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Newsletter



From the Head Teacher



Mental Health

We are grateful to our Mental Health Manager, Annie Evans, for uploading the latest contact details for local and national mental health services onto the school website (Information, Mental Health). There is information about both adults and children services, and of course adult mental health is essential in order to look after our children effectively.

There is also a useful document giving some background information. For example, there is a section entitled "**Spotting the signs of mental health difficulties**" reproduced below:

There is a simple way to remember some of the signs and what to look out for if you've started to feel concerned about your child's mental health - **M-A-S-K**:

Mood

They get irritable, argumentative or aggressive towards you. They may blame you if things go wrong. They can also become withdrawn

Actions

They may experience changes in eating and sleeping patterns. Look out for any signs of bullying, alcohol, drugs or self-harm

Social

They suddenly appear especially bored, lonely or withdrawn or they start to get into trouble. Losing interest in friends and other things they liked to do or missing school are common warning signs.

Keep Talking

Refusing or being reluctant to talk about how they're feeling is common. But keep listening and ask how they are feeling. When they do open up, make sure they know there's someone there who really cares.

The Great British Spring Clean

St Leonard's are joining in with the Great British Spring Clean once again, with every year group taking part tidying the school grounds and Year 5 outside the main gate on Overthorpe Road. Victoria Prentis, MP, visited this lunchtime to see how we were getting on. Anyone who wants to get more involved can join the **Wild Banbury Spring Clean** on Saturday, 13 April at Spiceball Park from 10.30am to 12:30pm.

Best wishes,

Neil Blackwell





A St Leonard's Whodunnit !

Year 5 and 6 ground to a halt on Tuesday as they organised a crime scene investigation into the **Case of the Missing Chocolate Cake!** Whilst the footprints suggested Mr Clark was the crook, the grey hair at the scene suggested Mrs Vere as the villain. Mr Blackwell had the motive – he loves chocolate! -but obviously a cast iron alibi as he is so busy. Miss Nicklin has been spending lots of time in Year 6 lately and was briefly a suspect. However, there were audible gasps when it emerged that squeaky-clean Mrs Lacey was in fact the culprit! With the children on the case she bit off more than she could chew on this occasion.



Maths Teaching at St Leonard's

Parents often ask us how we 'teach' maths at school and compare it with when they were at school themselves. Mrs Debus has done a brilliant job at showing the steps that our children take in the 4 Maths operations: **Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.** You can see the individual policies in the Learning part of our website in Curriculum Information – just click on the Maths tab.



World Book Day

Year Two loved their visit to Waterstones to spend their book voucher! During World Book Week the whole school took part in a Story Relay, with each class adding their own sentence to a story which began with an idea from Nursery. The story is attached with the Newsletter.



Phone Numbers



It's amazing how quickly telephone numbers go out of date! Please let us know as soon as your number changes so that we can keep in contact through text, both urgent and non-urgent. Many thanks.



Dates for your diary ...

Monday 25 March	Year 6 Parents meetings all week
Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd April	Holy Week Activities in Church for Children in Years 1-6
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



St Leonard's Church

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



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Tuesday 23 April	School reopens
Tuesday 23 April	Growth Mindset week

PTFA Easter Fun

Easter Bonnet Competition...

Make an Easter Bonnet and bring it into school on Thursday 4th April – there will be a prize for the best bonnet in each class presented in assembly on 5th April .



Raffle

Enter our raffle to take our cuddly

Easter Bunny home

£1 a ticket.

The winner will be drawn on Friday April 5th

Please return the slip below with your entry fee in an envelope addressed to the PTFA.

Multiple entries accepted, collect more slips if required at reception.

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Name

Class

If i win the Easter bunny i will call him (or her)

