



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Staffing News

Last week we said a sad good bye to Mrs Henderson who retired on Wednesday. Whilst we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement and hope she enjoys the travelling and family time she has planned.

This week will be Mrs Sharkey's last week and we are grateful for all her hard work and commitment in Poplar class this year. We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Wilson at the end of term. We would like to thank her for her commitment to Elm class, teaching them on Mondays for the last two years. We would also like to thank Mr Ingham, who has taught in Rowan class this term and wish him all the best. We hope we will still see these staff from time to time when we need an additional teacher.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Dewhurst who is currently working in Apple Blossom and has worked throughout the school from Nursery to Year 6 since January 2013. We are thankful for all her commitment to our community including all the first aid expertise and pastoral support for pupils. We wish her all the best in her new job.

Mr Tracey will be visiting school at some point over the next two weeks. He will be teaching in Rowan class from September. Whilst the current year 3 children will remember him from when he taught in Rowan before Easter, he will have time to meet the children from Oak class who will be moving into Rowan.

Another change, but not until **Easter 2026**, will be that I will be leaving to take Early Retirement. Whilst it seems a long time off, given the time taken to appoint a new headteacher the governors will be starting the advertising process in early September. I have loved my time at St Leonard's and look forward to the challenges left and ensuring a smooth transition for a new head, who will have such a welcoming and supportive community to work with, just as I have for the past 11 ½ years. Whilst headship is the most amazing job, I'm sure you'll appreciate that it can be both mentally and emotionally draining and so I want to leave whilst I still have the energy to serve the community with all I have. I have loved my 25 years in headship but am looking forward to having more time to spend with family and friends and also to completing some multiday ultras which are usually in term time!

Important dates:

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July – 5pm – Pirates of the Curry Bean performed by Upper Key Stage Two

Monday 14th July – Children's annual reports will be sent home to parents

Wednesday 16th July – 5pm – Year 6 Awards Evening

Friday 18th July – 9.05am – EYFS/KS1 Award Assembly

Monday 19th July – 9.05am – KS2 (Years 3-5) Award assembly

Tuesday 22nd July – 9.05am – Year 6 Leavers assembly

School Closes on **Tuesday 22nd at 3.30pm** and reopens on **Tuesday 2nd September**.

We hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Holmes – Headteacher

Mrs Blackley – Deputy Headteacher

Mr Smith – Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Smith – SENCo

Mrs Bradley – Blossom Unit and RE Lead

Mr Gaukroger – Designated Safeguarding/Wellbeing

Still other seed fell on the good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.' Matthew 13:8