



Newsletter from St Leonard's CE Primary Academy

Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of the academic year! It is hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by. Term 6 is always one of the busiest and most exciting terms, and we have lots of wonderful events and opportunities planned for our children and families.

We are looking forward to celebrating together at our Summer Fete, where there will be fun, games and plenty of community spirit. Our annual Sports Day is another highlight of the term, giving children the chance to demonstrate teamwork, determination and sporting excellence. We are also excited for the PTA Disco, which is always a much-anticipated event and a fantastic opportunity for children to enjoy time with their friends.

For our Year 6 pupils, this term will be particularly special. Year 6 have decided they would like to put on an end of year production which promises to showcase their talents, confidence and hard work. We will also celebrate their time at our school during the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, an important occasion as they prepare for the next stage of their educational journey.

Alongside these special events, there will continue to be plenty of exciting learning taking place across the school. We encourage everyone to make the most of the opportunities this final term brings and to enjoy the many memorable moments ahead.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing a fantastic final term with you all.

Our School Value This Term: Respect

This term, our whole school is focusing on the value of Respect. Respect is at the heart of our school community and helps us create a positive, safe, and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

Respect means treating others with kindness, consideration, and understanding. It involves recognising that everyone has different thoughts, feelings, backgrounds, and experiences, and valuing those differences.

How Children Can Show Respect

Children can demonstrate respect in many ways, including:

- Listening carefully when others are speaking.
- Using polite manners such as "please," "thank you," and "excuse me."
- Being kind and inclusive to classmates during lessons and playtimes.
- Taking care of school property, resources, and the environment.

- Following school rules and routines.
- Respecting the opinions and feelings of others, even when they disagree.
- Showing good sportsmanship and celebrating others' successes.

How Parents Can Model Respect at Home

Children learn a great deal from the adults around them. Parents and carers can help reinforce this important value by:

- Speaking politely and respectfully to family members and others.
- Listening attentively when children are sharing their thoughts and feelings.
- Demonstrating empathy and understanding when resolving disagreements.
- Encouraging children to appreciate different cultures, beliefs, and perspectives.
- Treating teachers, school staff, and other members of the community with courtesy.
- Showing respect for shared spaces, belongings, and the environment.
- Modelling positive online behaviour and respectful communication.

By working together, we can help our children develop respectful attitudes and behaviours that will support them throughout their lives. Thank you for your continued support in promoting this important school value.

Term 6 PE Days - Reminder

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

School Summer Fete

We are delighted to announce that our annual School Summer Fete is fast approaching! This is always one of the highlights of the school calendar and a wonderful opportunity for families, friends and members of our community to come together and celebrate another successful year.

There will be plenty to enjoy, including games, activities, refreshments, stalls, raffle prizes and entertainment for all ages. Whether you are trying your luck at one of the games, enjoying a tasty treat or simply spending time with friends, there will be something for everyone.

Events such as our Summer Fete play an important role in raising valuable funds for the school, helping us to provide additional resources and opportunities that benefit all of our children. We are incredibly grateful to our PTA and the many volunteers who work so hard behind the scenes to make this event possible.

We would love to see as many families as possible there. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding timings, donations and opportunities to support the event.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you to a fun-filled afternoon of community spirit and celebration!

Important Update: Changes to School Communication

We would like to inform parents and carers that, from the end of this academic year, we will be moving away from ParentMail and transitioning to a new system called **ParentPay** for school communication and payments.

ParentPay is a secure online platform used by many schools across the country. It allows parents to receive important messages from the school and to make payments for school meals, trips, clubs and other activities quickly and safely online. It is designed to make communication and payments more streamlined and convenient for families.

In the coming weeks, all parents and carers will receive an **activation letter** with instructions on how to register for ParentPay. It is very important that you complete your registration as soon as possible once you receive this information, as ParentPay will become our main method of communication going forward.

From the start of the new academic year, all school messages, updates and payment requests will be sent through ParentPay, so ensuring your account is set up will help you stay fully informed.

If you have any questions or require support when setting up your account, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support as we make this important transition.

Reporting Absence from September

From September, you will no longer be able to report absence via ParentMail as we will be moving to a new platform called ParentPay which does not have this option.

Instead, all absence must be reported either by telephoning the school office on 01793 721423 or emailing the admin email address: admin@stleonards.bluekitetrust.org

Ordering School Hot Dinners – Important Change

We would like to inform parents and carers of an important update regarding school meals.

From the end of this academic year, we will no longer be using **School Grid** to order hot dinners. Instead, all school meal orders will need to be placed through **ParentPay**.

ParentPay will become the single platform for both communication and meal ordering. This means that all hot dinner selections must be made in advance via your ParentPay account. It is important that meals are ordered on time to ensure your child receives their chosen meal option each day.

If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account, please ensure you do so as soon as you receive your activation letter, as this will be essential for ordering school lunches from the start of the new system.

