



## **Newsletter from St Leonard's CE Primary Academy**

### **Exciting News and Updates!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have some very exciting news to share with you. You may remember that I previously shared with you before my maternity leave that I applied for government grant funding to open a nursery at St Leonard's. In the first round, we were unsuccessful; however, I am thrilled to announce that in the second round we have been successful and will receive a grant to redevelop and open a brand new Nursery provision for the school and community. This is a significant milestone for our school community and will allow us to expand our provision for younger children, creating a nurturing, stimulating environment where they can learn and grow. Over the coming months, we will be working closely with the trust and Ofsted to ensure all requirements are met, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We look forward to developing a high-quality setting with dedicated staff, engaging learning spaces, and strong links with families. Further updates will be shared as plans progress next term.

### **Facebook**

I am delighted to share with you that we now have a brand new facebook page. Updates, news and photos of events will be shared on here so please do follow. The link is provided below:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Fiki32HWD/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

### **Term 5 PE Days**

Please see below the days for PE for the upcoming term.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>PE Day</b>
Year R/1 - Owls	Wednesday
Year ½ - Hedgehogs	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3/4 - Foxes	Monday and Friday (Swimming)
Year 4/5 - Badgers	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday and Wednesday

Please remember to ensure your child comes in wearing their appropriate PE kit on these days.

## **Big Adventure Club**

From Term 5, the funding for The Big Adventure Club will end. As we have only had a very minimal take up for the breakfast club, unfortunately this will no longer be available as it is not sustainable. However, we are pleased to confirm that the after school club will continue.

If you wish to book your child onto the Big A, please visit the website below and the follow the instructions.

<https://www.thebigclub.co.uk/>

### **How do I register my child?**

Answer - Follow the 'Register a child' link on the top right of this page. You can then complete a simple registration form. Once complete this is sent to the administration team who will then be in contact with you to discuss your requirements.

## **Fundraising**

Thank you for taking part in our fundraising for Children in Need and for Comic Relief.

We raised £109 for Children in Need.

We raised £92 for Comic Relief.

Thank you for your kind donations.

## **Absence**

This is just to remind you that if your child is ill or will not be in school, please report it by 8:30am on parent mail or email the school admin. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Clubs

### Afterschool Clubs

Day	Club & Provider	Time & Year Group	Contact details
Monday	<b>Multi Sports</b>	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2	Book each time via parent mail, allocation required. First 20 children. £10 per term.
	<b>STFC Football</b>	Year 3 & 4	Book directly with STFC Email: <a href="mailto:Brad@stfcfoundation.com">Brad@stfcfoundation.com</a> Or Email: <a href="mailto:Andrea@stfcfoundation.com">Andrea@stfcfoundation.com</a>
Tuesday	<b>STFC Football</b>	Year 4, 5 & 6	Book directly with STFC Email: <a href="mailto:Brad@stfcfoundation.com">Brad@stfcfoundation.com</a> Or Email: <a href="mailto:Andrea@stfcfoundation.com">Andrea@stfcfoundation.com</a>
Wednesday	<b>Piano - Martist</b>	Take place during school day. Open to all year groups.	Book directly with Martina Email: <a href="mailto:martina@martist.co.uk">martina@martist.co.uk</a>
	<b>Art - Martist</b>	Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 See poster	
Thursday			
Friday	<b>Martial Art – Phoenix MA</b>	Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Book directly with Richard Email: <a href="mailto:info@phoenixma.co.uk">info@phoenixma.co.uk</a>

## Safeguarding

### [Telegram and Discord: Understanding the risks](#)

Digital platforms continue to evolve quickly, and with them, the risks faced by children and young people. This term's focus is on strengthening confidence in addressing online safety concerns—particularly around Telegram and Discord, two apps increasingly linked to safeguarding incidents in UK schools.

#### 1. Telegram: What It Is and Why It's Popular.

Telegram may seem similar to messaging apps like WhatsApp for example, it has several key features that make it unique:

- **Secret Chats** – Also known as 'disappearing messages', users can set 'self-destruct' times on messages, ranging from 2 seconds to a week.
- **Chat Bots** – Accounts operated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems are used to play various games and engage in conversation with users.

- **People/Groups Nearby** – These features allow users to connect with individuals or groups nearby, without making their physical location known.
- **Channels** – A tool that lets a group of administrators or an individual administrator broadcast messages to an unlimited subscriber base.

2. Discord is a communication platform originally used by gamers but now widely used for chatting via text, voice, or video in themed communities called “servers”. These can be public or private.

**For further guidance on these particular apps and how to keep your child safe online, please see the links below:**

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/telegram-messenger/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/discord/>

### **Key Dates**

- Week Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Easter Colouring Sheets available to buy on the playground from the PTA
- Swimming – Foxes 17<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Hedgehog Class Trip 28<sup>th</sup> April
- Swimming Badgers 5<sup>th</sup> June - 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – PGL Parent Meeting 5pm
- WC 11<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs
- 30<sup>th</sup> April – Owl Class Fundamentals PE festival at Warneford
- 20<sup>th</sup> May – 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Y6 Residential
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last day of term 5
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fete save the date!

Thank you for reading and for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Johnson