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Dear Parent/Carer

I can't believe how quickly the term is going already. This is such a busy term, and I am just writing with a few reminders and upcoming events and dates.

Value

Our value this term is Perseverance. We will be exploring how we can persevere in difficult times, how we can support and encourage each other in our individual endeavours and recognising the value of the effort and the reward of reaching our goals.

Mrs Wilkins

On Friday we said goodbye to Mrs Wilkins as she is retiring. Mrs Wilkins has worked at lunchtimes for St Leonard's for nearly 10 years. We would like to thank her for her time and commitment that she has given to St Leonard's. We will miss her but wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Assessments

Well done to Year 1, 2 and 4 for completing their statutory assessments. The children's approach to these was calm and their excellent learning behaviours were evident.

Library

We are pleased to announce that the Reading Ambassadors officially opened our library today. They have worked tirelessly to prepare this by scanning our books onto our electronic system and have organised the times the library can be opened and who will be on duty each day. This is a great example of pupil leadership at our school. Children can now scan books to take out of the library. Each child has an account which will enable them to take one book at a time and then when it is returned, exchange it for another one. The system lets us know who has which book. The past and present PTA have supported the school with funds and a large amount of money has been spent on ensuring the children have engaging story books and non-fiction books that match with the topics they are

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learning about in class. Please ensure that as the books move between home and school, they are taken care of and can be enjoyed by many children.

PSHE

This term, the theme for PSHE is 'Changing Me'. Below are the overviews for each year group so that you are informed about the aspects that are being taught as part of this curriculum.

Changing Me	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bodies Respecting my body Growing up Growth and change Fun and fears Celebrations 	Reception
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life cycles – animal and human Changes in me Changes since being a baby Differences between female and male bodies (correct terminology) Linking growing and learning Coping with change Transition 	Year 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life cycles in nature Growing from young to old Increasing independence Differences in female and male bodies (correct terminology) Assertiveness Preparing for transition 	Year 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How babies grow Understanding a baby's needs Outside body changes Inside body changes Family stereotypes Challenging my ideas Preparing for transition 	Year 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being unique Having a baby Girls and puberty Confidence in change Accepting change Preparing for transition Environmental change 	Year 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self- and body image Influence of online and media on body image Puberty for girls Puberty for boys Conception (including IVF) Growing responsibility Coping with change Preparing for transition 	Year 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-image Body image Puberty and feelings Conception to birth Reflections about change Physical attraction Respect and consent Boyfriends/girlfriends Sexing Transition 	Year 6

Parent Survey

Thank you to those that completed our Parent Survey. The results showed that 90% of children are happy at the school with 80% of parents stating that their children feel safe at this school, that pupils are well behaved and that parents feel informed about the curriculum offer at the school. Your views are really important to us and inform the school regarding ways in which we can develop school and home links further.

Healthy Snack and water bottles

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. We also ask that children only have water in their bottles that they access during learning time, any other type of drink will be replaced with water.

Sports Day

We are looking forward to welcoming you to school this Friday for our Sports Day, followed by our family picnic. (see previous Sports Day letter for details) The morning starts at 09.30am for all. The gates will be open between 09.15 and 09.30am and then closed. We appreciate that some of you may need to come over a little later than this. If you are arriving later than the official start time you may have to wait at the gate to be let in, so your patience is very much appreciated. All staff are involved in the running of the Sports Day, but we will try to check the gate every 15 minutes to allow access to the field.

Please remember to park considerately.

Wrap Around care

This has been and continues to be something that I am seeking a solution to but unfortunately due to numbers requiring the service we haven't yet found a viable solution. Recently I have submitted a further expression of interest to Swindon Borough to see if there is any way that the school can be supported in offering a Breakfast and After School club. Below is a link to the survey which I have sent out before. It would be useful to receive your feedback again regarding your requirements so that I can share the most up to date feedback.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/W2WISB/>

Transition

16th and 17th July - Transition - children will meet their new teachers and spend the mornings on both these days in their new classroom.

Dates

21st June Sports Day - see above

24th June Y5 trip

25th June Y1-Y6 Tennis session with Delta Tennis and Best - Be a better you

26th June PTA Bags to schools

12th July - Reports to parents

16th and 17th July - Transition mornings

22nd July Rock and Pop Roadshow

24th July Leaver's assembly at 9:30am As space is limited, only parents or guardians of Y6 are able to attend

25th July 2024 - Finish at 12 noon

Dates for T D Days for Academic Year 24 25

2nd September 2024

3rd September 2024

4th November 2024

24th February 2025

2nd June 2025

There is still one T D day to arrange and this will be shared once the date has been decided upon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Warburton