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Dear Parent/ Carer

It has been lovely to see the return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, over the last term and to catch up with the rest of the children via Zoom and emails.

We are all looking forward to September, when we can see all of our children return. I will be writing again very shortly regarding what this will look like.

This letter will focus on the arrangements for the end of term.

Our value for this term has been Perseverance and we have all felt at times that we have needed to be encouraged during these times of difficulty and seeing the children in reality or via Zoom has certainly helped all of us here at school, to feel positive.

Transition

This year Transition will look very different for the children at our school but we intend to provide a time for the children to say goodbye to their current teacher and hello to their new teacher.

For the children that are not in school, there will be a Farewell Zoom with their class teacher and teaching assistant on the following dates:

Monday 11th July - 11.00am Year 4 - Mr Berry

1.30pm - Year 3 - Mr Mooney

Tuesday 14th July - 1.30pm - Year 5 - Mrs Matthews

3.15pm - Year 2 - Miss Picter

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Thursday 16th July - For those year groups in school we hope to be able to arrange a way that those children at home in Year 1, can join the class, via Zoom at 11.30am and in Reception at 2pm.

We also hope that all our Year 6's will join the End of Year Celebrations, at school - socially distanced of course - on the morning of Thursday 16th July. A letter regarding this has been sent to all parents of the children in this year group.

On Wednesday 15th July, there will be a 'Welcome' zoom with your child's new class teacher. This will be a chance for everyone to say hello to each other and look forward to September. These will take place at the following times:

10.00am - For the current Year 1 children to meet their new Year 2 teacher

10.30am - For the current Year 2 children to meet their new Year 3 teacher

1.15pm - For the current Year 3 children to meet their new Year 4 teacher

1.45pm - For the current Year 4 children to meet their new Year 5 teacher

2.00pm - For the current Year 5 children to meet their new Year 6 teacher

3.15pm - For the current Reception children to meet their new Year 1 teacher

Links to these Zooms will be sent out by the end of this week.

Annual Reports

The annual report for your child has been written. These reports cover the period between September 2019 and March 2020. We have included a statement as regards to where your child was at the end of Term 4. For Reading, Writing and Maths there will be a statement that reads as one of the following:

- Your child was 'on track' to be working below age expected
- Your child was 'on track' to be working at age expected
- Your child was 'on track' to be working above age expected

We use the term 'on track' in the sense of 'following a course'.

The reports will not have attendance data on this year due to Covid-19.

For those children that are in school, we will hand them to the children to bring home. We will also give them the reports of any siblings who are in year groups, that are not in school. So, you will not need to come and collect them from school.

For those that are not in school, we are providing the following times for you to come and collect them on Thursday 9th July.

Surnames beginning with A- I - 09.30am - 10.30am

J - Q - 11.00am - 12pm

R-Z - 1pm - 2pm

When arriving at school, please go to the main office, ring the buzzer and then we will hand you the report/s. There may be a slight wait if we are busy dealing with something in school, as we have eight bubbles across the school buildings. We apologise in advance for this. Please use the 2m markings on the approach to school, if you find yourself queuing at any point.

The back page of the annual report, this year, was going to be a page that we asked the children to complete in school. Unfortunately, this hasn't been possible, but we are attaching it with the report. If the children have time before the Zoom meeting to reflect on their time in class, it would be great to share what they have enjoyed the most. There will also be certificates in their envelope, with their end of year report, so it would be lovely if the children could have these with them as well, so that we can celebrate their attitudes to their learning and all of their hard work, this year, at school and at home.

As well as the annual report, there will be a welcome letter from your child's new teacher.

Parental Contribution to reports

We have a clear understanding of where your child was when schools were asked to close and our main focus when the children return to school will be assessing (but not formally - tests - to begin with) where your child is. We will work to identify and address any gaps in knowledge and the key concepts that need to be addressed, in order to ensure they make the expected progress across their primary years. This year your child's learning has been a collaboration between school and home. If you would like to provide a brief overview of the areas that you feel your child has made progress in and areas where your child will need further support, this will be extremely valuable, for Reading, Writing, Maths and any of the other curriculum areas that you feel you wish to comment on. This is not compulsory so please don't feel you have to but we would like to provide you with a chance to update us, as we recognise how hard you have worked with your children. The reports also contain a section for you to comment on the report, this will be difficult under present circumstances, so please email this in as well, if you wish to.

If you can send these in to the admin email address and then we will forward them to the relevant teacher. I apologise in advance that we will not be able to respond to these at present but they will inform future planning for your child.

Goodbye

Again, this is a very unusual time for us to be saying goodbye to those that will not be at St Leonard's in September. Normally we would be together to do this.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Harrison, as she retires. Mrs Harrison has worked to support the children at our school for 22 years and volunteering before this. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Harrison for her commitment and all the care and support she has provided during this time, to many of our pupils and we wish her a very happy retirement.

Miss Picter, Miss Colledge and Mr Mooney will also be moving on to pastures new in September. We would also like to thank them for the care and commitment they have given to St Leonard's and wish them the very best for the future.

We would also like to say thank you to Mrs Sturla for the time that she has given to St Leonard's although not goodbye, as there will be times when Mrs Sturla will return to St Leonard's to work with classes, and thank you to Mrs Key who is relocating to Devon with her family. We wish them all the best for the future.

For the children that are also moving on, we wish you the very best for the future.

Welcome

We would like to say a warm welcome to Miss Jeffery and Mrs Welch, who will be joining our teaching team and Mrs Cooper and Mrs Pomfrey, who will be joining our team of teaching assistants.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to a great resource that one of the parents has shared with us. There is a PDF version of the book 'Sammy the Sloth goes back to school' which will be on the website, under the Well-being heading of the Home Learning Page; this may be helpful when discussing the return to school with your child.

The Summer Reading Challenge is also available through Swindon Libraries.

<https://srcswindon.wordpress.com/>

I will be in touch very shortly about plans for September.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Warburton