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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you enjoyed the lovely warm weather at the weekend and maybe some of you were lucky enough to see the Aurora Borealis!

Head of St Leonard's September 2024

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Johnson will be the Acting Head from September 2024. Mrs Johnson already knows the school and children really well and this will enable a smooth transition as I leave and the new school year begins. I would like to congratulate Mrs Johnson on her new position for September. Mrs Johnson, with the rest of the team, will continue to ensure that St Leonard's builds on its successes. I know that I am leaving the leadership of the school in very capable hands.

Mrs Axon will be Acting Assistant Head from September 2024. This will also enable a smooth transition as once again Mrs Axon already knows the school and the children well. I would also like to congratulate Mrs Axon; she also offers a wealth of knowledge that will continue to support the school's development.

Class Structure

I wrote to you in April to explain that in September the school will be moving to a six-class structure. The classes will be as follows:

- Reception / Year 1
- Year 1/ Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

Careful consideration will be given to the way in which the Year 1 class will be split. The decision will be made upon a number of factors, including our knowledge of the relationships and the way in which the children work in a classroom environment together.

We have a well-designed curriculum offer at St Leonard's and we will be redesigning the curriculum for the two mixed classes to ensure that it is progressive in both skills and knowledge and fits into the curriculum journey of our school.

In Term 6 we will hold our usual transition days and the children will spend time together with their new classes and new teacher.

Agents of Change

We will continue with our theme of being agents of change through our Science project that Mr Hope has organised this term. The children have been asked to create an informative poster at home filled with information they have researched about an area of climate change.

In school, the children will plan something that will have a positive effect on our climate as an advocate for change. They will then be in charge of leading and putting their idea into action.

Staffing Update

Mr Maull has joined us for this term and term 6. We welcome him to the St Leonard's team.

Parent Survey

Our Annual Parent survey is open. It is really important for us as a school to know your thoughts and views. Please take some time to complete this if you haven't already. If you do share an issue in Q15 then please complete your name/ your child's name in the section so that we can contact you to discuss further. We cannot work with you as a school if we do not know who to contact and we do want to know how we can improve any concerns that you have. Thank you in advance for taking part in this survey.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/78BZY1/>

Healthy Snack

Just a polite reminder that we ask children to bring a Healthy Snack for our morning break times - a piece of fruit being the ideal snack.

Sports Day

We will be holding our Sports day on 21st June.

KS1 - 09.15 - 10.15am

KS2 - 10.30-11.30 am

We understand that some parents will be supporting both events but there will be a 15 minute break between the two to enable parents needing to leave the KS1 event and parents joining for the KS2 event to exit and enter the school.

The PTA also have some things planned in conjunction with this event - more details to follow.

PTA - Friends of St Leonard's, Blunsdon

The next PTA event is on **Friday 17th May when Glamorose cake van** will be visiting the school again at the end of the school day. The van will be parked at the front of the school.

T D Days for this academic year

3rd June 2024

Dates

- 13th May - KS2 SAT's begin for Year 6. All children across the country need to take part in these assessments and schools need to follow the national timetable. **Attendance** is vital for these assessments.
- 22nd - 24th May - Yr 6 Residential
- 27th May - Half term

- May/ June 2024 - Year 2 children will be sitting their KS1 SAT's. This again is a National measure.
- June 2024 - During June we will hold the National Phonics test for Year 1 and the National Multiplication check for Year 4. All children across the country need to take part in these assessments. **Attendance** is vital for these assessments.
- 4th June - Term 6 begins for the children
- 25th July 2024 - Finish at 12 noon

Provisional Dates for T D Days for Academic Year 24 25

2nd September 2024

3rd September 2024

4th November 2024

There will be three days remaining - I will confirm these at a later date

I want to end by wishing the Year 6's Good Luck with their SAT's this week. It was great to see so many of them at Breakfast Club yesterday morning. They have started the tests with a mature and calm approach.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Warburton