



St Leonard's CE Primary Academy

Living and Learning Together with God's Help

10th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 and to a new trust - The Blue Kite Academy Trust. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. The children have settled back into school very well and we are excited to have Mrs Mackenzie back with us also.

We have another busy term ahead. I will be sending out further updates in due course regarding my maternity cover whilst I am off. I am planning to start this on the 3rd March after the February half term to ensure a smooth handover to the person covering whilst I am away. More information will follow soon but please be assured that this is well in hand.

This term our value is generosity. Being generous is a conscious decision from the heart to do something with what you have. Christians believe that God calls his people to be generous with what he has given to them. It is a sign of trust in God, that there will be enough for everyone, so share it. Being generous isn't always about money, we can be generous in so many other practical ways. The children will be exploring this value in worship and in class.

Values Cup

I would like to congratulate Sienna and Penny for being awarded the values cup. They have shown our value of generosity which is great to see.

PE Days Term 3

Monday - Owl Class (R/Y1), Hedgehog Class (Y1/2), Badger Class (Y5) and Deer Class (Y6)
Tuesday - Badger Class (Y5) and Deer Class (Y6)
Wednesday - Otter Class (Y4) and Fox Class (Y3)
Thursday - Fox class (Y3) and Hedgehog Class (Y1/2)
Friday - Otter Class (Y4) Swimming

Swimming

Just a reminder that Otter class (Year 4) start swimming on Friday 10th January.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Wraparound Care

I am very pleased to be able to confirm that we have managed to secure wrap around care for the next two years at St Leonard's. During this time, we are hoping that the demand for this service grows which will allow us to then sustain this in the future for all our families.

The Big Adventure Club will be providing this service for us and we are just in the process of finalising the details and ensuring all the correct paperwork is in place.

We are looking at opening this service after the Easter holidays. This is due to the time it takes to ensure the company are Ofsted registered at our school and to allow for recruitment of staffing.

We will send out further information and how you can sign up to this service in the next couple of months. We are very happy that we can once again offer this service to our families and hope that you can support the school by spreading the word that this is something the school is now able to offer.

Reception 2025

Don't forget that the deadline is fast approaching for Reception 25 applications. If you need a space for Reception, the national deadline is 15th January 2025. Offer day is on 16th April 2025. Applications should be made through the Swindon Borough Council website

School Dinner Price increase from April 2025

Our food supplier, Dolce has written to inform us that the cost of school meals will be increasing from 1st April 2025. From this date, the cost of a school meal will rise to £3.19. Blue Kite will be looking at school meal provision for 25/26 and we have asked that St Leonard's is included in that process.

Upcoming TD Days

Monday 24th February
Tuesday 25th February

Other dates

16th January - Special "outback" themed menu
22nd January - Y5 Multiskills event - consent needed on parentmail
14th February - school closes for half term at 1:40pm

Yours sincerely
Mrs Johnson