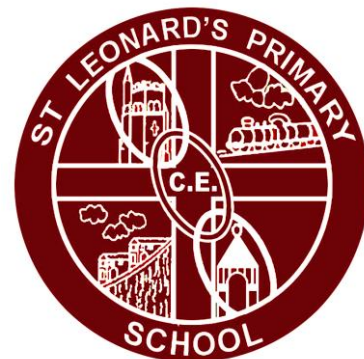


St. Leonard's C.E. Primary School

Enjoy Success



5.10.2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children of St Leonards,

As most of you know, the senior leadership team has changed since the summer. Not only did Mrs Ferriday retire and I took her place but Mrs Coleman also retired. Mrs Coleman was one of two assistant Headteachers at St Leonard's along with Mrs Spencer. Mrs Coleman was not replaced when she retired leading to a smaller leadership team. The school roll has dropped at St Leonard's due to a natural dip in the birth rate in Bridgnorth and the smaller leadership team reflects this.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Spencer has now been appointed as Deputy Headteacher. The change from Assistant Headteacher to Deputy Headteacher is significant as Mrs Spencer is now tasked with acting as the Headteacher in my absence - this is part of her new job description. She will continue to be the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator and she will continue to have a teaching responsibility in Year 3 on Monday and Tuesday. Her experience is invaluable. We are lucky to have such a dedicated professional at St Leonards. Please join me in congratulating her and wishing her well in her new role.

Any change in leadership brings new opportunities. We have already made changes which I believe are positive. Some are clearly visible like the way children arrive and leave the school. Other changes are more subtle but have focused on promoting positive attitudes to learning and behaviour (particularly in the Early Years).

There are more changes on the way!

You are invited to an open evening day on **Thursday 23rd November** to hear about some of our priorities for improvement this year and see your child learning in class. This will begin at the start of the school day and finish at 11am. Please save the date!

You were sent details of key dates this term. These include the nativity performances for the Foundation Stage and KS1. You will notice that we are not planning to hold craft sessions this term or a KS2 Christmas Show. Instead, the staff will be focused more on teaching and learning to ensure your child is ready for secondary school when that time comes. We are planning to hold a special Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church on **Wednesday 13th December at 6pm** which will ensure that the message of love at Christmas time is felt by all. The service will include carol singing and some readings and kind words from the children. Please save this date and come if you can.

Do get in touch with me if you wish to discuss our plans for St Leonards. I am available on the school gate most mornings and afternoons. You can also book an appointment to see me at the school office.

Kind Regards

Mr Bridges

Headteacher, St Leonard's Primary School