



St Leonard's Newsletter

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St Leonard's C of E Primary School
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December News



A Christmas Farewell



Over my twenty-five years of teaching here at St Leonard's I can honestly say I am extremely proud to have been part of such a generous and warm-hearted community.

St Leonard's history runs deep and I am honoured to have played a small part in such an interesting and exciting time in that history.

I have seen many cheerful faces come through the school gates, giving me a purpose to help provide a bright and happy future for the children.

I would like to thank my colleagues for their support and their jovial and optimistic work attitude. I have been part of a great team to whom I am indebted.

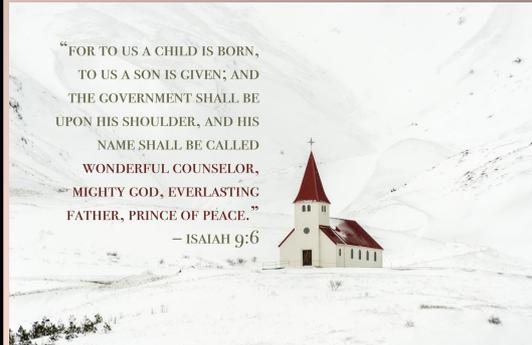
The support from St Leonard's parents has been amazing and I have been deeply touched by the generosity of the whole school community. Thank you for your kindly worded cards. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading them and will treasure them always. I wish you all the very best for the future, you will be in my thoughts always.

Best wishes,
Mr Pizzoferro
Deputy Head Teacher



Bible Reflection

"FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,
TO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND
THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE
UPON HIS SHOULDER, AND HIS
NAME SHALL BE CALLED
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,
MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING
FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE."
— ISAIAH 9:6



Thankful
&
Blessed

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection for this year's appeal. We raised £180.00, which will be sent to the Royal British Legion.



Staffing

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Chaloner back from maternity leave in January; we've all missed her! We say thank you and farewell to Miss Manley who will now be teaching in a school nearer to her home. We welcome back Mrs James as her replacement.

Christingle Eucharist

You are welcome to join us at our end of term service on

Thursday 19th Dec - 10:00am

in church.



Term ends at 2:00pm



Thank you to everyone for your support this term and to those who joined us for any of our

Christmas performances and our carol service. We know that these events live long in the memory, especially our children's.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday 6th January.**

Best wishes,
Simon Jackson - Head Teacher





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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/.

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. 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.

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 6th Jan Spring term begins

Wed 15th Jan 6B IPC exit point in
14:00 - 15:00 main hall

Fri 17th Jan 4H to CLC

Thurs 30th Jan 1H & 1P to CLC

Fri 7th Feb 3M to Chocolate Museum

Fri 14th Feb 3W to Chocolate Museum

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb Half Term

Wed 18th March Parents Evening
3:30pm - 7:00pm

Thurs 19th Parents Evening
March 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Attendance

Our target is 97% for each class. Please note your child's class. The whole school attendance is currently 96.65%.

Attendance by Class

RG - 95.56%	RP - 97.62%
1H - 94.47%	1P - 96.95%
2G - 97.44%	2S - 96.13%
3M - 98.45%	3W - 95.39%
4H - 95.63%	5V - 97.54%
6B - 98.07%	

Excellent 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 from sickness or diarrhoea. Registers are checked by the Local Authority, so parents may be contacted by an attendance officer if their child's attendance causes concern.

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



Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London this Christmas

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

Winter Wonderland – Hyde Park

Hyde Park, London W2 2UH

Until 6th January – closed on Christmas Day

FREE to enter. Additional attractions at a cost

www.hydeparkwinterwonderland.com

Christmas family fun aplenty with a huge ice rink, two circuses, an observation wheel and the Magical Ice Kingdom, plus themed bars for the grown-ups. The Grinch would have a real job stealing all the Christmas from Hyde Park's huge tribute to festive fun. The annual favourite is back for its thirteenth year in 2019. Entry to Winter Wonderland is free, and you can head along for cheerily-lit fairground rides, a child-friendly Santa Land (including Santa's grotto) and quaint Christmas markets.

South Bank Centre Winter Festival

South Bank Centre, Bevedere Road, SE1

Nearest station: Waterloo

www.southbankcentre.co.uk. Until 26th January

Some events are free – some are ticketed at a cost – check the website.