More detailed information on how to place lunch orders via ParentPay will be shared towards the end of this term to help families prepare for the change.

We encourage all parents and carers to familiarise themselves with ParentPay ahead of the transition to ensure a smooth and straightforward process in September.

If you require any assistance setting up your account or placing orders, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support in helping us implement this change.

Important Update: Allergy Information and “Benedict’s Law”

As part of updated national guidance commonly referred to as **Benedict’s Law**, schools are required to ensure that clear and up-to-date allergy information is collected and maintained for all pupils.

To support this, we will be sending home an **allergy information form** alongside your **ParentPay activation letter**.

It is essential that this form is completed by **all parents and carers**, regardless of whether your child has an allergy or not. Even if your child does not have any known allergies, this information is still required in order to meet current safeguarding and food safety guidelines.

These forms help us to ensure that all children are kept safe and that dietary needs are properly recorded and managed across the school.

We kindly ask that all forms are completed and returned as soon as possible once received. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us meet these important requirements.

Free School Meals (FSM) – Eligibility Update

We would like to share an important update regarding Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility, following changes to national guidance.

The school will be sending information home to all families about Free School Meals, so that everyone is aware of the current criteria and how to apply.

Families are now eligible for Free School Meals if they are in receipt of Universal Credit. Importantly, there is no longer a monetary income limit attached to this eligibility criteria.

This change means that more families may now be entitled to support, even if they were not previously eligible. We strongly encourage any family who thinks they may qualify to check their eligibility and apply if appropriate.

If you are unsure or would like support with the application process, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Classes for September

In our last newsletter, we shared details of our new class structure for the coming academic year. Below you will now find information outlining which teachers will be teaching each class. We will confirm Teaching Assistants in the next few weeks.

Pupil class groupings will be carefully decided by the Senior Leadership Team, in consultation with class teachers, to ensure the best possible balance for all children. We are currently in the final stages of this process.

We will write to all parents and carers individually to confirm their child's new class by **Friday 19th June**.

Thank you for your patience and continued support while we complete this important process.

Owl Class - Reception/Year 1- Mrs Axon
Hedgehog Class - Year 1/Year 2 – Mrs Mackenzie
Foxes Class - Year 3/Year 4 – Mr Jones
Badgers Class - Year 4/Year 5 – Mrs Welch
Deer Class Year 5/Year 6 – Mr Drake

Sports Day

Sports day will be on Friday 10th July and will be similar to the way that it was planned last year.

Sports Day will start at 09.30am and finish by 11.30am. (We will need to lock the gates at 08.30am as usual – we will reopen them at 09.15 approximately – once set up is complete). **Please park considerably.** Ensure that no residents driveways or garages are blocked.

Following the Sports Day we would like to hold a Family picnic. At this point you will be able to collect your child from their class teacher to join you.

We will send out a final letter nearer to the time. The event will go ahead as planned, unless there is bad weather, in which case it may need to be cancelled. If this were to happen, we would let you know as soon as possible.

Parent Meeting: Supporting All Learners in Mixed-Age Classes

We would like to invite parents and carers to an information meeting on Tuesday 14th July at 5:30pm, where we will share how our school ensures that all children are fully supported within our mixed-age class structure.

During this meeting, we will explain how we carefully plan and deliver learning so that every child's individual needs are met, while still ensuring full coverage of the National Curriculum. We are committed to making sure that no child misses out on key knowledge, skills or experiences as a result of being in a mixed-age class.

We will also outline how teachers adapt learning, provide challenge, and offer targeted support so that all pupils can make strong progress, regardless of their starting points. The session will give parents a clear understanding of how learning is structured across year groups and how progression is secured over time.

This will be an opportunity to ask questions, gain reassurance, and understand the systems in place that help us maintain high standards for all learners.

Date: Tuesday 14th July

Time: 5:30pm

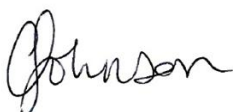
Location: School Hall – entrance through the school office

Key Dates

- WC 8th June – Phonics Screening
- Monday 8th June – Blue Kite Games (If your child is taking part in this, you will have been sent details regarding this)
- Wednesday 17th June – New Reception Starters Stay and Play
- Wednesday 17th June – Class Photos
- Friday 26th June – Summer Fete save the date!
- Wednesday 1st July – Swimming Gala
- **Monday 6th July – TD Day**
- Wednesday 8th July – Y6 Leaver's Production – matinee and evening performance – details to follow
- Friday 10th July – Sports Day
- Tuesday 14th July – Parent meeting to go over the curriculum changes
- Thursday 16th July – Transition morning for all classes
- Friday 17th July – Reports out to parents
- Tuesday 21st July – Y6 Leavers Assembly
- Wednesday 22nd July – Last day of term 1pm finish

Thank you for reading and for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,



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Headteacher