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Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at this week's parents' evenings. I know from speaking to many of you that you share our pride in the excellent work our children are achieving. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff who work at St Leonard's for their hard work and dedication to all of our pupils – we are an amazing community.

Worship

As you are aware, Fr Michael Humble is still away from the parish at this time. We are therefore delighted that Fr Christopher Hancock has kindly agreed to support school with Parish Masses during the week where his very busy schedule allows. We have arranged a Key Stage 2 Mass for this Tuesday, 26th November at 9.30 am, to celebrate the start of the Advent season (I know we are a few days early but it's never too soon to prepare) and we will have an end of term whole school Mass on Thursday 19th December at 9.30 am. It would be lovely if you were able to join us in St Leonard's Church.

Dates have been shared for the term and, as always, changes are often needed. Year 5 & Year 6 are looking forward to their Christmas worship and are excited to share their Carols by Candlelight in Church on the 12th December. Unfortunately, I shared the wrong time for this on the termly dates. We are intending to share this celebration at 4 pm in Church in order to really capture the mood of this most wonderful story. All children in Year 5 & 6 will be expected to stay in school and be part of this. Further details will follow. This is a lovely way to start Christmas and we genuinely hope that you can join us.

Winter clothing

Can I please ask that all children are sent to school with a warm coat and accessories (fully labelled with names) to help keep them warm and dry in this freezing weather! Children are allowed to wear black boots in school during the worst weather, as long as they adhere the school uniform policy.

On a note about shoes, too many children are wearing shoes or trainers with colours on them – please ensure that only all black, non-logged footwear is worn in the future.

PE kits

We still have too many children not wearing the correct PE kit or not bringing in a PE kits at all. PE is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum and the correct uniform must be worn in line with school guidelines.

We do have some spare PE kits in school that will be used by those children who do not bring their own kits in – this is washed after each use!

Pupil Dismissal

Could all parents and carers who are collecting a child from school please stand well back to ensure your child can be dismissed safely and the class teacher can see clearly who the child is collected by. If you need to speak to the class teacher, please wait until all other children have been collected. Thank you!

Happy weekend and stay warm!

*Dionne Dunn
Headteacher*