



St Leonard's Catholic Primary School

Tunstall Village Rd,
New Silksworth,
Sunderland
SR3 2BB

Tele: 0191 5210300

Email: office@stleonardsprimary.org.uk

Twitter: @St_Leonards_RC

Website: www.stleonardsprimary.org.uk

Newsletter no. 12

8TH April, 2022

Dear parents and carers,

End of term

Well, I can't believe we have reached the end of the term so quickly; and what a term it has been! I am delighted at the progress our school has made with regards to opening up again to parents. It was lovely to get the chance to talk to you more freely during open mornings, parents' evenings, liturgies and, in the case of Laurel and Holly classes, over lunch and afternoon tea. I look forward to extending opportunities for more parents and families to join us in school over the Summer term.

Homework questionnaire

Thank you to all those parents who completed the homework questionnaire. The results are based on 35 responses and indicated that the current quantity of homework was about right; 3 respondents indicated there was too little homework and 4 respondents saying too much. The general view was that you would like a mixture of paper based and online homework moving forward. This is an area we will continue to develop over the coming weeks and months.

Easter egg competition and raffle

Well done to all the children who entered the Easter Egg competition – the standard was extremely high. The entries were judged by our guest judge, Mrs Rose, and a first and second prize were awarded. There was also an overall prize for the egg that represented the area around St Leonards, and this was chosen by the staff collectively. Our first fund raising event organised by the Friends of St Leonard's was a huge success. A total of £139 was raised, and this will go towards play equipment for use on the yard. Thank you to everyone who helped with the raffle and donated prizes.

Prize	Colour	Number	Name on the ticket	Class
Bouquet	White	466-470	James H	Cedar
Make a friend	Orange	216-220	Ayla	Rowan
Dairy Milk Easter Egg	Orange	116-120	Finley H	Rowan
Unicorn Easter Egg	Orange	111-115	Finley H	Rowan
Strawberry Egg	White	881-885	Lucy	Cedar
Mini Eggs Easter Egg	Orange	171-175	Grace	Hazel
Eton mess Egg	White	666-670	James G	Cedar
Malteaser Easter Egg	White	301-305	Theo	Holly
Family Swimming voucher	Orange	166-170	Bethany	Rowan
Family Swimming voucher	Orange	11-15	Peighton	Rowan
Family Swimming voucher	Orange	456-460	Morgan	Cedar
Family Swimming voucher	Orange	221-225	Teigan	Rowan
Family Swimming voucher	White	121-125	Kasey J	Cedar
Box of Milk Tray	White	91-95	Darcey	Laurel
Lush Box set	White	856-860	Finley W	Rowan
Diffuser	White	286-290	Hayden	Cedar
Just Pink Set	Orange	346-350	Matthew B	Hazel
Magnolia Set	White	791-795	Molly	Cedar
Swim toy	White	61-65	Leo	Cedar
Swim toy	White	251-255	Anna	Laurel
Swim toy	White	776-780	Ann Jones	Laurel
Bottle	White	616-620	Blake	Laurel
Bottle	Orange	06-10	Ethan	Rowan

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Consultation

As part of our curriculum, we are required to teach children about RSE. Before we can do this, we need to consult with parents to ensure you have no questions around the content that will be delivered. I will be sharing a letter with you in the next week or so with a link to the consultation material and would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire to share your views or concerns. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the office.

COVID 19 update

The guidance around COVID-19 isolation and free testing has changed. In accordance with the new guidelines, the following came into force from 1 April 2022.

Free testing for the general public ends on 1 April as part of the government's 'living with COVID-19 plan' which last month set out the government's strategy to live with and manage the virus.

The updated guidance advises people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

From 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result is advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. After five days, if feeling well again, they can return to their normal activities.

People who need to leave their home when they have symptoms or have tested positive should take additional precautions, including avoiding close contact with people with a weakened immune system, wearing a face-coverings and avoiding crowded places.

In order to ensure that we limit the risk of transmission of any respiratory infections, including COVID-19, the following guidelines are recommended:

Where an individual is;

1. displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they are advised to try to stay at home (adults for five days, pupils for three days). The individual can return to their normal life after this time providing they do not have a high temperature. There is no requirement to complete LFT or PCR tests.
2. tests positive for COVID-19 on an LFT or PCR test - they are advised to stay at home (adults for five days, pupils for three days). The individual can return to normal activities after this providing they do not have a high temperature. There is no requirement to complete further LFT or PCR tests.

We will keep you updated as and when the advice changes.

Collecting children at the end of the day after Easter

I intend to change where children are collected from after Easter. All parents (except Year 6) will collect their children from the yard. Rowan Class and Cedar Class will be brought around to the top of the steps in front on the yard (closest to the car park), Laurel Class will be dismissed onto the yard from the opening between the hall and the prayer garden and Holly Class will be dismissed from the gate at the bottom of Reception garden onto the main yard.

Year 6 will be dismissed from their usual door and only Year 6 parents will need to congregate outside of the main entrance gate. There will no longer be a one-way system in place or the need for siblings to be dismissed from the KS1 current exit. Bringing children to school in the morning will continue in the current manner.

Staff will be on hand to help parents get used to the new systems when we return.

Holy Week

It would be lovely to see many of you at church during Holy Week, especially those children about to take their First Holy Communion. Can I remind you that Deacon Norman will lead the Good Friday service at 3pm in St Leonard's and Fr. Michael will lead Mass on Easter Sunday at 11 am.

Finally

On behalf of all of the staff at St Leonard's, can I wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.



Dionne Dunn
Acting Head Teacher