



St Leonard's Newsletter

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September News



After just over three weeks back, I do hope that your child has settled well within their new year group. A very special welcome to all of our new families; it's wonderful to have you join our St Leonard's family.

Earlier this week, I received a letter from a past pupil who attended this school 80 years ago. The history of our school is something that I personally find fascinating and also something about which we wish to make all of our pupils aware. On reading the letter, I was struck by the fact that St Leonard's as a school can still mean so much to someone after so long and when you consider that the location of the school has changed since that time. It is further evidence that our school is about so much more than results, league tables and inspections. It is a place that matters and that people have an emotional connection with. That being said, I'm happy to share the highly successful headline data of the school's performance for last year in the column opposite.

This September sees the completed expansion of our infant phase, with two classes for each year group. We've now had to alter the arrangements for seating pupils in the hall so that everyone can attend assembly. Your child has no doubt told you about our big screen, something which the PTA have provided from its fundraising. Thanks to everyone who has supported the events of last year and to Kirsteen McSwein for her leadership. A new team led by Zoe Green and Katharine Driver have now "picked up the baton". Please note some key PTA dates on the reverse of this newsletter.

This newsletter also includes an apology from the managing director of School Trends, our uniform supplier. We are currently looking at five alternative providers and will update you when we have further information. However, we will be cautious before deciding whether to switch providers or not, so parents are advised to continue to place orders as required with School Trends at this time.

Best wishes for the term and year ahead.

Simon Jackson,
Head Teacher

2018 Headline Results

St Leonard's pupils achieving Good Level of Development at end of Early Years Foundation Stage - **79%**
(National Average -71.5%)

St Leonard's pupils achieving expected standard in Year 1 Phonics Check - **95%** (National Average - 82.6%)

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths:

Key Stage 1 Average: St Leonard's - **71%**
(National Average - 65.4%)

Key Stage 2 Combined: St Leonard's - **83%**
(National Average - 64%)

St Leonard's Average KS2 Scaled Score in Reading:
108 (National Average -105)

St Leonard's Average KS2 Scaled Score in Mathematics:
109 (National Average -104)

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Our next coffee morning will take place in the Keegan Centre between **09:00-10:00** on **Wednesday 3rd October**.

Letter from School Trends

Dear Customer

It is of great concern to hear that you as a valued customer have reason to be dissatisfied with the level of service you have received from us. Firstly, I would like to offer you our sincerest apologies for the disruption and distress we have caused you, the pupils, parents and any other members of the school.

Our employees take pride in providing our customers with a great service, however we have had an extremely difficult period at School Trends which has unfortunately impacted on you, our valued customer.

We have worked incredibly hard to rectify the situation internally, but unfortunately failed in our efforts to control a supplier to a required standard. This has impacted on our ability to fulfil your expectations. To compound the issue, we also encountered a technical issue, resulting in around 10,000 orders disappearing off our supplier's system, which in turn impacted hugely on our ability to deliver on time.

In my tenure as the new Managing Director, I have started to instigate major improvements for 2019 and would be more than happy, given the opportunity to visit and explain in more detail what these are.

Thank you for bringing the issues to our attention, we value your relationship with us and this gives us a further opportunity to work on what is important to you.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact us or to arrange a visit.

Best regards,

Paul Essex

Managing Director School Trends

From the PTA

School Disco: 17th Oct.

Infants: 3.30pm - 4.45pm

Juniors: 5pm - 6.30pm

Tickets on sale soon/details to follow.

Film Night: 9th Nov

After school 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Tickets on sale soon/details to follow

Mufti Day: 9th Nov

Bring in your jolly jars. Full details soon.

Mufti Day: 16th Nov

Bring in a bottle. Full details soon.

Mufti Day: 23rd Nov

Bring in secret gift. Full details soon.

St. Leonard's Winter Fair: 23rd Nov

After school 3.30pm - 6pm

Full details soon.

Attendance

Our target is 97% for each class. Please note your child's class.

Attendance by Class

RG - 97.89% RV - 96.11%

IA - 95.77% IG- 97.11%

2G - 98.19% 2S - 97.64%

3M - 98.33% 4K- 97.27%

5B - 98.06% 6W - 98.66%

A high level of attendance is absolutely vital for all pupils. You are reminded that no holiday requests will be authorised at any point in the school year.

Pupils should attend school when suffering from a cough or cold, but not if suffering from sickness or diarrhoea. Registers are checked each term by the Local Authority, so parents may be contacted by an attendance officer if their child's level of attendance causes concern.

Dates for your Diary



Forthcoming events

The dates of all the major events for the Autumn term are listed below. Please note the parents evenings and Christmas performance dates in particular. New events are highlighted yellow.

Thurs 11th Oct	Year 1 to Horniman Museum
Mon 22nd Oct - Fri 26th Oct	Half Term holiday
Wed 14th Nov	Parents Evening
3:30pm-5:30pm	
Thurs 15th Nov	Parents Evening
3:30pm-7:00pm	
Mon 3rd Dec	EYFS Nativity in school
2:00pm	
Tues 4th Dec	EYFS Nativity in school
10:00am	
Wed 5th Dec	KS1 Nativity at church
2:00pm	
Thurs 6th Dec	KS1 Nativity at church
10:00am	
Tues 11th & Wed 12th Dec	KS2 Production
6:00pm	
Tues 18th Dec	carol service in church. All juniors to attend in uniform
6:00pm	
Fri 21st Dec	End of Term
2:00pm	



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