

Leonard Stanley C. of E. (Aided) Primary School

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*Loving and Learning for Life, as
Jesus taught us.*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back; it has been such a long time since we were free of bubbles and all together. We hope that you and your families have had a great summer and that you have created many memories for you all. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children back in school and enjoying their learning. As you may already know, I am going to be working with Mrs Paget as our class TA, this year. It is going to be a pleasure working alongside such an experienced and dedicated member of staff and she has already been passing on her knowledge to the kids (and to me!). The school day will return to normal timings of 08:45 Soft Start for 08:55 Register. (The register closes at 09:05). The school day will then finish at 15:15.

Some things have changed from last year; the bubbles are gone, children can mix whilst outside at break-time, lunches will be served and eaten in the hall and also Collective Worship will be back in the hall, as a whole-school activity. The children will not be required to come to school dressed in their PE kit, either. If we are using the field and the weather is starting to turn, each child needs a change of shoes so an old pair of trainers are required. These will stay in school until the end of term.

As your child is now in Year 6, we have spoken about the expectations we have set for them. They are all clear with regards to how their appearance/behaviour/language can be such a hugely positive influence on the whole school. We have the upmost confidence in all members of our class and we have already been receiving messages from other parts of the school, complimenting the children on their attitude and their manners. This is so nice to hear and we know that it will continue for the whole year.

There are a few things to note about our Year 6 timetable:

- PE days are Tuesdays (just Year 6) and Fridays (mixed with Years 5 and 4).
- PE kit will be brought to school on Monday morning (in a named bag) and it will go home on the Friday, in order for it to be washed and ready for the next week.
- Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested on the following Friday.
- Homework will be Maths and English. These will be given out on a Tuesday (English) to be brought in for self and peer marking on Friday. Maths homework will then be given out on Friday, to be brought in for self and peer marking on the following Tuesday.
- Mr Green will be teaching the class on Thursday afternoons as this is my PPA time. He will be covering RE and music.

As you already know from previous years, we try to create an experiential curriculum where the children can use their skills and curiosity to develop their learning – both at school and at home. This is something that we are very proud of at Leonard Stanley CofE Primary. With this in mind, our topic for the term up until Christmas will be Crime & Punishment.

The children will learn all about crime, criminals, prevention, detection and punishment from Roman times right through to the modern day. This is a topic that we have discussed as a class and the children seem really excited by it – especially the ancient forms of torture and punishment! Some have even suggested bringing back the rack....

We will make the topic as all-encompassing as possible and therefore plenty of English work, PE, Science and Art work will take a cross-curricular form. This is the best way for learning to take place. Our Science will be particularly good when we are

investigating the inner workings of the human body and, in the same weeks, discussing some of the more gory punishments for ancient criminals!

In order to launch the topic we are hoping to visit Gloucester Prison for a tour and talk about the history and the things that went on there in days gone by. This will be communicated to parents when a final date is set but we are hoping to do it very soon. Watch this space....

One of the best feelings at Leonard Stanley is seeing how proud the children are of their uniform and of being part of something special. With this in mind though, can you make sure that all items of clothing, PE kit and anything else is named. We know how expensive it is to keep buying new items to replace the lost ones. Mrs Williams does an amazing job with uniform orders but this will only be possible until the end of next week. After the 17th September you will no longer be able to buy from us. You will still be able to purchase new items but you will have to go to Batemans' Sports.

Things to note for the near future are Young Voices which will happen in January and more information will be passed to you as we get it. Also, Year 6 will be swimming at Stratford Park Leisure Centre after October half term. These sessions will be on Monday mornings and, again, I will keep everyone informed with regards to this.

Communication is so important and email is obviously one of the best ways of allowing this. I found it incredibly efficient and helpful last year with individual contact email addresses so please fill in the form below with your child's name and the best email address to contact you on. At the present time, we are not able to change from being called Year5 on the group mailing lists – and Mr B seems to get all of my emails that I send out as he is still in that group!

Thank you all again for your continued support for everything that we do as a school. The children love it here and we couldn't do it without your help.

Yours Sincerely

Mr J Allen and Mrs S Paget

Please fill in the required details,

Child(ren)'s name

Your email address (that you wish to be contacted on)

