



## St Leonard's Catholic Primary School

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### Dates for your diary:

#### Term time

The Spring term runs from 9<sup>th</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.

#### Spring term 2023

- 28.3.2023 – Year 5/6 Liturgical prayer (parents welcome)
- 29.3.2023 – Final day to return eggs for the Easter Egg Competition.
- 30.3.2023 – The Big Lent Walk for CAFOD.
- 31.3.2023 – School closes for Easter holidays.
- 17.4.2023 – School opens for Summer term.

### Dear parents and carers,

Can you believe that we have reached the last week of the Spring term already? As we approach Holy Week, school are looking to enjoy the celebrations that are associated with the Easter season. If you would like your child to enter the Easter Egg competition, please make sure their entries are returned on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. These will be judged and then the winners announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday 31<sup>st</sup>. Please remember, do not send in real eggs as we have egg allergies in school.

#### The Big Lent walk

All pupils will be taking part in the 'Big Lent Walk' on the afternoon of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. You will have received a sponsor form for this and, if you are able too, we would welcome any monies that you can raise in support of this worthy event. Like many charities, Cafod relies on donations to enable it to enable it to continue its work across the global community; however, unlike many, Cafod is an organisation that ensures all of its donations are used to help people and not to pay any administration costs. It will be lovely if we can donate to this worthwhile cause, while raising awareness of the good work carried out by this charity.

#### Afterschool clubs

As it is the end of term, there is a slight change to afterschool clubs. Team football will be on as usual on Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, multi-sports will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Year 6 boosters will go ahead on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>. All other after school clubs are finished. Wrap around provision is on as usual and can be booked via Parent Pay. Please can I remind you of the email sent out by Mrs Hazard regarding wrap around provision on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, if you require a place on this day, it must be booked via Parent Pay by 4.30 pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March; bookings after this time will not be allowed. This is to ensure that we have enough staff and supplies to meet the needs for the final day of the term.

#### School drive

Can I please remind all parents that the school drive should not be used for dropping off or collecting children between 8.30 am & 9.05 am or 2.50 pm and 3.20 pm, unless prior agreement has been made with school. If you do use the school drive, please ensure that you stick to the 5 mile per hour speed limit. If parents are identified as speeding, they will be asked not to use the driveway again. Please help keep our children safe at all times!

#### Patrol crossing

We are delighted to confirm that a new school patrol crossing officer is due to start outside of our school next week. While I know you will miss Mr Shovelin's welcome each morning, I am sure you will be as relieved as I am that we finally have a dedicated person to help supervise our crossing.

#### Easter Holiday Payments

Eligible parents will receive their £60 voucher to cover the cost of school meals during the Easter holidays in the coming week. Please see the last newsletter to see if you could be eligible for this scheme in the future.

#### Pupil absence

Please ensure that you contact the main office via telephone or in person by 9.30 am if your child is absent for any reason. Please do not send messages via dojo or email, as these can be missed until after 9.30 am and result in school staff telephoning families before seeing the messages. Also, please try to avoid leaving messages on the door. It is too easy for staff to end up doing 6 or 7 things at once first thing and this can result in the occasional message not getting through to the office in time.

As always, thank you all for your ongoing support in all areas of life at St Leonard's!