



# St. Leonard's CE (VA) First School

'From a tiny spark to a bright flame'

'In him was life: and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:2-5)

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Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are all aware there has been a lot of excitement in school over the Autumn Term especially in the weeks building up to Christmas.

Children enjoyed a number of visits during the term to see Wind in the Willows and a great trip to Jodrell Bank which fitted in with their science project, Space, they even witnessed a spaceship on the playing field complete with Aliens! Another great trip was to the Snowdome at Tamworth where they all had a lot of fun.

It is a pleasure to see the school decorated for Christmas especially with the very colourful 'elf invasion'. I am always impressed with how the children conduct themselves in school and this was on display again today at the school Christmas lunch attended by Governors.

From a governance perspective – progress in school is good with strengthening leadership across the curriculum and this is a view supported by frequent input from external reviews. There are a number of activities and external moderations planned for the Spring Term which will continue to ensure the quality of education provided at St. Leonard's.

The Governing Board wish to take the opportunity to extend their thanks to the Headteacher and staff for all of their hard work during the term and especially in the very busy run up to Christmas with all of its additional activities. The effort they put in is clearly visible around school and in events such as the Christmas Play which was another terrific success.

Finally, I would like to wish all pupils, parents, staff and fellow governors a very enjoyable festive break and a well-earned rest.

With Kind Regards,

Karen Humphreys.

Chair of Governors.

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