



## Newsletter 10

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

We have certainly had a busy time since we returned to school on March 8<sup>th</sup>. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, it was Comic Relief Day in school and it was great to see the children wearing red to celebrate this special day that raises money for so many deserving causes in this country and overseas. I am delighted to say that, thanks to your kind donations, school raised £89.90. Under the current circumstances, that is a fantastic achievement. I hope you enjoyed the special videos we put together onto our YouTube channel – the children certainly know some terrible jokes!



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March was World Down Syndrome Awareness Day. People with Down's Syndrome from all over the world came together at the United Nations in Geneva and New York to talk about how they should be involved in decision-making in their lives. The children got involved in this awareness campaign by wearing odd socks on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> in school. Thanks to all parents who supported this.



It's hard to believe how much life has changed over the past 12 months since the beginning of the first UK-wide lockdown. There are so many things that we had taken for granted such as the possibility of going out for a walk with friends or going to a restaurant and these opportunities were taken away from us. Beyond that, there is of course the human cost of the pandemic and I'm sure most people know someone whose life was changed by the Covid virus.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March marked the first anniversary of the lockdown and we remembered this in school by having a minute of silence. In years to come, I hope that we will look back on this challenging time and remember how resilient everyone had to be in order to get through it but also how the strength of human spirit and the values we share helped us through each difficult day.



Easter is rapidly approaching and unfortunately, we are still not in a position to hold a service at St Leonard's Church as we ordinarily would. However, we will still be marking Easter with a range of activities in school. Over the Easter period, you will notice that there are eggs in the churchyard at St Leonard's – these have been decorated by the children at school. See if you can find your child's egg! Also, we will be holding an Easter Egg hunt in school in the final week of term. Sadly, this will only be within the school grounds and, as last year, will be a hunt to find eggs which contain house points – I'm quite sure that the children will receive enough chocolate over the Easter period without school adding to it!



### *Diary Dates*

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Last day of term for children

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – First day of summer term

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – First day of swimming for Year 4 and 5

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - St George's Day – details to follow