



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent,

As we close for half term I would like to wish you a relaxing break and hope you are able to spend time with your family.

Given the move last weekend into Tier 3 I have asked staff to wear masks when children are arriving and being collected from the gates. When we return to school on Monday 2nd November, please can parents do the same and wear masks when dropping off or collecting your children. I realise that there is contradictory evidence about how effective masks are, but want our community to do everything we can to prevent further school closures and to support the local area in moving out of Tier 3 as soon as possible.

Free School Meals

During these troubling times, we are well aware that budgets are tight and food prices are increasing. We are currently working with St Leonard's church to investigate the possibility of setting up a local food bank. However, in the meantime, I have received the message below from LiveWellUK.com and PDS Engineering and hope this will help any families needing support during half term.

'We are leading a group of business in East Lancashire who want to help those who will suffer from Holiday Hunger next week. We recognise that many people are going through really challenging times at the moment, and so we as a business community have come together to provide lunches for East Lancashire children next week, given that the Government are not extending the FSM provision for the half term.

We've seen that lots of places are ad hoc offering free meals etc if you walk in, but we want to provide a structured way to make sure no child in East Lancashire goes hungry next week, and working with local charities we'll do that. Parents can book meals at [www.holidayhungereastlancs.com](#), and they will be distributed on Monday. These will be funded by East Lancashire businesses and by ourselves. The meals will be prepared by established food businesses. Paul White & Annette Weekes

Worship at Home

This week in our worship has been led by Kit Walker and we have been thinking about the things we do to show LOVE to each other. We hope that children will think about this over the holidays and act in ways which demonstrate their love to their family. We also hope that you will be able to join us in sharing love with others by making Operation Christmas Boxes for children overseas. Further details can be found on our School Dojo or at <https://www.st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/operation-christmas-letter-new.pdf>

Thank you.

The St Leonard's Sunday service this week can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq2L5P45rDU_djH5RQxITZQ