



# St Leonard's Newsletter

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"Nurturing Faith & Inspiring Success"

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## January News



**"To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June" - so wrote Jean-Paul Satre. In reading the verse below from a short poem, "Winter Seeds" by Penny Kent, I'll leave you to be the judge!**

*All the long, cold winter  
through frost, hail, sleet and snow,  
seeds wait, nestling near the earth,  
for the time when they can grow.*

It is not just in nature that, as we wait for winter to turn into spring, the theme of growth is very relevant. The spring term is a time when schools hope that their children can see a real improvement being made when comparing themselves with their abilities at the end of the previous school year.

As an adult, it can sometimes be hard for us to balance the pace at which our children "learn" with the pace at which they "grow". I would argue that this is one example where being part of a Church school using the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) makes a significant difference to our children.

At St Leonard's, the IPC's *Personal Goals* (Enquiry, Adaptability, Resilience, Morality, Thoughtfulness, Communication, Respect and Cooperation) are linked with the Bible's "Fruit of the Spirit" (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Self-Control) in the hope that what children learn is also supported with a clear message of how they should live out their learning.

Growth is always accompanied by change. I believe that as a whole school community, we have coped well with all sorts of changes over the past five years in particular. Whatever the circumstances, our purpose remains the same: to give our current pupils the best education possible and to ensure that St Leonard's both respects its history and secures a bright future.

Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

**Simon Jackson,**  
**Head Teacher**

## Thank You

On behalf of all the staff, many thanks for the cards and gifts received at the end of last term; your kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who supported our charitable and fundraising causes last term. Our Christmas jumper day raised £349.30 for *Save The Children*. Our Christmas productions and carol service raised £679.12 for St Leonard's Church. Our Christingle collection raised £460.31 for *The Children's Society*. Total fundraising as a result of PTA events for the autumn term was £6297.18 - a fantastic amount. Thanks also to last term's Parentgym group (pictured below). Camilla, who ran the courses, stated that in her four years, this is the greatest number of attendees she has had throughout the six weeks it ran.



## Attendance

Our target is 97% for each class. Please note your child's class. The whole school attendance is currently 96.98%.

### Attendance by Class

RG - 95.14%	RV - 95.46%
1A - 96.10%	1G - 96.02%
2G - 97.43%	2S - 98.05%
3M - 96.96%	4K - 98.16%
5B - 97.89%	6W - 98.61%

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.



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@StLeonardsCEP

## Severe Weather Response Plan

The time has come once again to inform all parents about our procedures if and when we become affected by significant snowfall. The school has secured a good supply of grit to help us cope in the event of difficult conditions. However, in the event of snowfall, a site inspection will be carried out by Mr James, our site manager. Based on his information, I will make a decision at 7:00am as to whether the school is to open or not. After communicating this to the Chair of Governors, the school's website will be updated by 7:15am with a message on the front page. If you have stored the school's website in your favourites page, you may need to click "Refresh" to be able to see this message.

We will also place a message on the Londonwide, School Open Check platform at: [www.opencheck.lgfl.net/](http://www.opencheck.lgfl.net/).

If using this service, select Lambeth from the drop down menu and click on St Leonard's where a message will be displayed. The school's Twitter feed will also display a message. **Continued in next column...**

Messages via parentmail will also be sent. Please note that **the website will be the fastest way of receiving information** as Parentmail messages can take time to send when lots of schools are using the service.

In the event of school closure, only those parents who are not on Parentmail will receive a telephone call before 8:00am. The school's telephone answering machine will play a recorded message informing of closure from 7:45am.

An evening site inspection will take place at 5:30pm with a view to making a judgement about the possibility of school being open the following day. The website will be updated at 6:00pm, either informing you of a definite decision or to say that a further inspection will take place in the morning and to check the website again at 7:15am.

I can assure you that whilst the safety of children is always our primary concern, every attempt will be made to keep the school open during bad weather and communicating regularly and clearly with you will be a priority. Thank you.

*Coffee Morning*

*Everyone Welcome*



Our February coffee morning will be in the form of a parent workshop between **09:00 – 10:00** on **Wednesday 6th February**.

See adjacent poster →

## 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 23rd Jan** 6W to Houses of Parliament. **Returning 5:00pm**

**Thurs 24th Jan** 4K to South Bank Centre

**Tues 29th Jan** Choir to 02

**Tues 29th Jan** Year 1 to Science Museum

**Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Feb** Half Term

**Tues 19th March** Parents Evening 3:30pm - 7:00pm

**Wed 20th March** Parents Evening 3:30pm - 5:30pm

**Fri 5th April** End of Term 2:00pm

## It's a Boy!



We are delighted to say, "Congratulations" to Mrs Chaloner on the birth of her son, Cameron. All is well with both mum and baby.

**Internet Safety workshop for Parents**

Do you ever worry about your child's safety online? Come and find out ways to keep them safe by attending our workshop.

**Wednesday 6th February 9AM**  
The Keegan Centre

- Learn about the dangers your child could face online
- Advice on cyber-bullying
- Talk with other parents
- Find out where to get more information