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### Dear parents and carers,

What lovely weather we have had today – let us pray it continues over the weekend! As the weather does begin to improve, can I request that parents make sure that their children wear sun screen (that is applied at home on a morning when required), wear a sun hat for protection and have a water bottle in school to ensure plenty of opportunities to access drinking water. Let's hope I am not being overly optimistic and that we do get plenty of sunshine in the coming weeks.

As always, when the sun shines we turn our thoughts to summer holidays. As you know, we do not authorise holidays in term time for any reason, however, we do need to know where our children are at all times. Therefore, if you need to take your child out of school during term time for any reason, please contact the office to obtain a *Term Time Leave of Absence Form* to ensure your child's records are up to date and accurate.

Monday seems like a distant memory, but the Jubilee Lunch was enjoyed by all (including staff) and is just another example of the excellent lunches being provided by our new cook, Mrs Marshall. It was lovely to see more children stay for lunch than usual. I appreciate some children prefer a packed lunch for various reasons, but can I remind parents that children should only be on packed lunches if this has been requested with sufficient notice and has been agreed by me – all children in our early years and key stage one classes receive a free school meal and will not be allowed to eat a packed lunch, except in exceptional circumstances. Also, as I spend a lot of time in the hall at lunchtimes, I have noticed that the contents of pupils' packed lunches are not especially healthy and regularly contain crisps and chocolate. Lunches provided from home should mirror the healthy options provided in school and only contain foods such as fruit, salad or raw vegetables, sandwiches or wraps, a cereal bar and a drink of water. I recognise that we have had changes in the school kitchen, but our kitchen staff now produce amazing meals and I would strongly urge you to encourage your child to try the meals provided!

By now you will have received your child's class/year group photograph. I am sure you will agree that the children look amazing and so smart. As we are continually improving your school, part of this is the image of the school building and the pupils and staff who attend. Therefore, can I remind parents of the need to follow the school uniform policy at all times and ensure children wear the correct clothing and appropriate black footwear – not branded or coloured trainers. If you are unsure of the correct school uniform and PE uniform, please refer to the school uniform policy or school brochure.

I am disappointed to say that I am again having to raise the matter of earrings being worn in school. I cannot stress enough how dangerous the wearing of any jewellery is in school for pupils and must insist that this stops immediately. If any child comes into school wearing earrings or other forms of jewellery, they will be asked to remove them. If they are unable to, then parents will be called to come in and remove the items for their child.

Finally, the changes that have been promised to our school buildings are beginning to take shape. The first major change is happening this weekend, as the school computer server is transferred across to our Trust. This will hopefully improved IT running systems moving forward for children and staff. The impact of this is that there will be no IT connectivity across this weekend, as staff will not have access to emails or any school systems, or indeed their laptops. Please note, everything should be up and running again by Monday – hopefully!!!

Thank you for your ongoing support. On behalf of all of the staff at St Leonard's, we hope you have a lovely weekend.

**Dionne Dunn**  
**Head Teacher**