



St Leonard's Newsletter

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September News



The arrival of autumn is a great reminder that change is an important part of life. However, whilst change is inevitable, progress isn't!

The expansion of our school has now begun to take effect in our junior department and it's really heartening to see our Christian learning community growing and changing in such a manner. Thanks to the many of you who've commented so positively on the environmental developments within the school. Whilst everyone has seen the water feature at Gate 1 (for which our grateful thanks go to Mr James and Mr Pizzoferro), we have also set about reinforcing the school's mission, ethos and values as well as making our fascinating history more explicit to the children. This has been achieved by:

- Having the Keegan Centre decorated with panels displaying the fruit of the spirit.
- Naming the main hall after Henry Crumbleholme, who was headmaster from 1900 - 1933. Ask your child about him; his story is fascinating.
- Moving the existing altar into the small hall and naming the hall the Herbert Hill Chapel hall, after the school's founder. Also in this chapel is a stained glass effect window and a panel displaying a thanksgiving psalm.
- Naming group rooms after former headmasters & headmistresses. The children have been told about these key people and why their contribution to St Leonard's has been so significant.
- A history timeline in the corridor outside the hall illustrating some of the key moments in the school's history.

In learning about such people and events, we are reminded that we have one opportunity to learn here but that we also have an opportunity to make a contribution to the history of our school. I am inspired by those who have gone before us and wish to lead the creation of a school that, irrespective of the local and national issues of the day, can be looked upon favourably in future decades and centuries, both as an educational institution and as a Christian community. Our history shows that there have been many occasions when the school has been required to adapt and this has been achieved successfully.

As our school grows, as the school inspection system changes, as we all change, may we do so together safe in the knowledge that St Leonard's can be a leader of change.

As the slogan on the timeline reads: "Because who a child becomes has always mattered. St Leonard's - yesterday, today, forever."

**Best wishes,
Simon Jackson - Head Teacher**

Autumn Prayer

Thank you Lord for Autumn days,
For grateful hearts and psalms of
praise -

Thank you Lord for food to share,

For family times of faith and prayer -

Thank you Lord for all these things

And every joy that Autumn brings.

Amen

Thankful
&
Blessed

WANTED



MUSICIANS



We have a bass player and are now looking for a keyboard player and a drummer for this year's Junior Christmas Production. It's always great fun and a fantastic way to become involved in the life of the school. Let me know if you would like to be involved. Mr J.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be taking photographs of individual pupils and their siblings within the school on
Monday 4th November

Parent Governor Election

A vacancy has become available for membership of the school's Local Governing Board. This election will take place in the weeks before the next meeting of the Board which will meet at 6:00pm on Wednesday 20th November. If you are interested in standing for this position, look out for the election material which will be coming out in the next few weeks.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform as listed on the school's website and that all items of clothing are clearly labelled Thank you.



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Thank you to those who were able to attend the AGM last week. Whilst we have received nominations for the positions of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, we wish to give an opportunity for anyone wishing to stand who was unable to attend last week's meeting. If you would like to stand for any of those positions or be added to the **list of class representatives below**, please will you email the school office by no later than 3:00pm on Friday 4th October.

Nursery: Natasha Lekka

Reception: Emma Fletcher

Kate Bayliss

Lou Royal

Sophia Mordi

Year 1: Ruth Medford

Sarah Murdock

Year 2: Zoe Green

Jo Seymour-Davies

Year 3: Laura Lane

Fabia Stockten

Year 4: Liz Monk

Year 5: Jacqui Griffiths

Year 6: Beth Johnson

Adi Sidford

Suelin McCullough

Christmas Diary

We always try and help working parents when producing the school calendar and know that you appreciate receiving advanced notice of these events. As such, the dates and times for all key events are listed below.

Early Years Nativity in the school hall

Mon 2nd Dec at 2:00pm

Tues 3rd Dec at 10:00am

Years 1 & 2 Nativity at St Leonard's Church

Thursday 5th Dec at 2:00pm

Friday 6th Dec at 10:00am

Junior Production in the school hall

Tuesday 10th Dec at 6:00pm

Wed 11th Dec at 6:00pm

Junior Carol Service At St Leonard's Church

Tuesday 17th Dec at 6:00pm

Dates for your Diary



Forthcoming events

The dates of all the major events for the Autumn term are listed below. New events are highlighted yellow.

Mon 7th Oct Harvest Festival assembly

Mon 14th Oct - Fri 18th Oct 6B to PGL

Mon 21st - Fri 25th Oct Half Term

Mon 4th Nov Individual School Photographs

Mon 11th Nov 09:00 - 10:00 IPC Workshop for parents in Keegan Centre

Wed 13th Nov 3:30pm - 5:30pm Parents Evening

Thurs 14th Nov 3:30pm - 7:00pm Parents Evening

Fri 22nd Nov 3:30pm - 5:30pm Winter Fair

Mon 25th Nov 09:00 - 10:00 Maths Workshop for parents in Keegan Centre

Attendance

Our target is 97% for each class. Please note your child's class. The whole school attendance is currently 94.88%.

Attendance by Class

RG - 98.29% RP - 100% ★

1H - 94.12% 1P - 100% ★

2G - 97.53% 2S - 92.59%

3M - 90.91% 4H - 90.24%

5V - 90.48% 6B - 94.64%

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

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. **This includes requests to visit relatives in other countries.**

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.