



## St Leonard's Catholic Primary School

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### Dear parents and carers,

What a fabulous week it has been, seeing all of our wonderful children and families back in school; full of energy and stories to share with their friends and teachers. A special warm welcome to our new Reception children, who have taken to school like ducks to water, and to all of our new children who have joined different classes across the whole school – we are delighted you have joined our St Leonard's family! Over the coming weeks, I will be sharing key dates with you and ask that you put these in your diary for future reference, as the Autumn term is always a busy one!

### Year 3 swimming

Year 3 parents have been provided with information about their children's swimming lessons that will start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Children will be escorted by a member of school staff and travel to and from the pool by mini bus. To help this run smoothly, we ask for parent helpers to accompany the children. If you think you are free and can help with this, please contact the office or let Miss Perry know via the parent email address, not Class Dojo.

### Parking

A polite reminder to all parents who travel to school by car; please park carefully when dropping children off to school and do not park on the school/church side of the road. This is to ensure drivers have a clear vision of the road ahead and prevents holding up non-school traffic. Also, cars should not come down the drive way into school unless agreement has been given by myself and, where permission has been given, the speed limit of 5 miles per hour must be adhered to at all times.

### School office opening times

The school office is manned between the hours of 8.30 am until 12.30 pm and then 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm daily. If you ring outside of these hours, you can leave a message on the answer phone and this will be responded to usually within 24 hours. If you are collecting children from afterschool club, please ring the wrap around supervisor directly on 07512 301946.

### Homework

**Weekly homework** will begin next week for all children in **Years 2-6**. Homework will be **given out on a Friday** and is to be **returned to school the following Wednesday**. It will usually be a maths task and an English task that reinforce prior learning and help children remember important skills and facts.

**Weekly spellings** will be given for children to learn.

All children are expected to **read at home daily** and this is recorded in their reading record.

In **Years 3 to 6**, times table practise will also be a focus and will form part of their maths homework or be an independent choice.

**Year 1** will be sent home reading books and/or phonic practice, along with spellings linked to phonic sounds. Reception children will not be set formal homework initially, but phonic sounds or a 'phonic sound hunt' may be sent home to help them to learn early reading skills.

### Great North Run

We wish the very best of luck to any adult or child participating in the Great North Run or Junior Great North Run events over the weekend. Fingers crossed for suitable weather for you all. If, like me, you enjoy this as a spectator sport, please stay safe in the sun! Happy weekend to you all, whatever you have planned.

**Mrs Dunn**

**Headteacher**