



St Leonard's Newsletter

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October News - The Uniform Edition



Following the inconvenience experienced by many parents in relation to ordering uniform over the summer, a full review of our supply arrangements has been carried out and I'm now in a position to update you.

We invited five companies to engage with us and offer to supply our uniform. Based on the information supplied, we worked with a governor committee to decide on the best option going forward.

I'm pleased to inform you that, from January 2019, our uniform will be supplied by School Uniform Direct. It was felt that this company had the most flexible of options for parents to acquire uniform. Options include: a retail store less than two miles away, a website and a telephone ordering service. Deliveries can be made to home or school. Home deliveries are made by DPD courier, allowing parents to select delivery times.

School Uniform Direct will partner with the school to provide a hardship fund to partially subsidise uniform for pupils receiving pupil premium. There will also be discounts available to all families when purchasing uniform either in bulk or at certain times of year. We will arrange for a company representative to come and explain further details and answer any questions in due course.

We have been assured by School Trends that all outstanding orders will be processed. Naturally, as the new arrangements are only two months away, we strongly advise that no further orders are placed with School Trends.

I'd like to thank all parents for your patience and understanding. Whilst the supply issue was beyond our control, I do hope that you feel that the school has responded to your concerns appropriately.

Best wishes,
Simon Jackson,
Head Teacher



Our next coffee morning will take place in the Keegan Centre between **09:00-10:00** on **Friday 2nd November**.

Uniform Appearance

At St Leonard's, we do consciously endeavour to focus our attention on the most important things; namely, the welfare of the children and the quality of teaching and learning.

However, our uniform is important to us. Our school badge was introduced in 1930. As such, St Leonard's has had a visibly singular identity for 88 years. Whilst I have no desire to become involved in a daily battle over uniform, occasionally we see unannounced variations creeping in. I know that there will be some members of our community who place less importance on uniform than others, and they are entitled to their opinion. However, the last amendment to uniform was made six years ago. The information is given to all new parents when their child joins our school. The uniform is listed on our website. It is smart and, when worn well, is a great advert for our school. As such, I'm left to wonder why anyone would feel the need to have to be different.

In any school, there unfortunately will always be a minority who show less respect than others. My appeal is to the vast majority of you who share the values of the school and wish to develop them in your child that, rather than telling me at the gate, "Well, she's wearing this and I saw him wearing that" - we instead focus on just those things we have control over and resolve to preserve the school's image and promote its reputation in the local community by buying our own children the correct uniform.

In relation to footwear, parents are advised that it is important that children wear shoes and not boots. Any concern over cold feet is more than outweighed by the fact that they are inappropriate for climbing safely on any of the playground equipment.

Instead of uniform being something that divides, I urge everyone to understand and accept the rationale for having one and to cooperate accordingly. The vast majority of variations that can be seen in school are not a matter of cost; they are a matter of choice. If nothing else, it's a good life lesson that we all have to do some things that we'd rather not on occasions.

I thank the vast majority of you for your support.

Parents Evening Arrangements

You will shortly be receiving details of how to book an appointment at one of our forthcoming parents evenings on the 14th & 15th of November.

Appointments will be able to be booked online from 8:00pm on Sunday 4th November.

Please make every effort to attend one of these evenings. Please also be aware that, should you arrive late, it may not be possible for you to have an appointment on that evening.

Please look out for a simple and quick survey to complete on the evening. We are wanting to respond positively to parents' suggestions for after school clubs and activities. We wish to identify what types of clubs you would like to see provided and how much you may be willing to pay for such provision.

Poppy Appeal

You will shortly be receiving a letter about our annual collection for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

We hope that you will be able to support this charity as we commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One.

Thank you in advance for your donations.



Fireworks Display

Lambeth Fireworks Saturday 3rd Nov, events from 5.00pm (Fireworks: family show from 6.45 & main display at 8.00pm) / Family ticket (both displays) £30 + booking fee. Children under 3 go free. Brockwell Park, Norwood Rd, SE24 9BJ

From the PTA

The following events are planned to take place this half term:

Film Night: 9th Nov

Years 2 - 6 inclusive only

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 - 97.60% RV - 96.96%

1A - 96.75% 1G - 97.07%

2G - 97.95% 2S - 98.11%

3M - 97.62% 4K - 98.28%

5B - 96.86% 6W - 98.93%

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.

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 KSI Nativity at church
2:00pm

Thurs 6th Dec KSI 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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