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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all survived storm Eowyn with minimal damage to your homes, gardens and plans for the weekend ahead! As the week comes to a blustery end, I wanted to share with you a few things happening at St Leonard's in the coming weeks.

Pilgrims of Hope

This year, all of our Trust schools are joining in with the celebrations for the Year of Jubilee 2025 in which the Holy Father has invited us all to be **Pilgrims of Hope**. As part of the celebrations, St Leonard's has introduced a Holy Door and the children will have the opportunity to walk through this and offer their worries or dreams as the journey in hope. Across the coming year, as a school community we will be exploring how we can grow closer in our relationship to God and what it means to be a pilgrim. We celebrated in prayer together today as we launched our school Holy Door, before celebrating the successes of our young people in Celebration Assembly. A lovely way to start our Year of Jubilee.

Lost property

Across each week we 'accumulate' a wide range of clothing items belonging to children without names or labels in – making it difficult to return to the rightful owner. Please can you make sure that you label all items of clothing (the FOSLs have a name stamp and will be happy to help you label items). For items that do get 'lost' we have a lost property box which will be in the school Reception area every Friday. Please remind your children (even the very young ones) that their clothing is their responsibility. Thank you!

Staffing

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Leake (formerly Miss McVittie) is returning to school on Monday 3rd February, 2025. During her first few weeks back, she will be working alongside me as I return to her the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo). After February half term, Mrs Leake will teach opposite Miss Boyd in Year 4 on a Monday and Tuesday.

Mr Howe will remain in school and will continue to teach in Year 3 on a Friday and across school on a Wednesday. I would like to thank Mr Howe for the great work he has done alongside Miss Boyd in Year 4.

Dionne Dunn
Headteacher