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Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful week we have had in school celebrating National Story Telling Week. A huge thank you goes out to all of the staff who took time out of their busy personal lives to record a story for our children. There were many different locations visited and a great deal of effort into producing each one of the short stories – I have no idea how I am expected to choose a winner! If you want to share the stories at home with your child, please click on the shared links that you can find on Dojo.

Reading is such an important part of children's learning, and the sooner children enjoy the art of story-telling, the sooner they will enjoy reading. With this in mind, we are going to launch our '**Out of this world reading**' reward system across school: this will begin after half term and details will follow. In the meantime, please take every opportunity to encourage your child to read for fun.



Communication and correspondence survey

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the Communication and Correspondence survey. The results have told school that the majority of respondents use Facebook ahead of Twitter. Therefore, we will be creating a St. Leonard's Facebook page and will share this once it is ready, and completed with the correct settings. We will share information about school on both social media sites moving forward. Your replies were very clear that the website is not used. In the coming months, the website is to be overhauled and fully updated; I will keep you informed of the changes and ask you to begin to look at this for vital school information once updates are completed. Finally, there was a split decision around whether you wanted the Newsletter weekly or fortnightly. With this in mind, we have decided that the regular newsletter will be produced fortnightly, but additional newsletters will be shared when the need arises – such as today!

With this in mind, it has been brought to my attention that there are a number of groups of parents involved in different social media groups. Whilst it is lovely that our parents are sharing experiences with one another, I would ask that comments about what is perceived to happen in school is not discussed over social media. If you have any concerns, can I ask that you contact school directly so that we can address these properly and avoid confusion or misunderstandings.

I am always keen to hear your views, so please keep contacting me with them and your suggestions.

Football team news



As you will have seen on Friday, we have listened to comments from parents and children around the St Leonard's Football Team training being held on a lunchtime. From this week, the Team training (not the Monday night football session, which remains unchanged) will take place after school on a Tuesday evening. For this week only, Wednesday's lunchtime football training will also take place. Players will be informed who has made the Team, once our coach has had time to work with them. Once selected, the Team intends to compete in the local league; details of which will follow.

Teacher Training

As you may know, we welcome trainee teachers into our schools each year as part of the Carmel Teacher training programme (CTTP). As a well-established training provider, we are always delighted with the quality and expertise of the trainees we receive from Carmel. CTTP are currently recruiting for the next phase of the programme. If you are interested in this, please collect an information card from the office, which has details on how to access further advice, or make an appointment to speak to me, as I am a CTTP graduate myself.

Dates for your diary

The following dates are expected to go ahead face to face, unless we receive guidance to the contrary.

Friday 18th February – End of Spring 1 half -term

Monday 28th February – Start of Spring 2 half term

Tuesday 8th & 15th March – Parents evening in school

Week beginning 8th March –reading cafés in school (details to follow)

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