



Newsletter from St Leonard's CE Primary Academy

Open Afternoon

This is just a reminder that on Thursday 12th February we are excited to invite all parents and carers to our upcoming Open Afternoon! This special event is a wonderful opportunity for you to engage with your child's learning environment and see firsthand the incredible work they have been doing. Children will have the chance to showcase their projects, artwork, and written assignments, allowing them to take pride in their achievements and share their learning journey with you.

- **Date:** 12.02.26
- **Time:** 2:30pm

We encourage you to ask your children about what they will be showcasing, as this will not only boost their confidence but also strengthen their communication skills. We hope to see you there, celebrating the fantastic efforts of our students together!

PE Days

As we continue to promote the importance of physical education, we want to ensure that all parents are aware of our PE days. Regular physical activity is crucial for your child's health and well-being, and it has been shown to improve concentration and academic performance.

To help you plan accordingly, here is the schedule for PE days:

Year Group	PE Day
Year R/1 - Owls	Wednesday
Year ½ - Hedgehogs	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3/4 - Foxes	Monday and Thursday
Year 4/5 - Badgers	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Tuesday

Please remember to ensure your child comes in wearing their appropriate PE kit on these days. We appreciate your support in encouraging a healthy lifestyle for our students!

Reminder about TD Day

A friendly reminder that we have a Teacher Development (TD) day coming up on Monday 23rd February. This day is essential for our teachers' professional growth, allowing them to enhance their skills and teaching strategies.

Reminder about the School Car Park

To ensure the safety of all our students, we would like to remind parents again about the use of the school car park to ensure a safe drop-off and pick-up. We keep our school car park private for staff and for those with a disabled badge. This is to ensure staff can arrive on time and for emergency vehicles to be able to access the school should they need to.

- Please park/drop off in the car park outside the school in the designated areas and not in the school car park.
- Do not block entrances or exits to the school.
- Always supervise your children while in the car park.

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and accessible for everyone!

School Clubs

We are thrilled to highlight the variety of school clubs available for our students! Participating in extracurricular activities is vital for holistic development, enhancing social skills and fostering a sense of belonging.

Here's a list of clubs currently offered:

- Art Club - Wednesday
- Multiskills – Monday
- Martial Arts - Friday
- Football – Monday and Tuesday
- Computing (Lunchtime Club)

We are also looking at starting a Choir which will run after school for KS2 children. More details on this will follow at the start of next term.

I am also looking at what other clubs we could introduce into school especially for some of our younger children. If you know of any which you feel might be appropriate please do come and speak to me.

If you would like to book your child onto a school club, please contact the school office so we can advise how to do this. Please note some clubs are for certain year groups.

Parents Evenings

We are looking forward to our upcoming Parents Evenings on:

- Week Commencing 9th March for children with SEND
- Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March for everyone else

These evenings are a fantastic opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teachers and collaborate on strategies to support their learning, especially for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Please make a note of these important dates, as your involvement is crucial for your child's educational journey

Reading

At St Leonard's, we believe that reading at home is essential for developing literacy skills and fostering a lifelong love of learning. Engaging with books outside of school significantly supports academic achievement and personal growth.

Here are a few tips to make reading a fun activity at home:

- Create a cozy reading corner.
- Set a regular reading time each day.
- Explore different genres together.

We encourage you to share your child's reading experiences with us, as we love to hear about their literary adventures!

Fantastic Walking

We wanted to share with you that we have reintroduced the concept of fantastic walking in our school corridors and when we move around the school outside of our classroom. This initiative encourages students to be mindful of their behaviour while moving around the school, promoting a respectful and safe environment. To encourage this, we give lots of praise and house points to those who are showing our school rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. Fantastic Walking is something we have been doing for the last 5 years but we felt that we needed to refresh this for our newer students.

Website

In our recent survey, it was shared that parents felt they did not know what their child was learning. I would like to direct parents and carers to our website where you will find

a curriculum heading which has each classes yearly overview detailing what they will be covering each term.

However, we are working hard to enhance our school website further to better serve our community. We are currently working on introducing new class pages which will provide essential information about the curriculum, more detailed specifics of learning and key dates, making it easier for parents to stay informed about their child's education. We will share more information on this as we develop the website further.

Office Update

I just wanted to say thank you for your patience whilst we are navigating this difficult time with no current admin officer. However, as we go into Term 4, I am pleased to share that Mrs Humphries will be joining us Monday – Thursday from 12pm – 3:30pm to support us in the office. If you have any questions for the office, please do email in or call during these times so Mrs Humphries can help you.

Moving forwards, we have secured someone for the role of our full time School Business Officer and she will be starting with us towards the end of Term 4. I will share more information on this at the start of next term.

I hope you all have a restful and lovely half term and we will see the children back to school on Tuesday 24th February.

Warm regards,

Mrs Johnson