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Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely seeing so many parents and grandparents in school for open mornings, liturgical prayers and various meetings. I was particularly delighted to see those of you who joined us yesterday for the 'taster with Governors' session, where you had the opportunity to try our new Winter menu. The feedback from both adults and children was very positive and I am thrilled to hear that more children will be moving back onto school dinners, rather than packed lunches. The new menu is now out (see the website for more details) and will start straight after half term with the week 1 options. If you want your child to go back onto school dinners, please contact the school office. A polite reminder, children in the Reception class, Year 1 Class or Year 2 class should not be on packed lunches.

Dates for the diary

A couple of reminders and some new dates for your diary:

Monday 31st October	School re-opens 8.45 am (breakfast club at 7.45 am)
Monday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Tuesday 1st November	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.00 pm
Wednesday 2nd November	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.00 pm
Thursday 3rd November	Friends of St Leonard's meeting 3.30 – 4.15 pm
Wednesday 9th November	New Reception Parents 2023 open evening – 4.30 pm
Monday 14th November	Odd Sock day to mark the start of anti-bullying week
Thursday 24th November	New Reception Parents 2023 open evening – 4.30 pm
Saturday 10th December	Friends of St Leonard's Christmas Fayre

New Reception Places 2023

As you can see from the above dates, it is that time again for parents to visit schools to choose which Primary they want to send their children to. If you know of anyone with a child who is about to start school, and do not follow our Facebook page, would you please pass on details of these meetings. Thank you!

Afterschool clubs

Just a reminder that all after school clubs will NOT take place during the first week back and will resume, with additional clubs, week beginning 7th November, 2022. Wrap around provision will continue as usual.

Attendance

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school. Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school. St Leonard's has a legal obligation to monitor attendance and punctuality and challenge this, where relevant. This is especially the case where attendance falls below 90%, as this can have a significant impact on your child's education. Where attendance continues to be very low, we will contact parents to discuss how we can work together to address this. If no improvement is seen, we will act in line with our policy and that of the local authority. Please help us to ensure your child gets the best opportunities possible and attends school. Our goal is always 100% attendance for every child!

Monster Movie Night

What a fabulous evening the children had yesterday. It was lovely to see so many children stay behind to join in sharing a movie with their friends. We initially expected about 60 children to join the fun, but ended up with just under 100! Hot Dogs in a bun (or Veggie alternative), popcorn, Haribo and juice were enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Friends of St Leonard's (FOSLs) and our staff for making this such a huge success. If you would like to become an active member of the 'FOSLs', please join us in the next meeting, as detailed above – the more the merrier!

Have a lovely half term.

Dionne Dunn
Headteacher