



## St Leonard's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

We are already half way through our first half term and it has been a busy start to our academic year. I am delighted with how well the children have settled back into school life and how quickly they have gotten back into their routines.

### Open mornings

It was lovely to see so many parents at the recent open mornings and, as a school, we are delighted to hear the feedback you provide. In the coming weeks there will be more details shared of upcoming events for across the term.

### Medical appointments

I am fully aware of the difficulties we all experience when trying to get an appointment with the doctor or dentist, but can I remind parents that it is important that appointments are made outside of the school day to avoid disruption and lost learning for your child. I appreciate that hospital appointments are more difficult to arrange, so simply ask for your support wherever possible. Thank you.

### Friends of St Leonard's (FOSLs)

The Friends of St Leonard's do invaluable work for our school through volunteering their time and fund raising for equipment and trips. They have a number of events planned for across the year, not least of all the Friday night tuck shop, that support school and the community. As children leave our school and move onto secondary school, so do the parents – including members of the FOSLs. Therefore, we are calling out for volunteers to join the FOSLs or offer support wherever they can. If you are able to support this excellent group, please speak to Christine at the tuck shop or give your contact details to the school office.

### Wonderful news

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Leake is expecting her second baby later in the term. We are absolutely delighted for her and Mr Leake, and of course future big sister Poppy, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for when Baby Leake arrives. As a result of Mrs Leake's temporary leave, we have been able to offer some exciting new opportunities in our school. I am thrilled to advise that Ms Boyd will be working extra days in the Year 5 classroom and that she will take on additional responsibilities as Acting Assistant Head Teacher. In addition to this, Ms Newcombe will take over the role as SENDCo until Mrs Leake's return – well deserved promotional opportunities for both members of staff. Well done to all.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

**Dionne Dunn**  
**Headteacher**