

St Leonard's CE Primary Academy

Living and Learning Together with God's Help

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we are finishing week 3 already. The children have been working incredibly hard and have settled back into school life well. Below you will find some updates and important information so do please read through and if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

I also would like to share some personal and exciting news with you: I am expecting a baby! This wonderful development brings immense joy to my husband and I, and I wanted to ensure that you hear this news directly from me. As I embark on this new chapter, I am committed to continuing my role with dedication and will keep you updated on the plans for my upcoming maternity. Please know that I will ensure everything is in place to keep our school running effectively with children at the heart of what we do. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during this special time. I look forward to celebrating this journey with you and appreciate your warm wishes.

Values Cup

I would like to congratulate Romi, Lyra, Alfie and Aaliyah for being awarded the values cup. They have shown our value of friendship which is great to see.

PE

I know that these have already been communicated but the following days are the P.E. days for each year group:

Owl Class - Wednesday
Hedgehog Class - Thursday and Friday
Fox Class - Monday and Friday (Swimming)
Otter Class - Monday and Wednesday
Badger Class - Monday and Wednesday
Deer Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Head Boy and Head Girl



We are very excited to announce our new Head Boy and Head Girl. Congratulations to Marshall and Hetty.

We are looking forward for them both to be representing our school very soon at school events.

Thank you to all the children who applied and put so much effort into their application and interview - they were all fantastic!

Reading Ambassadors

We would like to congratulate our Reading Ambassadors who will be promoting a love for reading throughout the school.

Congratulations to Jessica, Jacob, Emily, Eva, Isabelle, Karma, Wilfred, Emily and Heidi.

Thank you to all the children that took the time to apply for this role.

School and Worship Council

Congratulations to our new School and Worship Council who have been voted by their class to represent their year group.

Year 3 School Council - Tommy and Connie
Year 3 Worship Council - Ralph and Lottie
Year 4 School Council - Freddie and Aurora
Year 4 Worship Council - Maxi and Amelia
Year 5 School Council - Alfie and Heidi
Year 5 Worship Council - Finley and Raya
Year 6 School Council - Alfie and Kali
Year 6 Worship Council - Dylan and Isla

Pick up and Drop Off

Please be aware that children should not be riding bikes and scooters into the school grounds. Please remind them to wheel them to the bike stands for everyone's safety.

Also, please can we ask parents and carers to supervise their children during these times if allowing children to go on the equipment. This is for their own safety. School cannot take responsibility during these times.

Parents Evening

These will take place on:
Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October

SEND Parents Evening will be the WC: Monday 14th September and teachers will be in contact to arrange these with you individually.

Pastoral / ELSA

As some of you know, our ELSA lead Mrs Gaywood left the school last year. Last term we were able to broker some support from another school however we have not been able to manage this for this term. However, I have some great news. Miss Bruch has agreed to do the training which will start in February and finish in April. She will then be fully ELSA trained and be able to lead this for us in school.

In the interim period, Miss Bruch will be offering pastoral support from Term 2 for identified children who we feel would benefit from this time.

Open Afternoons

To start the new academic year, I would like to once again open the school for Open Afternoons. On the dates below, parents are invited to come into school from 2:45pm to visit their child's classroom to see their work. Our new Head Boy and Head Girl will also be offering tours for any parents that would like to see more of the environment. Please can we ask parents

Tuesday 8th October

Thursday 28th November

More dates will follow in the new year.

PTA News

Our PTA have been working hard fundraising for the school. They have very kindly purchased some Ipad LocknCharge storage baskets for the classrooms to support IT and also some Glockenspiels to support music lessons.

Future fundraising projects include purchasing football kits for our St Leonard's Girls Football Team and a larger more ambitious Outdoor Classroom to support learning in the outdoors. Keep your eyes peeled in 2025 for our big fundraising event.

Absence / Lateness

Please remember that if your child is off poorly, parents must call the school office by 8:30am to let us know your child will be off and why. We have also noticed a few more children arriving late this week; please ensure your child is dropped off on the playground by 8:30am before the gate closes.

Phonics Workshop

Mrs Axon will be running a phonics and reading workshop on Monday 7th October between 5pm - 6pm. We would encourage all parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to attend.

We will be following the Swindon calendar for term dates for the academic year 2024-25.

Upcoming TD Days

Monday 4th November

Friday 20th December

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Johnson

Please see below for upcoming PTA events and updates.

PTA Updates

Bags 2 Schools

We have arranged another collection for Wednesday 2nd October. So when you are having that clear out ready for Christmas, bag it up and bring it along. Drop off on Tuesday 1st October in the afternoon by 5pm or Wednesday 2nd by 9am. Please use your own bags, any kind will do!

Please find a list of items which can be collected below:



Christmas Jumper Sale

We will be collecting your outgrown Christmas jumpers for our Christmas jumper sale on Friday 29th November, just in time for Christmas Jumper Day in December! There will be a box in Reception from Tuesday 1st October until Half Term so please either send them in with your child or hand in to the office.

Christmas Fair

We are really excited to announce that we will be holding our first Christmas Fair under the new PTA. This will be held on Friday 6th December from 1.40pm - 3pm. There will be children's crafts for sale, games, tombola prizes, a raffle, refreshments and much more, including a visit from someone special, if he's available...!

We would love donations of:

- Full and empty wine bottles with screw tops.
- Tombola prizes (any cosmetic gift sets, confectionary, chocolates, books, candles, picture frames, bottles etc)
- Children's prizes (books, quality soft toys, stationery, sweets, chocolates)
- Raffle prize ideas - we already have a few in mind, but if you know a business who would be willing to donate a prize please let us know!
 - Newspaper.



We are also hoping to offer space for some stall holders at the Christmas Fair, for a donation to the PTA, full details TBC. If you have a small business/side hussle and would like to attend, please express your interest to us. Space is limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis, so please get in early to avoid disappointment.

Help Wanted!

If you can help at any PTA events, especially the larger ones like the Christmas Fair please let us know; we will need as many hands as possible to make the events a success and it would be great to have some names and contact numbers to call on! Many hands make light work, as the saying goes, so please do support us!



Support Your School

There are two really easy ways to raise money for the school at no extra cost to yourselves:

Easyfundraising - sign up through the app and raise money for school as you shop. There are thousands of online retailers who offer a percentage of your purchase to the school at no extra cost to you. So please sign up in time for all those Christmas Spends!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stleonardsceprimacad/?utm_campaign=GPT-143&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=share&utm_content=copy-link

Asda Rewards - opt in to support the school on your Rewards App and again money is donated to the school each time you shop.



<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools#:~:text=Participants%20must%20ensure%20their%20Asda,Spend%20to%20their%20Chosen%20School.>

Contact us

Please send any queries, expression of interest for helping or for stalls for the Christmas Fair to our email address:

friendsofstleonardsschool@outlook.com



Thank you all, once again, for your continued support, we couldn't do this without you!