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**Dear parents and carers,**

Welcome back to school after, what I hope was, a restful and enjoyable half term for you all. We have a busy term ahead of us as we countdown to Christmas and all the fun that the time of year brings.

**Christmas Fayre**

Following feedback last year, the Friends of St Leonard’s are holding their annual Christmas Fayre after school in the main hall on Friday 24th November between 3-30 pm and 6.00 pm. There is a wide range of stall holders coming along with wonderful gift ideas, refreshments for sale and a raffle. We hope you can support this event and help to raise funds for our lovely school. The FOSLs are also looking for donations of raffles prizes, so if you have any bottles, sweets or unwanted and unused quality gifts (including toiletries) that you are able to donate, please hand them in to the office by 9 am on 24th November. We hope to see you all there.

**Christmas jumpers and uniform**

We are always looking to recycle good quality uniform and continue to welcome any donations you may have. Ahead of the Christmas season, we are extending this recycling to Christmas Jumpers. If you have any pre-loved jumpers that no longer fit or are no longer in favour with your children, please consider donating them to school and we can ensure they go to a good home. Additionally, the clothing bank still needs to be filled on a regular basis. If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out of your wardrobes, please consider using the recycling bank in the small visitors’ car park to help raise funds for playground equipment; you can include clothing, shoes and unwanted bags. So far, we have raised £283.50, and it would be great to see this figure continue to grow.

**Parents’ evening feedback**

Just before half term, many of you came along to parents evening and provided much appreciated feedback about your child’s experiences at St Leonard’s. It was lovely to talk to many of you personally, and equally lovely to read the comments you shared on the feedback sheets. We received a total of 84 replies and 100% of responses indicated that parents agree or strongly agree that children are happy, feel safe, are well looked after and make good progress at our school. 99% of parents agreed, strongly agreed or had no concerns about the fact that bullying was handled effectively by the school – something St Leonard’s prides itself on.

Naturally, this was a snap shot of responses and I am aware it may not capture all viewpoints. Therefore, if you feel differently, have heard otherwise or have concerns, please speak to me personally as I am always very keen to work alongside our families to ensure the best environment for all.

**Social media**

Further to the last newsletter, I have secured a training session for parents around the use of social media by children and the dangers they are presented with. The session will take place on Thursday 16th November at 3.15 pm in school and I would urge as many of you to attend as possible, as this will support the training that the children will have received earlier in the day. This training has resulted from a number of issues that have arisen outside of school following underage pupils accessing various websites and social media platforms. In order to gage interest, and to ensure sufficient refreshments are available, would you please contact the office by email to indicate your intention to attend.

**Breakfast club**

Due to the changes in open hours of the main Reception, the top gate will now be left open for parents bringing children to breakfast club. Please bring you child to the Reception area to sign them in as usual and then ring the bell on the double doors into school and a member of staff will come and collect your child. Thank you.

**Good luck…**

As many of you will be aware, Miss Chloe Newcombe will be leaving us today to start her maternity leave ready for the arrival of the newest member of the St Leonard’s family. We are so looking forward to meeting Miss Newcombe’s new baby daughter or son (I love a surprise) and I am sure you will join me, all the staff and pupils at school in wishing her the very best of luck in the coming weeks and months of sleep deprivation, smelly nappies and amazing happy moments!

***Mrs Dunn***

***Headteacher***