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Dear Parent/Carer

Term 5 has started well and I can't believe that we are already at the start of our third week!

### Value

Our value this term is Forgiveness. Throughout this term we will be exploring the value of Forgiveness and what it means to forgive and be forgiven. Below is the acrostic poem that we will reference with the children.

Forgetting the hurts  
Offering a new beginning  
Restoring a friendship  
Given and received  
Identifying responsibility  
Valuing the truth  
Ending an argument  
Not holding a grudge  
Encouraging honesty  
Saying sorry  
Starting again



### Agents of Change

During last term, the children looked at different people from all different walks of life who have led a change in some way. Attached are some pictures of the display boards that showcase who the children have learnt about. We will continue this theme of being agents of change through a Science project that will be running in and out of school. A letter explaining this further will shortly be sent out by Mr Hope.

### Trust Update

The DfE has formally agreed the transfer of all the schools out of our Trust and is now working with DBAT, local authorities, and several other regional Trusts, so that we can collectively agree the best destination for each school. The Deanery and Kingfisher, will transfer out of DBAT ready for the new academic year. The intention is that the remaining DBAT schools will transfer by 1 January 2025. A move that is part way through the academic year will not negatively impact the school, staff or parents. In fact, it will enable us to work closely with the new Trusts in support of the transition process. At this stage, it is not known which Trust the rest of the schools will transfer to. In May, work will begin with specific trusts to prepare for the DfE's formal agreement process. The earliest that DBAT will have formal confirmation that these Trusts will be the ones our schools move to, is June. However, this could be later.

### Staffing Update

As you already know Mrs Warwick will be leaving us this week. We thank her for time at St Leonard's and wish her every success in her new role.

Mr Maull will be joining us in May in this role, until the end of the Academic year. For term 5, Mrs Johnson will continue to teach the Year 6 class each morning.

At the end of this Academic year, Miss Kindred will be leaving St Leonard's, as she is re-locating. We would like to thank Miss Kindred for her time and commitment to St Leonard's. We will miss her and wish her every success in her new school.

### Curriculum

Just a reminder that lots of information can be found on our website about the areas that your children are learning. The overviews for each Year group are available and these detail what is covered and when. The 'In a Nutshell' documents explain the teaching and learning ethos behind each subject. We also have our Curriculum Flowchart which details how our curriculum is designed and the documents that support this.

### Parent Questionnaire

It is important to us to gather your views about the school. Please could you spend a few minutes completing this survey. There is a box for you to add more detail regarding your comments if you wish. If you do have something that you would like to raise with the school and haven't done so already please ensure you add your child's initials and year group to the survey in the comments box, so that I can discuss these further with you.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/78BZY1/>

### School Attendance

You will have seen on the news that the Department for Education are running their "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts" campaign. From September 24, reporting attendance will become statutory for schools. This means that any child whose attendance is lower than 95% will automatically be reported to the Local Authority. There will also be a national framework for penalty notices, to ensure these are applied consistently across the country, again by each Local Authority.

### Football

The Football Team have had a busy week, playing 2 back-to-back matches. They were defeated in their Semi Final match, 4-3. It was a hard-fought match with St Leonard's coming back from being 3-0 down. Matty scored 2 goals, one a blistering long shot from near the centre circle, and Herbie scored the other with assists from Eddie and Theo. Well done Herbie for being Man of the Match. The following day was a league game against Tadpole Farm. The St Leonard's team showed great passing skills with a goal coming from Theo. Alfie and Lucas shared Man of the Match. Lucas made many excellent saves, but the two consecutive games took their toll and St Leonard's were defeated 4-1.

### ELSA

For term 5 and 6 we have secured support with ELSA from another DBAT school, as Mrs Gaywood left at the end of Term 4. Mrs Shim will be supporting the school and the children involved in this programme until the end of the academic year. We welcome Mrs Shim as part of our team.

### Online Safety

Each month, please look out for our Online Safety letter which has lots of informative and useful information about keeping our children safe online.

### Sports Day

We will be holding our Sports day on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

KS1 - 09.15 - 10.15am

KS2 - 10.30-11.30 am

We understand that some parents will be supporting both events but there will be a 15 minute break between the two to enable parents needing to leave the KS1 event and parents joining for the KS2 event to exit and enter the school.

The PTA also have some things planned in conjunction with this event - more details to follow.

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

The PTA ran their Annual General Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. At this meeting details about fundraising and the success of the events were shared as well as voting for the identified members and their roles within the PTA. The website now has a page for updates and information from the PTA. This will include the minutes from the AGM. If you feel that you can get involved with the PTA we always welcome new members at whichever level you feel that you can get involved. Please speak to a current member if you are interested in helping out.

The next PTA event is on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May when Glamorose cake van** will be visiting the school again at the end of the school day. The van will be parked at the front of the school.

### T D Days for this academic year

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

### Dates

- 13<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SAT's begin for Year 6. All children across the country need to take part in these assessments and schools need to follow the national timetable. **Attendance** is vital for these assessments.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May - Yr 6 Residential
- 27<sup>th</sup> May - Half term
- May/ June 2024 - Year 2 children will be sitting their KS1 SAT's. This again is a National measure.
- June 2024 - During June we will hold the National Phonics test for Year 1 and the National Multiplication check for Year 4. All children across the country need to take part in these assessments. **Attendance** is vital for these assessments.
- 4<sup>th</sup> June - Term 6 begins for the children
- 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - Finish at 12 noon

### Provisional Dates for T D Days for Academic Year 24 25

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

Yours sincerely

Living and Learning Together With God's Help

Mrs Warburton