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**Dear parents and carers,**

### **World Book Day**

What an amazing day was had by all on World Book Day. The wonderful costumes, the imaginative 'spoon' entries and fabulous engagement of all the children in the different activities across the day was a great success. Well done to our winners of each of the competitions (please see Facebook for details) and a huge thank you to Miss Henderson for all of her hard work arranging the activities and going above and beyond in buying and donating the prizes for our winners! Also, a big thank you to all of the families who attended the Well-being/Reading café – a lovely way to start our day.

### **STEM week**

Next week is STEM week; STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. STEM is a vital part of the curriculum that opens doors to amazing future opportunities and careers. To help spark children's interests and knowledge of the different aspects that follow these subjects, Miss Boyd has arranged for a wide selection of different companies to come and work with our children across the week to engage and excite them in potential careers that they would not be aware of otherwise. The time table for the different activities is on our website curriculum page. Keep an eye open for photographs on Facebook to show what the children get up to!

### **Trips and external visits**

Across the year we aim to enrich the school curriculum with visits and trips. These trips can be costly and, where ever possible, school subsidises the trips or sources grants to cover part or all of the costs. However, we do still need voluntary contributions to enable trips and visits to go ahead, as without these contributions it will be impossible to sustain future events. I appreciate that times are challenging financially for everyone, but would be really grateful if you were able to support us moving forward. All trips can be contributed to on ParentPay. Thank you!

### **Big asks...**

Firstly, can I ask that all parents and carers please avoid making appointments for children during the school day. There is a growing number of children being collected earlier and earlier and this can have a significant impact on daily routines and pupil learning. I appreciate that there are some occasions when this cannot be avoided, but where ever possible please arrange for during school holidays or after 4 pm. Thank you.

Secondly, I would like to remind all parents about the excellent work all of the staff at St Leonard's do for all of our children. I appreciate that sometimes there can be a difference of opinion or some confusion around events throughout the school day. If this ever happens, can you please make sure that it is addressed in the correct way by making an appointment to discuss this in person and in a manner that is respectful and non-confrontational. Relationships with our families is very important to me, but so is the well-being of all of my staff. I know that together we can always find a way forward, regardless of any concern that may arise.

### **Finally ...**

A huge congratulations to our newly elected Head Boy and Head Girl, Isaac and Estie and all new members of the school council. Thank you to Henry and Siersha, our outgoing Head Boy and Girl for their hard work in representing our school. I am sure you will join me in congratulation all those pupils involved.

**Dionne Dunn**  
**Headteacher**