be found at:

<https://www.stleonardsblunsdon.org.uk/parent-information/learning-support/>

English and Math's are set on alternate weeks. This is through "My Math's" and "Classroom Secrets".

We ask that the children read at least three times a week at home. Year 2 -4 - this should be signed and dated in the children's reading records.

End of term dates

A reminder that we finish for Easter on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3:20pm, as 29<sup>th</sup> March is Good Friday. We return from the Easter break on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

T D Days for this academic year

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Warburton