



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Parents Evening

From 1.20 – 6pm on Wednesday 16th October, we are holding our Autumn term Parents Meetings. This is an important opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class, what your child is learning, how much they are achieving and how you can support them at home.

Each class teacher will be in the hall and the children's books will be available for you to see whilst you are waiting. (Please see the section below on feedback and marking.)

Please complete the form overleaf and return to school as soon as possible to enable us to send you a time to see your child's class teacher. Please complete one form for all your children and we will try our best to make your appointments as convenient as possible.

Harvest service

The Harvest festival will be held on Friday 4th October at St Leonard's CE church. Due to the increase in pupil numbers each year, there is less space in church. So that parents can still attend this lovely service, this year we are holding two services:

- One at 9.15 am for children and parents from Saplings, Ash, Holly, Elm, Oak and Poplar classes
- Another at 10.30 am for children and parents from Beech, Rowan, Willow, Chestnut, Maple and Sycamore classes.

Children are asked to bring harvest parcels or tinned food. Harvest parcels will be delivered in the local area and tinned or dried food will be taken to the Friendship Centre at St Andrew's Church Hall.

Feedback and Marking

After extended research on effective feedback to pupils about their learning, we have updated our Feedback and Marking policy. Current research shows that rather than writing in every child's individual books, feedback is much more effective when teachers:

- Give verbal feedback during the lesson so pupils are clear what aspects they excel at and how to improve their work further
- Collate the information from reviewing learning in all the pupil's books and giving whole class feedback on the main areas for celebration or improvement. This is because it requires more ownership from the pupils, identifying which aspects they have used and which they need to correct.
- Whilst reviewing all the pupil's individual books, staff will identify any pupils requiring more personal verbal feedback.

Therefore, when you look at your child's books at our Parents Meetings they will not have extensive comments from staff. Please be assured that this does not mean that the teacher has not been reviewing your child's work and giving them feedback on their progress, it is just that time is being used more effectively, and this feedback is not necessarily physically written into books.

Pink Day

We will be holding a pink day on Thursday 17th October to raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer. Children are invited to wear non-uniform, with some pink, and bring a donation of £1. There will also be cakes on sale on the Thursday and a chocolate tombola on Tuesday 15th October. Donations of cakes and chocolate will be gratefully received.

Children arriving and leaving school

By now, you will be familiar with which entrances your child will use to enter and leave school. Whilst we appreciate that parents of pupils in Reception will want to escort them into the building, please could parents of other children leave them at the outside door. This will alleviate congestion in the corridors, which compromises health and safety, and also helps children to develop their independence skills.

Wherever possible please can you park away from the building and walk to school as this makes the roads around the school much safer for all the pupils so they have clear visibility for crossing roads. School car parks are locked during these times to ensure there is no moving traffic whilst children are walking in these areas. Unless they are trained assistant dogs for a particular medical condition, please do not bring dogs onto school grounds as however well-trained your dog they can react very differently when surrounded by large numbers of excited children and our children's safety must be our priority.

Please do not use the school car park when dropping off or collecting your children. Even at 4.30pm when collecting children from an afterschool club there are children using this area and it is a health and safety risk.

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Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

I would prefer to see my child's classteacher on Wednesday 16th October between:

- 1.20 – 3.30 pm
- 3.30 – 5pm
- 5 – 6pm

(Please tick your preferred timeslot.)



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'Still other seed fell on the good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.' **Matthew 13:8**