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# Newsletter



From the Headteacher



## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everybody who completed the Parent Questionnaire before half term. Altogether we had 65 responses and they were overwhelmingly positive with the following percentages either agreeing or strongly agreeing that:

I am proud to send my child to St Leonard's 100%

My child is happy at St Leonard's and enjoys coming to school 100%

I am pleased with my child's progress at this school 100%

I am able to discuss my child's learning with members of staff 100%

The school is a safe place for my child and children are well looked after 100%

The behaviour of children is good 100%

I would recommend this school to new parents 100%

The strongest support was regarding safety with 75% **strongly agreeing** that children were safe at St Leonard's. **ALL** areas were more positive than last year with the biggest improvement being that now 66% **strongly agree** that communication is effective.

The weakest areas, which we will revisit during the year as a result, were homework provision (90% happy and 3% didn't know) and dealing with bullying (87% happy and 8% didn't know).

Thank you to everybody for their comments, both positive and constructive.

## Parent Involvement

Thank you to everybody who attended the recent Parents' Evenings. Attendance overall was 84% and ranged from 93% in Year Two to 68% in Year Six. We hope to raise parents' attendance above 90% in the Spring Term – please come along and find out how well your child is learning, they **love it** when you see their work.

There will be **Learning Mornings** this term in Nursery (8 December), Reception (change of date to **this Friday, 4 November**) and Year 2 (tba). In addition, there will be a Home Learning celebration assembly on Friday 11 November where children will share the work that they have completed in Family Learning Projects over half term.

## Attendance

Congratulations to the 189 children who achieved their Gold 100% attendance sticker for Term 1 and to the 67 who achieved their Silver 95%+ attendance sticker. Overall, school attendance was 95.22% for the term, an improvement of 0.52% on the previous year. Winners of the class reward of £50 were Miss Somers (Y2) with 98.60% and Mrs Nottingham with 96.40%. Well done!

## Road Safety

The clocks have gone back and both the mornings and evenings are getting darker. In the interests of safety please can parents **NOT PARK** on the zig-zag yellow lines outside of school because it stops children from being **seen**. Police can enforce parking fines for parking in these areas and it puts our children's safety at risk. Our PCSO has requested that repeat offenders' number plates be passed onto him. Thank you.

## Parent Appointments

We are an open school and happy to meet with parents when there is a cause for concern. Please remember though that the beginning of the day is very busy and if you require to discuss something at length it is best to make an appointment for after school.

Best wishes,  
*Neil Blackwell*



## What we are doing!

### Assembly Theme

This term's theme is related to our core school value of responsibility. It is based upon duty and determination; very fitting when we remember those who have fallen defending their country on Remembrance Sunday. We have Anti-Bullying Week later this month and our Learning Power for the term is Keep Improving. We also have Christmas to look forward to!

### Online Safety

It is important that children are safe online. It's likely that as they turn into teenagers they will use the internet more and more and therefore they need to learn the rules to avoid risks and be safe. We will teach children online safety at school but it's also important that parents monitor and know what their children are up to on their tablets, laptops and phones. To help you be more aware of the dangers we have arranged two Online Safety information sessions; both on **Monday 21 November**, in the hall between **1.45-2.45 pm and 6.30-7.30**. Please try and attend one of the sessions.

### Open Day

There is another Open Day at school on **Tuesday 15 November**, at 9.30pm. Any parents seeking a place in Reception for September 2017 or for Nursery are invited to visit us to see our children at work. Please tell your friends!

### Michaelmas Fair

The Nursery children had a fantastic time walking to and exploring the Michaelmas Fair and talking about what they saw. The following day, they shared their experiences:

The sounds of the fair: "It was so noisy. Did you hear the sounds?" (Luke). Talking about the bumper cars: "Racing cars. Have numbers on the racing cars. Hold onto turning wheels and drive. So bumpy!" (Nicolas) Talking about the ghost train: "They're sitting down and the monsters are trying to get that box." (Luchia-Mae)

### Library Lollies

Next week it is **Library Open Week** and we will be inviting all parents to join their children visiting the school library after school. It is a fantastic resource, especially as the nights get longer, and you can change books as often as you wish. There will be a free lolly for each child who visits with their parent. See 'Dates for your Diary' on the next page for dates and times.



## On our Website

### Educational Visits

Miss Moon's October Educational Visits Blog is on the website for you to read. Well done to our Year 5 Tag Rugby team which won the Plate tournament just before half term. Year 5 also had a fantastic day out at Batsford Arboretum. Year 6 have undertaken their Young Leaders training and will be using their skills to encourage other children to be more active.

### Curriculum

The Whole School Curriculum Plan is also on the website so that you can find out what your children are learning this term. Year 2's Blast From The Past sounds good (Guy Fawkes and the Fire of London) and Year 3 will be "creating a disaster zone in the classroom" – no change there, then! Children should be bringing home year group Newsletters about their learning this week.

### Children's Work

If you haven't had a chance to visit school recently Mrs Wightman has posted some of the children's amazing work on the school website. Look in 'Curriculum' for 'Around the Classrooms – Term 1'. Well worth a look. Maybe children will be able to find their own work on there?



## Words of the Week

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Last week I visited the Brecon Beacons which is a national Dark Sky reserve. It was the first time that I had seen the stars for years! This week's words then are **galaxy**, **comet** and **meteor**. What are they? And which is the odd one out and why?



### Dates arranged so far:-

- Thursday 3rd November:** Full Governors' meeting 7pm
- Friday 4th November:** Reception Learning Morning
- Monday 7th November:** PTFA's AGM 8.0pm
- Friday 11th November:** Home Learning celebration assembly
- Monday 14th November:** Residential Visit to Stackpole for year 6
- Tuesday 15th November:** Nursery and Reception open day for prospective parents 9.30am
- Monday 21st November:** Online Safety sessions  
1.45—2.45pm and 6.30—7.30pm
- Thursday 24th November:** Pantomime at Chipping Norton theatre
- Thursday 1st December:** Christingle services
- Friday 2nd December:** • Christmas decorations day  
• Nursery Christmas production
- Wednesday 7th December:** School Christmas dinner
- Thursday 8th December:** Nursery Learning Day
- Friday 9th December:** Reception Christmas production
- Tuesday 13th December:** KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am
- Wednesday 14th December:** • KS1 Christmas performance  
9.30am  
• Year 6 Carol Concert in church
- Thursday 15th December:** Christmas parties
- Friday 16th December:** Term 2 finishes at 2.0pm
- Wednesday 4th January 2017:** Term 3 starts

### Library Visits

- Monday 7th November:** Nursery & Reception parents at 3.0pm
- Tuesday 8th November:** KS1 parents at 3.0pm
- Wednesday 9th November:** Lower KS2 parents at 3.15pm
- Thursday 10th November:** Upper KS2 parents at 3.15pm