Fun-filled family shows, festive goodies at our markets and pop-ups, twinkling lights, dazzling comedy and cabaret – with more seasonal delights than you can shake a stocking at, Southbank Centre in winter is truly magical. Enter a world of dazzling art with Hayward Gallery's major retrospective exhibition devoted to the work of celebrated British artist Bridget Riley. Experience the thrills and daredevil entertainment of a turn-of-the-century circus at *Circus 1903*, returning with new acts for 2019 including the Brazilian Wheel of Death. Saddle up for our five-star retelling of *Black Beauty*. Blending storytelling, music and puppetry, it's a must for fans of the book, lovers of the classic TV show and those brand new to the tale. Plus, sensory play installation and family favourite *Soundpit*.

Natural History Museum – Investigate!

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 9BD nearest station: High Street Kensington

www.nhm.ac.uk 1030 am – 5pm Weekends and school holidays **FREE**

Designed especially for families with children aged 7+, Investigate has over 300 specimens to explore and spark your curiosity. You'll discover remarkable objects ranging from trays of fossils and beetles to larger bones, skins, minerals and much more. Everything in Investigate can be held or touched, so pick an object to study and unleash your inner scientist. Examine it under a microscope or compare it with others objects, browse the dedicated library or chat with one of our friendly science educators, who are always on hand to support your investigation. Scientists make predictions about the natural world based on their observations. In Investigate, children are encouraged to think, explore and ask questions like a scientist. With so much to discover, there's something to inspire every young scientist. At the same time – see the magical ice-skating rink outside the museum!

Greenwich Christmas Market and Santa Grotto

Greenwich Town Centre, SE10 9HZ www.greenwichmarket.com.

London's only market set within a World Heritage site is open 7 days a week and is stuffed full of the kinds of distinctive gifts friends and family love to discover under the tree and modern. Expect Christmas carol singing, Father Christmas in his Greenwich Grotto and characters from the Greenwich Playhouse panto. Santa's Grotto is open on: Thursday 19, Friday 20 & Saturday 21 - 11am –5pm; Sunday 22 – 10am – 4pm; Monday 23 – 10am - 5pm; Christmas Eve 10am–3pm. The Greenwich Market Grotto will be fundraising for the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice. Tickets to see Father Christmas cost £5. The Grotto is located at 9 Greenwich Market.

Christmas Family Fun Day – Croydon FC versus Forest Hill Park football

Saturday 21st December

Croydon Sports Arena, Albert Road, South Norwood, SE25 4QL www.croydonfc.com Entry from 1230, kick off 3pm Adults £5, concessions £2.50, children FREE

Brockwell Park – New Year's Day Wildflower Hunt

Wednesday 1st January 11am – 1pm

FREE No Booking required.

Meet at the clock tower in Brockwell Park for a plant hunting walk to see how many wildflowers can be recorded at this time of year. Run jointly with the Friends of Brockwell Park. Part of the Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland's New Year Plant Hunt.

Tiny Dancers Family Rave – Tooting – New Year's Eve

Tuesday 31 December 2 – 4pm

Tooting Tram and Social, 46 – 48 Mitcham Road, SW17 9NA. Nearest station Tooting Broadway www.tootingtramandsocial.co.uk. Tickets: £6.00 on website – under 12 months free but require a ticket.

Join Tiny Dancers Family Rave on New Year Eve this year and see in 2020 at Tooting Tram and Social with your family and friends! With nostalgic house tunes from resident DJ JOY ALARM we will countdown to the New Year every 30 minutes with confetti cannons to celebrate the start of 2020! And then it's back into the tunes to rave in the New Year too! Rave your way into the New Year with Tiny Dancers Family Rave! All ravers get free mini party poppers on the way in to help celebrate the New Year. There's free crafts and stickers, balloons, inflatables, confetti cannons, bubble machines, colouring in wall murals, buggy park, visual projections, carefully monitored sound and light levels. This promises to be a very popular event with last year's rave selling out in advance so grab your tickets early for this event. Parents remain responsible for their children at all times. For families with younger children (8s and under) though all ages are welcome. Music is played at a safe volume for everyone and monitored throughout event. Adults are not admitted unless accompanied by a child. Each member of your group must have a ticket and pre-walking infants free (but ticketed).

