



Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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Dear All

School today says a fond farewell to Mrs Daykin and Mrs Beevers, who are both retiring after many loyal years service to St Leonard's. I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for their service and wish them both a long and joyful retirement.

It is a strange feeling to be writing my final newsletter for St Leonard's. I want to sincerely thank you all for your kind words, cards and gifts – they mean a great deal. It has been a privilege to lead this wonderful school for nine years and be part of the St Leonard's school family. It has been a true blessing to play a small part in the lives of your wonderful children. As we move to Cumbria, you will all remain in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you always and keep you in the palm of his hand.









Stars of the Year





'Shine like stars in the world.' Philippians 2:1


This week I would like to award all of the staff at St Leonard's for their positivity, resilience, love and commitment not just this year, but every year. During my time here I have been blessed to work with the most exceptional teachers and dedicated staff. I know that in their safe hands, your children will continue to flourish. So thank you Team St Leonard's – have a restful summer with your families and God bless you all. On behalf of the children – THANK YOU.

Class Updates

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| Little Lennie's  | What fun we have had in Little Lennie's this week! We've made the most of our lovely weather and managed to get outside and onto our field where the children have enjoyed playing lots of games and eating ice lollies! Inside our classroom we have enjoyed obstacles courses, musical bumps and musical statues and lots of dancing. We have had a little graduation service for the children that are moving on up to reception class in September. We know they will thoroughly enjoy every second of their new adventure. Today a surprise in the shape of an ice cream van turned up at school....all of the children and staff enjoyed eating ice creams in the sunshine. Take care, stay safe and enjoy the holidays with your wonderful children. |
| Blackbirds  | We have really enjoyed our final week in Blackbirds. We were extremely excited to find some cocoons in a butterfly net at the beginning of the week. Throughout the week 5 butterflies emerged from the cocoons and some of us were lucky enough to see one butterfly pushing its way out! We have created some amazing butterfly artwork and we have enjoyed drawing and writing about the lifecycle from egg to butterfly. The highlight of our week has been recording our Graduation to share with our family. Mrs Pym presented us with our Graduation certificates, and we felt so proud to receive them. Well done everyone what a fantastic year for Blackbirds. We wish you luck and happiness in your new classes |

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| <p>Doves</p>  | <p>We have had a lovely final week in Doves. We have been exploring weight and mass this week and had lots of fun estimating the weights of different objects before we balanced them using cubes. We enjoyed another dodgeball tournament in PE and showed that we really can work well in teams. This week we completed our DT project by writing letters to the presenters at Blue Peter in the hope that we may be awarded a Blue Peter badge! We have spent a lot of time thinking about all our learning this year and we were surprised by how much we have done! It has been another busy I week with our Doves and I hope you all have a safe and fun-filled summer.</p> |
| <p>Eagles</p>  | <p>What a final week in Eagles! It has been so good to be back together again. After a sleepy Monday morning start, we designed and created and evaluated our moving vehicles. Every child tried so hard and the results were incredible, I was so proud of them. We have been writing our letters to Blue Peter in the hope that we will get a Blue Peter Badge for all our hard work so our fingers are crossed!</p> <p>We had the most amazing Den Day on Wednesday beginning with Worship, then building dens, we had time when we assessed risks and challenged ourselves to do something different in the woods. After lunch, we enjoyed more food and ate campfire Welsh cakes, homegrown potatoes, s'mores and even hot chocolate all cooked on the fire! We finished the day in the stream having a little paddle. I am sure the children went home with a happy smile but extremely tired.</p> <p>In RE, we listened to Rev Tracy tell us about St. Leonard's Church and then we created our own churches trying to add lots of parts of the church that we could remember. It has been such a privilege to teach all the children in Eagles this year, watching them grow and flourish in so many ways. As a class, we have so many fond memories to cherish. I look forward to watching them fly off to their new classes and new adventures in September.</p> <p>Have a lovely summer holiday with your families and stay safe.</p> <p>Mrs McMahon</p> |
| <p>Falcons</p>  | <p>This week has been filled with life from the fun and excitement of the children as they learn (and countdown the sleeps until the summer holiday!). It has also been full of life from our little baby duckling that has hatched and spent time with us on Tuesday afternoon and our beautiful butterflies who have emerged from their cocoons. They made wonderful information booklets about these animals. The children's imaginations have run wild in their writing, and in their game inventing during PE. They have made brilliant diagrams and glossaries of the parts of a church too. As always there has been such fun and laughter and kindness from the children and I love how they celebrate each other's successes. Being the Falcons class teacher this year, has been an absolute privilege and I am so excited for all they will go on to achieve in Key Stage 2. Fly high and fly far Falcons 😊</p> |
| <p>Hérons</p>  | <p>We have had a fabulous final week in Heron Class. On Monday we tested, tweaked and decorated the sweet dispensers in DT. On Tuesday afternoon we had a fabulous time in the woods, weaving, creating art pictures and some good old-fashioned playing. The children loved building dens and wading in the river. We had hot chocolate and cookies whilst I read a chapter of our class book, Varjek Paw. I have uploaded links to further chapters on Google Classroom. On Wednesday during PSHE we talked about things that would stay the same and those that would change, when the children complete their transition to year 4. Thursday afternoon was Heron Class Prize Giving and all the children were recognised for their accomplishments. In addition to all this we revised and practised some areas of maths and completed the Summer Maths problem solving questions. The highlight for me was reading their fabulous newspaper reports and poetry which ran throughout the week. What fabulous children the Herons are! They are now ready to fly the nest to year 4 and I am extremely proud of them all.</p> |

