



Newsletter Edition No.7
20th November 2020

What a busy couple of weeks it has been and the children have engaged in so many wonderful activities such as remembrance day in our prayer garden and dressing as Pudsey for children in need. A huge thank you parents and carers for all your support for us here in St. Leonard's. Watch out for our new video, which should be out soon and spread the word for our virtual open evening for potential new parents on **Tuesday 24th November at 4pm**. Keep liking and retweeting us!

Stay Safe & God bless

Mrs Robertson

National Youth Sunday—By Miss McVittie

The Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday every year. It is always celebrated on the feast of Christ the King, which is this Sunday, (22nd November). To celebrate this event schools have traditionally marked the Friday before Youth Sunday. This feast day is the special time when the Church celebrates the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. It is the time when we encourage children's mission within the Church and support the work of the Youth Ministry Team in our diocese. This year the theme is **Together**. It acknowledges how the way we live, work, study, play and pray has all changed this year. The most significant change has been that we have not been able to do many of those things together. This year's theme recognises what it means to be 'together'; with ourselves, with others and with God.

This is where the theme came from- the words of Pope Francis- (I really like this quote, so wanted to share)

To come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity.

Pope Francis, September 2020

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.



Children in Need

On Friday 13th November we raised an amazing

£165.45

for Children in Need.



Congratulations to Ash & Poplar who under the supervision of Mrs Smiles and Mrs Leathlean managed to get themselves on TV too!

Well done everyone and Thank you all for your kind generosity.

This weeks attendance winners are

Acorn and Maple

100%

Congratulations, enjoy your extra playtime!



#We love learning in school

School leavers

At the end of November, three members of our family will be leaving the school. Mrs Heath, Mrs Bulmer and Mrs Parkin's last day will be Monday 30th November. All three ladies have been with the school for many years and I'm sure that you will join the governors, staff, children and myself in wishing them all the very best of luck as they move onto new and exciting adventures.

Mrs Heath has worked in the school since 1998 mainly in Early Years. Her kind and friendly manner have always been a comfort to those children starting their school life here at St. Leonard's. We wish her all the very best as she moves onto new adventures.

Mrs Bulmer has been with the school since 2001 and has contributed to all aspects of school life throughout her career here, working with children and teachers across the whole school. We all wish her well in the future.

Mrs Parkin, as a lunchtime supervisor as well as an HLTA has been at the school since 2008. She has supported children across the school in their education as well as their play at lunchtime. We all wish her good luck in her future.

We are collecting donations as a school for a present to say thank you to these ladies who have been with the school for so long and if you would like to contribute please contact the school office.

Remembrance Day

All the children within their bubbles engaged in a variety of activities for remembrance day, including the 2 minute silence and visiting our school prayer garden to remember all those in the armed forces who keep us safe and our country free.



Anti Bullying Week

Well done everyone for taking part in activities to raise awareness and understand more fully what bullying actually is. There has been some fantastic work going on around the school this week.

Oak Class News—By Miss Winter

Oak class have become competition mad!

- 1) 'Design a BEAT IT!' we are learning about what makes us ill and how our bodies can fight back, so we are writing hip hop songs all about this. (competition in conjunction with Seriously Beat it!, Sunderland and WAAW (World antimicrobial awareness week))
- 2) We have received our resources to begin our MOBIE designs for a home in Sunderland. We have already had an online session with George Clark and are now thinking about how to design and build new sustainable, eco-friendly houses in our area.

School video

Last week we had visitors who are creating a new school promotional video for St. Leonard's. We are hoping that it will be available soon, so look out for it on twitter and the school website.



School brochure

We have also been working on a new school brochure which should be ready next week. Look out for it on the school website.



Prospective new parents

Virtual open evening

November 24th



Contact the School office for more details

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| <p>Autumn 1: 2nd September -23rd October</p> <p>Autumn2: 2nd November -18th December</p> | <p>Spring 1: 5th January -12th February</p> <p>Spring 2: 22nd February -26th March</p> | <p>Summer 1: 12th April -28th May</p> <p>Summer 2: 7th June -16th July</p> |
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Main Term dates 2020-21

Dates
for your


November

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

Dates
for your


All dates are provisional and changes may be made.

