



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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We are now in the final term of the 2022/23 school year. During this term, we want to celebrate the time children have had in their current class and prepare for moving to their new class.

We would like to congratulate Mr Boyle and Miss Halsey who have been successful in appointments to develop their careers in other placements. Mr Boyle is really excited about moving to Dubai and taking up a teaching appointment in a school there. Miss Halsey will be becoming a teacher of the deaf and working as a peripatetic teacher travelling between various schools. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both these staff for their contributions to our community over a number of years. They will have taught many of your children and I know they will be sadly missed.

In September 2023: - Miss Bridges will have returned from maternity leave and will be teaching part-time in Poplar class
- Due to the very recent resignations of Mr Boyle and Miss Halsey, we are currently in the recruitment process for a teacher to teach Chestnut class.

The class structure will be:

Class	Year group(s)	Teacher(s)
Saplings	Nursery	Mrs Norton-Morris
Holly	Reception	Mrs Valentine
Ash	Reception	Mrs Popadynece and Mrs Blackley
Elm	Year One	Mrs Vetrano
Oak	Year One and Year Two	Miss Marney
Poplar	Year Two	Mrs Smith and Miss Bridges
Beech	Year Three	Mrs Entwistle
Rowan	Year Three and Year Four	Mr Holden
Willow	Year Four	Mr Smith
Chestnut	Year Five	Teacher to be confirmed
Maple	Year Five and Year Six	Mr Garnett
Sycamore	Year Six	Mr Gaukroger
Blossom (SEND Unit)	Mixed Year Groups	Mrs Bradley

Children will move as follows:

Current class	Current Year Group	New Class
Elm	Year One	Poplar
Oak	Year One	Oak
Oak	Year Two	Rowan
Poplar	Year Two	Beech
Beech	Year Three	Willow
Rowan	Year Three	Rowan
Rowan	Year Four	Maple
Willow	Year Four	Chestnut
Chestnut	Year Five	Sycamore
Maple	Year Five	Maple

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It is important that pupils feel safe and secure for them to learn and develop, so their current teacher will spend time talking to the children about their new class and answer any questions they may have.

For children starting Reception or moving into Key Stage One Classes, we will also be having move up afternoons in their new class on Thursday 15th June, Tuesday 20th June and Thursday 29th June. During this time, children will get to visit their new class and meet their new teacher. Teachers will also spend time meeting with your child's previous class teacher to make sure they fully understand your child's needs and abilities.

For children who will be in Key Stage Two (Beech, Rowan, Willow and Maple), the move up afternoon will be on Thursday 29th June. As Mr Gaukroger will be with Year 6 in London on this date, we will arrange a transition date for this class on another occasion. Similarly, we will arrange for the new Chestnut class to meet their new teacher once an appointment has been made.

Looking towards September, the Leadership Team will consist of:

- Headteacher – Mrs Holmes
- Deputy Headteacher – Mrs Blackley
- Assistant Headteacher – Mr Smith
- SENCo - Mrs Smith
- Wellbeing and Attendance Lead (including Safeguarding) – Mr Gaukroger.

Please feel free to approach any one of us with any questions or concerns you may have. We want all our pupils to feel safe and secure and able to flourish in all areas. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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