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| Kingfishers  | <p>It has been another week of home learning for Kingfishers and we all missed the chance to spend our last week in school together. We have been so proud of your attitude to learning and your endless enthusiasm. In maths, the children investigated 3D shapes (Year 3) and quadrilaterals (Y4). Towards the end of the week, they took part in some maths Summer activities including a trip to the seaside! It has been brilliant to see so many wonderful innovative sweet dispensers and marble runs being made in design and technology. How creative you are! This week we have enjoyed completing our topic on the Romans. The children made informative leaflets to summarise their learning. Some of the children wrote newspaper reports about Boudicca - these were fabulous! In RE, we thought about prayers around the world and in PSHE, we looked forward to September, the challenges we may face and the exciting times ahead of us. We would like to thank the children in Kingfishers for their hard work and enthusiasm this year. We wish you all the best for your new school year and will enjoy following your journey through school. Parents, thank you for all the support you have given to us this year. Have a lovely summer everyone! Mrs Fryer and Mrs Cross.</p> |
| Owls  | <p>Well, I cannot believe we are at the end of the school year already and what a year it has been! It has been a real privilege to teach Owls this year and they have coped amazingly well with all the restrictions and changes. For our last week together, we have completed our work on the Romans and considered what happened after they left. In Art we made Roman mosaics based on the ones found by archaeologists. Yesterday we had great fun on a project which used all our Maths, English and Computing skills to design our own zoos, the children worked really well together. A huge well done for all your work this year and to the parents for all your support, I hope you all have a wonderful summer break!</p> |
| Robins  | <p>We have had a fantastic week of poetry writing to end our school year. All of the children have produced wonderful poems about the Titanic, inspired by the poem by Thomas Hardy, 'The Convergence of the Twain'. These can be seen on Google Classroom and also in the booklets that we have made with the poems about the sea that we have written over the last two weeks. Our maths year has ended with a short unit about volume and capacity. In Spanish, we played some of our favourite games and we are all looking forward to playing them again next term. We have continued the Titanic theme in art, drawing the famous ship after watching a step-by-step video. In P.E. we played a final rounders game, again showing excellent ball skills. Now we just need to have a good tidy up and finish reading 'Adolphus Tips'! We are all looking forward to our summer holidays and to next term, when we will be beginning new adventures in Year 6.</p> |
| Swifts  | <p>Personally, it has not been the final week that I had hoped for but I am extremely grateful to know that the children have been able to be in school and enjoy their final days in Swifts Class. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to see the children virtually and the children have completed a range of tasks this week. The children have worked on completing a range of activities based around maths and English including writing a short story about bravery, courage and resilience. This linked in with our focus in PSHE when the children reflecting on the achievements of the England team, wrote letters to Gareth Southgate and focused on the importance of standing up for what is right. The children enjoyed their final PE lesson in which they completed a range of activities, showed their creative talents in art, created a double paged spread based on a country of their choice and completed the Olympic 'Get Set design a trainer' challenge. The year 6 children had a wonderful day in the woods on Thursday and enjoyed reflecting on their time at St Leonard's with their peers during their last few days. Swifts Class should be very proud of their efforts this year and I have enjoyed teaching each and every one of them. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the children have continued to focus, work hard and overcome many challenges. I look forward to seeing the year 5 children continue to be role models in year 6 and I wish the children transitioning to high school all the luck in the world. Remember everything that</p> |

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| | you have been taught at St Leonard's and continue to be the wonderful children I know you are. I will really miss being your teacher. Stay safe and have a fantastic summer, Swifts Class! |
| Wrens  | <p>What a fantastic final week we have had in Wrens class. The children have reflected on the Euro 2020 final and had some very kind and mature thoughts that they put into a letter for Gareth Southgate. We also discussed the abuse given to the black players in the England team and recorded some messages to Marcus Rashford. The children have enjoyed our maths project this week which was to start up a sports shop business - I have heard some very interesting conversations between managing directors and their staff! All the Year 6 children were magnificent dancers on Wednesday when they took part in their very own 'Jerusalem' flash mob style dance. On Thursday they had a great time in the woods and on Friday we reflected on their time in primary school at the Leaver's Service. I am really proud of this fantastic group of young people and their achievements during their time at primary school. I know that they will continue to shine at high school and will impress their new teachers very much. Well done and good luck to my wonderful Wrens.</p> |

September 2021

School reopens for the children on Thursday 2 September. Please do not purchase school bags or pencil cases. We will review the use of cloakrooms and additional equipment when we return.