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Newsletter



From the Head Teacher



Parents' Meetings

There was a good turnout at Parents' Meetings this week and thank you to everyone who has attended. What was striking were the aspirations that parents had for their children. Most realised that hard work was key and that doing well in education is a way to ensuring choice in the future, whether it be further education or a job in the workplace. We are already planning our second Aspirations Week in May – don't hesitate to contact us if you think that you could be of help!



We had a visit from an author this week, Sean Callery, whose speciality is non-fiction. He's written books for children on everything from tigers to the Titanic! Every child from Year 1 to 6 got to take part in a workshop where they planned an information book about their current topic, making decisions about content and style. They learnt all about the role of illustrators, publishers and retailers.



There was a real buzz around the hall as we announced the winners of this year's **500 Words** story competition. So many children had given up time to write entries and it was clear that we are now a school of writers. The winners were: **Key Stage 1** – 1st Patrick, 2nd Zoë, 3rd Lila Rose; **Lower Key Stage 2** – 1st Eleanor, 2nd Imaan, 3rd Lauren; **Upper Key Stage 2** – 1st Billy, 2nd Kitty, 3rd Owen. **Special Award** – Bradley. Miss Moon read over a hundred entries, with many different characters including aliens, princesses and magical talking animals! Many thanks to all who entered. Winning entries are on the website – please take a look!

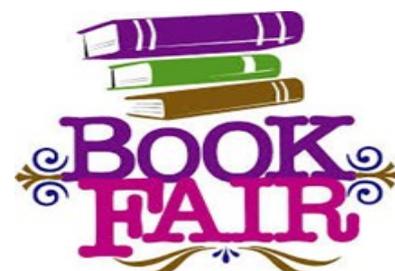
Year 2 SATs meeting

Just a quick reminder that there is a meeting for parents about Year 2 SATs on Monday, straight after school in the Hall. Come along to find out more and how you can support your child at this important time.

The Book Fair raised £308.22 for the school. Thank you very much for your support.

Best wishes,

Neil Blackwell





Newly Weds visited Year 2 yesterday to announce the winners of their recent competition to design a food product which would appeal to children. They even brought along a chef and made and shared the winning designs. Well done to Kacper and John for their fantastic (and tasty) designs! Charlotte, Emily, Zoe and Robertas were also winners for creativity, innovation and 'being bonkers'!



The government recently published a guide to the Home Learning Environment. In effect, early success in learning can be hugely enhanced by 3 things:

Chat – talking with your children, two-way, developing their vocabulary and language skills

Play – encourages communication, empathy and rehearses specific skills. It builds the desire to learn!

Read – reading stories and rhymes, sharing and talking about the pictures, vocabulary and ideas within

All these things are proven to make a difference to children's readiness for school and their ability to understand and share in the world. They are just as applicable for older children as they prepare for their next school!



Dates for your diary ...

Monday 18 March	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents 3.20pm
Tuesday 19 March	Year 3 Parent Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 20 March	St Leonard's Maths Day
Friday 22 March	Great British Spring Clean
Monday 25 March	Year 6 Parents meetings all week
Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd April – Holy Week Activities in Church for Children in Years 1-6	



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Tuesday 2 April	Year 3 and 4 Performance 2:00 pm
Wednesday 3 April	Year 3 and 4 Performance 7:00pm
Thursday 4 April	Year 2 Easter Service, Church
Friday 5 April	School closes for Easter 2:00 pm
Tuesday 23 April	School reopens



St Leonard's Church

Find out what is happening in our church by going to their website: <http://saintleonards.org>

