Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been looking at our value of respect again...

Respecting our global and national community – We came together for an act of remembrance on armistice day. All of the children have followed this up in their classes with a related activity. Thank you to Years 5 and 6 for their very thought provoking poppies, currently on display in the ‘chill zone’. Then today we have spurred one another on by coming together as a community for Children in Need. Thank you to all who have supported this great cause.

Respecting our learning - I hope you have all been able to meet your class teacher for a catch up on how your child/ren have settled into the new academic year and how they are progressing in the curriculum. My focus for the next couple of weeks is to join all classes for some learning and I look forward to seeing how hard they work on a really demanding curriculum.

Respecting our environment - The new equipment at lunchtime seems to be very popular and children are being active in their play, developing physical skills and friendships. Being part of St Christopher’s Trust means that we get to share good practise and we have been asked to share some photos of our reading corners with a school who are developing reading as a school priority. We are very proud of our reading areas and to have been asked to share.

Here’s hoping you all have a lovely weekend.

Ensuring every member of the school community can...

‘Be The Best You Can Be’

'And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,'

Hebrews 10:24
**Dates for your diary:**

- 18 November: Wear odd socks for anti-bullying week
- 18-20 November: Year 6 School Trip
- 20-21 November: YF Vision Screening
- 22 November: School photograph order deadline
- 25-27 November: Year 3 School Trip
- Sat 7 December: PTA Christmas Fair
- 13 December: Parent Inclusion Meeting in the Café
- 18 December: Church service at St Leonard’s Church

**If your child is poorly**

We recognise and understand that children do become poorly and this may result in them being unable to attend school. We ask that parents make the school office aware of any absences by 9.15am for every day that their child is absent.

If your child has vomited, we ask that parents keep their child off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness. **If your child is contagious**, we ask that parents follow doctors instruction regarding absence from school. Please keep the school informed about this.

School can administer **prescribed medication** if parents have completed the correct permissions form. These can be found at the office.

**If your child has a cold or is feeling a little unwell**, we encourage parents to bring their child to school. Teachers are very vigilant and the school will contact parents if their child begins to feel worse or become too unwell to remain in school.

The office team are able to support parents with any queries regarding absences due to illness.

In Collective Worship we have been exploring the value of...

**Respect**

**Key Question:** What does respect look like?

Respect is our focus value this term, which we are exploring through weekly Collective Worshps, class discussions and ‘Big Questions.

We are particularly thinking about respect in terms of diversity and tolerance. We have explored diversity within our classrooms, unpicked what we mean by diversity and exploring how differing views and beliefs are something to celebrate. At St Leonard’s we speak over 20 languages and represent many religions.

We showed the value of respect by marking remembrance.
Christmas Dates

These are dates for your diaries. Details of individual events will follow nearer to the date.

EYFS Nativity
11th December 2pm until 3pm - Caterpillars
12th December 2pm until 3pm - Bumblebees
13th December 2pm until 3pm - Ladybirds

Year 1 Nativity
18th and 19th December 2pm until 3pm

Year 2 Sung Nativity
(at St Leonard’s Church)
17th Dec 2pm until 3pm

Year 3 Christingle and Carols
(at St Leonard’s Church)
16th Dec 4pm until 5pm

Year 4 Nativity
19th Dec 9.30 until 10.30am and 5pm until 6pm

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Fair
17th Dec 6pm until 7pm

In addition, parents are welcomed to join us at St Leonards Church on the 18th December for a Christmas Service.
9am - Years 5 & 6
10am - Years EYFS, 1 & 2
11am - Years 3 & 4
Thank you for your support!

We donated 243.5kg of food to Exeter foodbank for Harvest Festival.

We raised £216 for our school through Bags 2 School donations.

Thank you!

Book Fair

Thank you for visiting the Book Fair last week. It was a huge success and we took £937.04 in total.

As a result of the amazing amount taken, money will come back into school to use on purchasing new books.

Thank you everyone.

Attendance

Target Attendance: 97%

Whole School: 95.5%

  EYFS: 95%
  Year 1: 94.5%
  Year 2: 96%
  Year 3: 95.7%
  Year 4: 95.2%
  Year 5: 955.3%
  Year 6: 96.9%

Free School Meals

A letter will be coming home shortly explaining about Free School Meals and how to apply if you meet the criteria.

Until then, more information can be found on our website:

https://www.stleonards.devon.sch.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals/

It has been brought to our attention by a concerned parent that cars are sometimes left to idle outside school. Could you please support both the environment and the children’s health by making all reasonable efforts not to leave cars running.

Many thanks.
St. Leonard's School PTA Christmas Fair
Sat 7th Dec 2019, 11am to 2pm

Meet Father Christmas
Festive Food & Drink
Fun & Games For All the Family
Christmas Family Photography
Carols from School Choir

Plus Lots More!

Get into the spirit of the Christmas Fair!
On Fri 6th Dec please wear your Christmas jumpers, donate chocolates / chocolate bars for the new chocolate hoopla game, bring unwanted teddies for the teddy tombola and baked or bought lovelies for “The Taste of Christmas” stall!

Ho Ho Ho!

We need help!
Please sign up here: signupschedule.com/slppta

Facebook.com/groups/slppta
PTA@SLPScloud.co.uk