



## St Leonard's Catholic Primary School

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### Dear parents and carers, Sunderland AFC

There is a definite frenzy building in Silksworth as the weekend, and a certain play-off final, approaches. St Leonard's would like to wish the *Black Cats* every success in their goal to move up a tier in the English Football League: it is always a pleasure to have something to celebrate. If Sunderland do win, and only if they win, children can come into school wearing red and white on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May. For those of you going to the match, have a great weekend, but please return home safely!

### Term time holidays

Travel plans this weekend have highlighted a growing concern in school around attendance. Can I please remind parents that holidays during term time will not be authorised at any time. I appreciate that this year has been unique, as pre-COVID holiday arrangements have resulted in unavoidable changes, hence the fact that there has been a more tolerant approach; however, I will emphasise that from September 2022, holidays must only be booked during school holiday times. Your child's education is paramount and full attendance in school is the only way that we can ensure your child reaches their true potential. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

### Break the rules day

Last week I indicated that the Friends of St Leonard's would be organising a 'Break the rules day' to raise funds for our school. This will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. A letter will be sent home with further details around the rules that can, and cannot, be broken. I am looking forward to seeing how many rules are broken in total; including the staff!

### Wrap around provision

As a working parent I appreciate the stress of having to get children to school on a morning and then get to work on time. Therefore, after half term, breakfast club start time will change from 8.00 am to 7.45 am. We are also looking into the practicalities for extending after school club to provide full wrap around provision for our families from September 2022. I will be looking for parent feedback to see if there is a need for after-school provision to be extended to 6.00 pm. The school has to consider the wider implications of providing this service, and so will only be able to organise extended cover if there is sufficient demand. Please complete the short survey when shared next week asking about after school clubs and provision. If you are unable to access the survey, please email the office to express your views.

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

St Leonard's are proud to mark the Queen's Jubilee by holding a red, white and blue day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Staff and children are invited to come into school wearing red, white and blue (no football strips please) to mark this historic occasion and will enjoy a Jubilee themed lunch. The lunch will be a 'street party style lunch' and will be eaten outside (weather dependent). If your child is usually on packed lunch and you wish for them to have a school 'jubilee' lunch instead, please sign up on Parent Pay in the usual way. As the extra Bank Holiday to mark the Queen's Jubilee takes place during the half term week, the schools in our Trust have arranged for the owed holiday to be taken on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This means that the school year will end of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

### Dates

It truly feels as though our school has returned to full normality, and with that a full summer programme of events. Please see below key dates for your diary. This is not an exhaustive list, as some day trips are still being organised, but this covers the majority of planned events so far. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

*Happy weekend and enjoy the sunshine!*

**Dionne Dunn**

**Head Teacher**

Dates	Event	Year Group
23 - 27.5.2022	Derwent Hill Residential	Year 6
26.5.2022	Liturgical prayer – parents invited	Year 3
27.5.2022	Break the rules day	Whole school
6.6.2022	Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration – wear red, white and blue day	Whole school
7.6.2022	Class photographs today	Whole school
9.6.2022	Liturgical prayer – parents invited	Year 6
13-15.6.2022	Youth Ministry Retreat	Year 4 & 5
13.6.2022	Bible comes alive	Year 3
15.6.2022	Bible comes alive	Laurel class
16.6.2022	Liturgical prayer – parents invited	Year 4/5
18.6.2022	First Holy Communion	Year 4
23.6.2022	Liturgical prayer – parents invited	Rowan Class
27 – 30.6.2022	Bike Ability	Year 5
27.6.2022	YMT Festival	Year 6
28 – 30.6.2022	Transition dates to St Aidan’s & St Anthony’s	Year 6
28 – 29.6.2022	Transition dates to St Robert’s	Year 6
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28 – 29.6.2022	Transition dates to Southmoor	Year 6
28.6.2022	Transition day in school – all pupils to meet new teacher and Reception children to visit	Whole school
30.6.2022	Liturgical prayer – parents invited	Holly & Hazel classes
1.7.2022	Inset day – school closed to children	Whole school
4 – 8.7.2022	Healthy living and futures week	Whole school
5.7.2022	Careers day – details to follow	Whole school
7.7.2022	Liturgical prayer – parents invited	Year 3
8.7.2022	Sports’ Day (weather dependent)	Whole school
12-13.7.2022	Footsteps into Paradise – details to follow	Details to follow
14.7.2022	‘Graduation’ celebration	Reception class
15.7.2022	Leavers celebration assembly – parents invited	Year 6
16.7.2022	Summer Fayre – Saturday 1-4 pm	Whole school and community invited
20.7.2022	Leavers’ mass in church – parents invited	Year 6
21.7.2022	End of school year	Whole school
22.7.2022	School closed	Whole school

**Some of our pupils are also involved in an exciting project called ‘Footsteps into Paradise’ and those who have been chosen to participate will be attending a number of rehearsals in addition to the events above. The families of those pupils involved will be contacted separately.**

**Year group trips are also being arranged in some classes and further details will be sent out once finalised.**

**Additional Year 6 transitions meetings are still to be confirmed.**

