



Newsletter Edition No. 6  
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***"So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." Matthew 25: 1-13***

As the country goes into its second national lockdown, here at St. Leonard's we will continue to be open for all pupils. The staff are working together as a team and appreciate the positive support from all our parents and carers. Our prime concern is the safety of all members of our school family. With this in mind many things have had to change in school since we returned and we continue to review these measures and adapt them as appropriate on a regular basis. I would like to thank all those parents who took the time to send their very positive messages into school towards the end of the half term. You have no idea how much these words of support and encouragement mean to all the staff as they all work so hard to ensure that our children feel safe in school whilst still delivering an excellent educational programme.

Stay Safe & God bless

*Mrs Robertson*

### **Sanitiser/Gel**

As the weather changes and more children come to school with gloves on, the morning/afternoon process has changed slightly to avoid the challenges of juggling, gloves, bags and gel at the gates. Classteachers will give a 'squidge' of gel onto children's hands as they enter/leave the school building/classroom instead of at the gates.

### **Water bottles**

Children will now be able to bring their own water bottle into school on a **Monday only**, they will be washed and refilled with fresh water daily in school and will be returned home on a **Friday** to be sterilised. School water bottles will still be available in the classrooms at all times and they are also washed daily and sterilised every week.

### **Reading record books**

Year 5/6 will no longer have reading record books as all their reading is monitored through Accelerated Reader.

**Please note that these changes are monitored regularly and the school will make changes only when they feel it is safe to do so.**

### **Face coverings**

For your own safety and that of others in our school family, **please** wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your children.



### **First Holy Communion**

Due to the new restrictions all churches are closing again. Father Humble has reluctantly had to cancel all First Holy Communion celebrations. He will let us know when it is certain that we can come together again to receive the blessed sacrament.



### **Children in Need**

On **Friday 13th November**, children will be allowed to wear non uniform for a donation which will be collected at the gate. They may wear 'Pudsey' attire for that day only and children will engage in activities that raise awareness within their classes.



### Main Term dates 2020-21

<b>Autumn 1:</b> 2nd September -23rd October	<b>Spring 1:</b> 5th January -12th February	<b>Summer 1:</b> 12th April -28th May
<b>Autumn2:</b> 2nd November -18th December	<b>Spring 2:</b> 22nd February -26th March	<b>Summer 2:</b> 7th June -16th July

Dates  
for your



#### November

Friday 6th—Flu immunisations  
Friday 13th—Children in need (non uniform day)  
Tuesday 24th—New starters open evening  
Friday 27th—St. Leonard's Feast Day

#### December

##### **Advent begins**

Tuesday 1st—Join Bishop Chadwick Trust  
Wednesday 9th—KS1 Nativity (details to follow)  
Thursday 10th—Acorn/Maple Christmas party  
Friday 11th—Christmas Jumper day  
Monday 14th—Pine Christmas party  
Tuesday 15th—Ash & Poplar Christmas Party  
Wednesday 16th—Willow Christmas Party  
Thursday 17th—Oak Christmas Party  
Friday 18th—Christingle service

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**All dates are provisional and changes may be made.**



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### **Beautiful Attitudes**

The last month in the church year provides an opportunity for us all to reflect on the year that has been and how we have grown spiritually.

The Gospel from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, the Beatitudes, present 'beautiful attitudes' with which God wants us all to live, even in the face of difficulty. In the assembly for that week, children heard the story of St Martin de Porres who lived over 400 years ago and who, by putting others first, exemplified the Beatitude "Blessed are the humble, for they shall inherit the earth."

Click to play the film below, and then why not discuss it with your child.

### **See Online Parent Newsletter for film:**

**[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/)**

Children learned that, even though Martin didn't have very much as a child, he was always generous and wanted to share what he had.

Even though it was unfair that Martin wasn't allowed to join the religious order just because of the colour of his skin – which must have made him very upset – he humbly asked to serve in the ways he was allowed to.

Even though he was sometimes teased and called names, Martin did whatever work he was asked to do without grumbling, and he ended up doing amazing things for God!

Even though we, like Martin, might find it very difficult at times, with God's help, we can live with beautiful attitudes.

### **Why not take a moment to discuss with your child:**

Any times they or you have chosen to do good even though it felt difficult.

Why it is always wrong to treat someone differently because of the colour of their skin.

The Beatitudes, found in Matthew 5: 1 – 12.

How they can celebrate St Martin's feast day (November 3<sup>rd</sup>) by going out of their way to put others first.

### **Prayer**

Jesus, you call us to put others first in our lives.

To put our family first.

To put our friends first.

To put our school community first.

To put those who are left out and lonely first.

To put the poor first.

Show us how to be generous in our words and actions to those we meet, and to our brothers and sisters around the world that need our help.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

