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Dates for your diary:

Term time

The Spring term runs from 9th January until 31st March, 2023.

School closes for half term on Friday 17th February and reopens on Monday 27th February, 2023.

January 2023

- 17.1.2023 - Year 4 trip to Segedunum
- 20.1.2023 – Y3 start swimming lessons
- 20.1.2023 – Y4 Girls Wildcat Festival
- 24.1.2023 – Year 1 liturgical prayer (parents welcome)
- 25.1.2023 - Years R/1/2 to the Discovery Museum
- 31.1.2023 – Year 2 liturgical prayer (parents welcome)

Happy weekend!

*Dionne Dunn
Headteacher*

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new academic term and Happy New Year to you all! I hope you and your families had a peaceful and relaxing break. The school family of St Leonard's are delighted to be back in school and are raring to go for another jam-packed term.

Ofsted result



Just in case you haven't heard, our Ofsted report was released this week and St Leonard's is officially a 'GOOD' school. As I said earlier in the week, I couldn't be more-proud of our wonderful children, staff and families. Thank you for the lovely comments following the publication of the report and I am delighted that our school name and reputation is as important to you all as it is to us. As a school, our numbers are increasing steadily, but we still have spaces. It is important to build on our success to date, so please don't be shy about telling others how good it is to come to St Leonards. Onwards and upwards towards outstanding!

Afterschool clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs begin again next week, with some old and some new options (see below). Music lessons also re-start next Friday. If you would like to sign your child up for any of these, do so on Parent Pay in the usual way. Thank you.

Day and time	Extra-curricular club	Open to & number of spaces
Monday 3.15 - 4.15	Team football	Invitation only
Tuesday 12.30 – 1.00	Choir	Years 2/3/4/5/6 (25 spaces)
Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15	Netball	Years 3/4/5/6 (25 spaces)
Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15	Mini-Vinnies	Year 2/3/4/5/6 (25 spaces)
Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15	Arts & Crafts	All year groups (20 spaces)
Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15	Multi-sports	Years 1/2/3 (20 spaces)
Thursday 3.15 – 4.15	Cafod club	Years 2/3/4/5/6 (25 spaces)
Thursday 3.15 – 4.15	Gymnastics	Years R/1/2/3 (20 spaces)

Please note that places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Uniform

During this term, we will experience some of our coldest weather. Please ensure that your child wears suitable clothing, whilst staying within the school uniform expectations, and always wears a warm coat and suitable footwear. I have noticed that there is an increasing number of children wearing trainers that have logos or other colours on them. Please remember that only all black, plain trainers are allowed. Also, if you have any unwanted uniform, we are still collecting items for future 'swap-shop' events.

Donations

At Christmas, we sometimes get the same gift twice or something that we may not make the best use out of! If you find that you have some unwanted gifts, or Christmas jumpers that no longer fit, please think about donating these to the **Friends of St Leonard's** for future fundraising opportunities. Additionally, we are still looking for donations of clothes for the clothes bank, which is situated in the car park area – please do bring all old clothing or else we may lose this opportunity to help others.

Pupil Attendance

The next analysis of pupil attendance will be taking place in the coming days. Letters will follow to celebrated, or challenge, attendance in line with the school's policy. Thank you to those families who work so closely with school to ensure their child's attendance is good or better – we can't support children if they don't come to school!