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Dear Parent/Carer

I can't quite believe the end of term is upon us.

Trust Update

On Monday 18th March it was confirmed that Deanery and Kingfisher will move to the Park Academies Trust. For the schools in Swindon and Wiltshire, the period of time for Trusts to express a formal expression of interest in the schools, opened on Monday 18th March and will close on 5th April. The DFE will then hold discussions with the Trusts that have expressed an interest.

Staffing Update

Mrs Warwick will be leaving St Leonard's on 30th April to take up a new role. Thank you to Mrs Warwick for all the support she has offered St Leonard's over the last two years. We will miss her and we wish her well in her new role.

Mrs Gaywood will be resigning from her post as ELSA TA at this time. We will miss Mrs Gaywood and all that she has given to St Leonard's and the children over her time with us, initially as class TA and then as ELSA support.

Mrs Wilkins - has made the decision to retire in June this year. Mrs Wilkins has been supporting St Leonard's with lunchtimes for 9 years! Thank you to Mrs Wilkins for all that she has given to St Leonard's and the children and we will all miss her but wish her all the best for her retirement.

Mrs Jeffries will be joining us in Term 5 as teaching assistant. We welcome Mrs Jeffries to our team.

Class Structure for Sep 2024-25

As a school we have experienced a falling role for several years. We are now at 162 pupils and our capacity is 210. We have had to make the decision to move to a six-class structure for September 2024 with some mixed age classes, as the school cannot financially sustain a seven class structure. I cannot share what the mix of the classes will be at present as I will need to wait until the end of April for confirmed numbers for our Reception Class. I will be able to make the decision in early May and I will communicate with you then the design of the six classes.

Easter

On Wednesday we were able to visit the church as a school and Reverend Phil led our Church Service. It was lovely to be able to do this again and for Reception this was the first time they had been able to visit. We really appreciated Reverend Phil making time for us at such a busy time of year for him.

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Worship Council have designed an Easter Trail for the classes to visit today. Thank you to them and Mrs Welch for organising this, it will be a very appropriate way to end our term with our children leading this for us.

Junior Music Festival

On 13th March a group of our children took part in the Junior Music Festival. They sang beautifully and represented the school in this event. We were really proud of them. They were also able to show case their singing further in school when the Diocese awarded the school and church with the Church and School Partnership award.

Football

The Football Team have played several matches this term, Again, thank you to the team for their commitment to representing the school and playing their best, each match.

P.E.

I know that a communication regarding this has already gone out but just to confirm, the following days are the days for P.E. for each year group.

PTA - Friends of St Leonard's, Blunsdon

Thank you to the PTA for the Easter CRAFT SESSION

The current members of the PTA would like to invite you to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is to be held on Monday 22nd April at 6pm. This is an opportunity to meet your PTA members and to see the success of our events from the past year. Please see separate letter attached.

Gardening Club

If you are having a sort out over the Easter period, we would be really glad to receive pre-loved gardening hand tools, or wood suitable to make walkways, or anything else that you think may be useful to get our club going and growing! Please speak to Mrs Bruch or Mrs Wilding if you think you can help, or bring items to the school office.

T D Days for this academic year

3rd June 2024

Dates

15th April - Start of Term 5

13th May - SAT's begin for Year 6

22nd- 24th May - Yr 6 Residential

27th May - Half term

4th June - Term 6 begins for the children

25th July 2024 - Finish at 12 noon

Provisional Dates for T D Days for Academic Year 24 25

2nd September 2024

4th November 2024

There will be four days remaining - I will confirm these at a later date

Wishing you all joy and blessings at Easter.

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Yours Sincerely
Mrs Warburton