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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends and a great start to 2025. I am always excited to see what a new year will bring and I have high hopes and expectations for everyone at St Leonard's.

Weather

Winter has certainly arrived! In these cold and wet days, please make sure that your child(ren) wear suitable footwear and coats to ensure they stay warm and dry. If your child comes to school in wellies or boots, please ensure they bring their school shoes in to change into to avoid having to sit in uncomfortable footwear all day.

Congratulations

Well done to the staff and children of St Leonard's on achieving the Gold Award from *Active Sunderland* for 2023-2024. Miss Wadge and Miss Gilland are working hard to ensure this standard is maintained this year!

Earrings

A number of children have returned to school wearing earrings. This is not part of the school uniform and is a health and safety concern – please remove earrings immediately. If the ear piercings are new, they should still be removed, as piercings should only happen at the very beginning of the 6-week summer break.

Attendance & punctuality

I will be continuing to monitor the attendance and punctuality of children in school, as children can't be taught if they are not in the classroom! I am working with Together for Children to explore what further steps can be taken to support children classified as persistent absentees. A child's right to an education is something I am passionate about and something that I will continue to pursue at all costs. Please work with me and make sure your child is in school and on time every day.

Reception places September 2025

Just a reminder that applications for places for our Reception class for September 2025 must be submitted by 15th January 2025, when the application process closes, or you may not be allocated a place at your chosen school.

And finally...

We love to share good news in school and I am delighted to let you know that our wonderful Miss Brickle was married during the holidays and had a magical end to 2024: the former Miss Brickle is now Mrs Adamson! I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr & Mrs Adamson, and their daughter Winter, every happiness for their future lives together.

Dionne Dunn

Headteacher