

# St Leonard's CE Primary Academy

Living and Learning Together with God's Help

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 5! It's hard to believe how quickly time is flying by. The students are well into their learning routines, and we're seeing amazing progress across all classes. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement as we continue to build a positive and exciting school environment.

## Values Cup

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

## Staffing

I just wanted to update Year 3 parents on Mrs. Mackenzie's maternity leave. Mrs. Mackenzie is planning to return to work from Term 3. I am sure Fox class will be very excited to see her.

## Multi-skills Festival



On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, we have organised for Year 3 to go to Warneford to take part in their multi skills festival. Transport has been arranged by the school and we hope they have a fantastic time! Please make sure your child is in PE kit, has their school jumper and their water bottle as well as a snack.

## 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 to arrive through the school office from 2:45pm. Classrooms will be open until 3:15pm at which time teachers will ask parents to exit onto the playground ready for school pick up.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

## Phonics Workshop

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

## Parents Evening

For Owl, Hedgehog, Otter, Badger and Deer Class, these will take place on:  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

For Fox class, parents evening will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October only

SEND Parents Evening will be the WC: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September for all classes and teachers will be in contact to arrange these with you individually.

## Cost of Living Support

Please be aware that Swindon Borough Council will no longer be supporting food vouchers after the Easter Holidays therefore these will not be issued after this time.

## Football

Our boys football team played their first match against Oakhurst last week. Unfortunately, they lost but everyone tried their hardest and had fun.

## Sports for Schools



We are excited to share with you that we have signed up for an event where a top GB athlete will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit** with all pupils, followed by a **motivational assembly**, and **Q&A** session. The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to be more physically active, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their **passion in life**.

The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and **raise money to improve physical activity** in the school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

Sports for Schools will be visiting the school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to run the sponsored fitness workshop. Our athlete is Jack Rutter who is a GB Paralympic footballer and he also was the former captain of the England and Great Britain Cerebral Palsy team.

We will be holding an assembly for the children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to launch the event and your child will come home with a letter and a fundraising pack on this day.

The more money we can raise, the more vouchers we will receive to spend on new sports equipment.

Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Parent Governor**

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If you would, why not consider becoming an Academy Council member? There are currently two vacancies for a Parent Academy Council member at this school.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Academy Council member but feel a little daunted by the responsibility you may be taking on, remember that full training will be available, and you will always act as part of a team. No special qualifications are needed, and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Academy Council's work.

If you would like more information, please ask the school office and we will provide a pack for you.

## **Harvest**

We will be holding a Harvest Festival in school for the children. This year we will be donating food to the local food bank. Swindon Food Collective is your local independent food bank that collects and redistributes donated non-perishable food and non food items to those in need. They help individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves for a variety of reasons such as low wages, low income, family crisis, delayed benefit payments, redundancy, bereavement or sickness. If you would like to donate, please see below what they currently need. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

### WHAT WE DON'T NEED:

We do not need pasta, cereals and shower gel.

### WHAT WE DO NEED:

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:

*" Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea (40 bags); Small Bags of Sugar (500g); Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"*

## **Year 6 Parents**

A reminder that you only have until 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER for any on-time application for secondary school places.

To apply use the link below:

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions/424/secondary\\_school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/424/secondary_school_places_and_admissions)

## **PTA Updates**

### **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...!

## **Upcoming TD Days**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Johnson