



# St Leonard's Newsletter

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"Nurturing Faith & Inspiring Success"

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## July News



Whilst typing this newsletter, my daughter's school telephoned me. I'm sure that all parents can empathise with that *heart in the mouth* feeling as you're waiting to hear the reason for the call.

As it so happened, it was my daughter's RE teacher just wanting to ask for my support in ensuring that she dips into the revision guides over the summer holiday before beginning Year 11 in September.

As with many things in life, there is a need for balance; a time for work and a time for rest. One of our jobs as parents, is to successfully transfer the responsibility for achieving that balance from ourselves to our children. We are left to judge whether we need to encourage our children to work harder or to rest, depending on how they are.

The summer holiday is a great opportunity to strike that balance at a gentle pace. Please consider creating opportunities for your child to practise some basic skills over the summer. Alongside this, I hope that you all have opportunities for rest and relaxation as well as enjoying days out or time away. There are some low cost and free family fun activities listed on pages 3 & 4 of this newsletter.

As we go our separate ways over the next month, we remember that we are all still members of the St Leonard's family, wherever we are. You may like to say the prayer and blessing opposite at some point with your children. Let's see how many different places they can be said in!

To those families of Year 6 children leaving us, I sincerely wish you and your children well. I remember celebrating the school's bicentenary with them when they were Reception children. Time does indeed pass all too quickly!

To the wider St Leonard's family, I thank you for your support this year. On behalf of all the staff and governors at the school, I wish you all a happy, safe and memorable time with your children.

Best wishes,

Simon Jackson - Head Teacher

## Summer Holiday Prayer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.  
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends  
and family,

and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray

no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence

and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me

a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

## A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God

This summer

In whatever you do

Wherever you go

Walking with God means...

Walking with honesty

And with courage,

Walking with love

And respect

And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God

This summer

And every day and

In every situation

Talking with God means...

Praying words of praise

For the beauty of creation

Saying prayers of thanks

For friends and good times,

Asking God's help

In all your decisions

Expressing sorrow

When you have failed

May you talk with God

Every day. Amen.

Thankful  
&  
Blessed

**WANTED**

**MUSICIANS**

If you are a musician and would like to join us in performing with the children in this year's Junior Christmas Production, please let me know. It's always great fun and a fantastic way to become involved in the life of the school. Mr J.



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## PTA - Friends of St Leonard's

As family members of a child at St Leonard's, you are all automatically welcomed into the *Friends of St Leonard's*.

It is this association which organises social events during the school year. Whilst everyone is a member, there is also a need for a committee to be elected by parents.

With new families joining our school in September, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in the Keegan Centre on **Friday 27th September at 09:15**. You are all invited.

You may also wish to consider standing for election as Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary. All nominations would be welcomed.

**REMINDER**  
**TERM ENDS AT 2:00PM**  
**ON**  
**THURSDAY 18TH JULY.**

**AUTUMN TERM BEGINS**  
**ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 4TH**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**08:55**

## 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.*

**Wed 4th Sept** Autumn Term begins

**Wed 18th Sept** Nursery begins

**Fri 27th Sept** PTA AGM in the Keegan Centre  
**09:15**

**Fri 11th Oct** Friends of St Leonard's  
**7:00pm - 10:00** Quiz Night

**Mon 21st - Fri** Half Term  
**25th Oct**

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

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

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

## Attendance

Our target is 97% for each class. Please note your child's class. The whole school attendance is currently 96.72%.

### Attendance by Class

RG - 96.14%	RV - 96.89%
1A - 95.72%	1G - 95.46%
2G - 96.28%	2S - 97.60%
3M - 96.08%	4K - 97.40%
5B - 97.39%	6W - 98.28%

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 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.



# Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



*Please look at organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements*

## Lambeth Country Show - Brockwell Park

Brockwell Park, Dulwich Road, SE24 0NG / 020 7926 6207 / [www.lambeth.gov.uk](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk) **FREE** (All ages)

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun 21<sup>st</sup> July, 12 noon – 8pm**

The annual Lambeth Country Show returns to Brockwell Park for a 45th edition on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July 2019, boasting a unique line-up that celebrates the very best of the city and countryside. The show is one of the biggest free family festivals in the UK.

## Southbank Centre: *U.Dance* 2019, national annual youth dance festival

Level 2 Ballroom, Royal Festival Hall, SE1 8XX **FREE** (All ages) Nearest tube: Waterloo / Embankment

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 3.30 – 5.00pm / [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk)**

Tap into your rhythm at this workshop exploring the links between jazz music and dance with Tomorrow's Warriors, resident youth jazz company. Watch demonstrations from dance experts in an interactive session and explore how jazz and tap dance share the historical and rhythmic roots of jazz music. Work with the experts, together you can draw inspiration from the live music and discover your own beats and moves.

**PLUS Family Disco Loco** - every day to 26<sup>th</sup> Aug, 12 – 5.00pm: Boogie outside to back-to-back tunes!

## V&A Museum of Childhood

Cambridge Heath Road London E2 9PA **FREE** (All Ages) nearest tube: Bethnal Green / [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun 21<sup>st</sup> July: Festival of Play, 11am– 4.30pm **FREE** drop in**

Play is for everyone. Help us celebrate all things play over this two-day festival filled with workshops, games, and activities designed for all ages.

