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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.

Spring term 2023

- 14.2.2023 - Year 4 liturgical prayer (parents welcome)
- 15.2.2023 – Valentine discos (see separate letter from Friends of St Leonard's for further details)
- 1.3.2023 KS1 Maths challenge for selected children
- 7.3.23 & 8.3.23 - Parents' evening for all year groups (details to follow)
- 7.3.2023 – Year 2 Liturgical prayer (parents welcome)
- 14.3.2023 – Year 3 Liturgical prayer (parents welcome)
- 21.3.2023 – Year 4 Liturgical prayer (parents welcome)
- 28.3.2023 – Year 5/6 Liturgical prayer (parents welcome)

Happy weekend!
Dionne Dunn
Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

First Holy Communion

This year's First Holy Communion will be held on 17th June at 10.30 am, at Holy Rosary Church in Sunderland. Parents of Year 4 pupils will have received a letter asking for initial interest for their child to be enrolled onto the programme for preparation for the sacrament. Thank you to those parents who have returned their reply slips so far. We do need to know numbers as soon as possible, therefore, if you want your child to make their First Holy Communion this year, and you are a practising Catholic, please return the reply slip no later than Wednesday 15th February, 2023.

Free School Meals and Pupil premium grant

You may recall from previous letters and Newsletters that we regularly ask parents and carers to check their eligibility for free school meals – especially for children in Reception class and Years 1 and 2 who receive universal school meals. If you are eligible, you will receive vouchers during school holidays and our school will receive extra funding. Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you access one of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To apply for free school meals, please click on this [link](#) or apply via www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/free-school-meals. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the office and we will be happy to help you with this process.

Wrap around provision bookings

I am delighted that the wrap around provision continues to be very popular with our families, and is becoming more so over time. Due to this increased popularity, I am asking parents to ensure that they book their children in as soon as possible, and ideally at least 24 hours in advance, to ensure that we have sufficient adult cover and food prepared to meet the growing demand. All bookings should be made in the usual way via Parentpay. If you need any further help with this, please contact the office.

Relationship and Sex Education

It is a requirement that schools teach children how to stay safe in every way, and this includes developing safe and healthy relationships. At St Leonard's, we teach personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education through the Ten:Ten scheme of learning; this includes the compulsory teaching of Relationship Education. While it is not compulsory to teach children content relating to sex education, it is usual practice at St Leonard's that pupils in Year 6 are taught this content. Obviously, as this is non-statutory, it is the right of the parent to withdraw their child from this teaching. To help you decide, and for any parent who would like to see the content taught in their year group, please log in to Ten:Ten using the following login details:

Username: st-leonard-sr3 **Password:** grass-sr3

If you have any further questions, please contact the class teacher.

Water bottles

Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day with water in it only. Children are not allowed juice, cordial or fizzy drinks. I have noticed a number of children bringing in the new 'air up' bottles. I appreciate that these are expensive and would advise against them being brought into school; however, if you do allow your child to bring one in, please be sure it is clearly labelled with the child's name, as school cannot be held responsible for lost water bottles.