The V&A Museum of Childhood has lots of free fun things to do for all ages, from exhibitions and displays to activities for children throughout the summer holidays

## Geffrye Museum: Acts of Kindness – summer holiday activities

Kingsland Road, E2 8EA / [www.geffrye-museum.org.uk](http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk) / 020 7739 9893 **FREE** (All ages)

Nearest Tube: Bethnal Green / Liverpool Street / Old Street

**Thursdays 15, 22 & 29<sup>th</sup> August and Fridays 16, 23, & 30<sup>th</sup> August – check website for times**

At the Geffrye Museum of the Home, it really is cool to be kind. Discover fun, creative ways to spread a little love at home with your family, in the garden with nature and in the community with our friends and neighbours. Holiday activities are for children aged 2-12 and are free for individuals and their families. Places for booked workshops are allocated at the museum on a first-come, first-served basis 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each activity. All children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. All activities are accessible for families with additional needs

## Museum of London

150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN / 020 7001 9844 / [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk) **FREE** Drop in (age 5+)

Nearest tube: Barbican/St Pauls/Moorgate

**Seek the Beasts: Family summer trail: 27<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, from 10am – 6pm**

Some of the animals in our Beasts of London experience got restless and started to roam the galleries one night....we need your help finding the hidden beasts. See if you can find all five boxes in the galleries, answer a question on them that will give the code which will reveal a spell and release them back in the wild.

This activity can be completed at any time – just ask at front desk for your activity sheet and get searching.

**Storywalk - Dragons & spotted Beasts: 26<sup>th</sup> July & 14<sup>th</sup> August, 12pm & 2pm (approx. 40 mins)**

Join our storyteller on short walk to Salters' Hall, and discover the hidden dragons on the highwalk... Why are they there? Then settle down in Salters' Hall to hear the tale of another mystery waiting to be solved... After the story, why not stay and enjoy some crafts, or have a snack in their beautiful gardens? The walk to Salters' Hall takes about 15 minutes and uses the highwalk, so there are no roads to cross and it's fully accessible. This is a free session but ticketed. Tickets are allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis from the Information Desk on the day

### **Museum of London Docklands –Family Fun**

No1 Warehouse, West India Quay, London E14 4AL / 020 7001 9844 [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk) **FREE**

**Ration Book Recipes workshop: 26<sup>th</sup> July**, 12pm & 2.30pm Drop in (age 5+)

Create your own recipe inspired by the museum collection and bring it to life using craft materials. But there's a twist, you can only use what's in your World War II ration book. What delicious meals can you rustle up?

### **Natural History Museum**

Cromwell Road, SW7 5BD / 020 7942 5000 / [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk) , 10am – 5.30pm every day **FREE** (All Ages)

Nearest Tube: South Kensington

A trip to the Natural History Museum is the perfect family day out in London this summer. Get up-close with nature, discover fascinating creatures and intriguing science, and enjoy fun, family-friendly activities for curious kids and inquisitive parents. There is so much to explore in the galleries (including your favourite dinosaurs!) and there are free and low-cost activities running every day. With family exhibitions, plenty of hands-on, interactive activities and action-packed school holiday programmes, there's something for children of all ages

### **V&A Museum**

Cromwell Road, SW7 2RL / 020 7942 2000/ [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk) **FREE** (All Ages)

Nearest tube: South Kensington

Families can enjoy free activities and events at the Museum every day. At weekends, join in with Pop-up Performances on Saturdays and making activities on Sundays. During the school holidays there are additional events to inspire families and to get involved. The ever-changing programme is designed for all ages and encourages play and learning through the diverse V&A collection and temporary exhibitions

### **Bank of England Museum – Explorer Trail**

Threadneedle St (entrance in Bartholomew Lane), EC2R 8AH / 020 7601 5545 / **FREE** (All Ages)

[www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum) / Nearest Tube: Bank

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> August 10am-4.30pm**

Explore our museum with your family this summer. Discover new things. Complete our explorer trail (to win a small prize). And make your very own gold-bar shaped moneybox.

**Discover new things:** We're 325 years old this summer. Our brand new exhibition uses 325 objects to tell a story from each one of our 325 years.

**Go on our explorer's trail & WIN a prize!** Pick up a free trail sheet from our information desk. Go on a journey of discovery through our museum to find out how things have changed over time. Then hand in your completed sheet to claim your small prize.

**Make your own moneybox:** Make your very own gold-bar shaped moneybox to decorate and take home.

### **Vauxhall One Outdoor Film Screening - 'The Goonies'**

Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens, Tyers St, Vauxhall SE11 5HL – **Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July**, 7.30pm **FREE** (All ages)

Free film screening of the family friendly film *The Goonies* - 80s classic adventure film with a group of kids on a mission to find some treasure to save their neighbourhood. Food options available on-site, and first come, first served for deckchairs. After that, remember to bring a blanket and maybe a jumper!

### **Horniman Museum**

100 London Road, SE23 3PQ / 020 8699 1872 / [www.horniman.ac.uk](http://www.horniman.ac.uk) **FREE** (All ages)

Buses: 176, 185, 312, P4, 63, 122, P13 / Open Daily, 10.30am-5.30pm

Come & enjoy our **FREE** Galleries, spend time in our beautiful gardens or join us for one of our many events this summer. For a full programme of activities please visit the website.

### **Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses**

Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses, SE24 / [www.brockwellgreenhouses.org.uk](http://www.brockwellgreenhouses.org.uk)

Contact: Helen Cherry - [education@brockwellgreenhouses.org.uk](mailto:education@brockwellgreenhouses.org.uk) / 07427685714

Stuck for something to do in the holidays? We always have original, creative things on most Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings during school holidays! See website to find out more.