

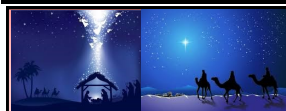
# St Leonard's Newsletter

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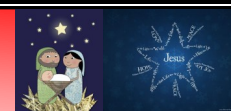
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## December News



**This Christmas, as so often in life, we are faced with a choice: to be thankful and focus on hope and opportunity or to wish for things to be different and focus on loss and misfortune.**

One thing that I have been reflecting upon during Advent, is just what will Christmas be like for those whose celebrations and traditions do not involve the foundation of the nativity?

To be clear, I wish everyone a *Merry Christmas*, regardless of how they choose to celebrate it. However, this season affords us an opportunity like no other to consider the foundation upon which we build our lives and for us all to ensure that the real message of Christmas is celebrated.

I am so pleased that, as a community, we have been able to work through the challenges of this year and that the children have largely been able to experience the school's traditional Christmas. Our junior production has now had 1000 views, which is incredible and also a great example of how something positive can be achieved against the odds.

As this term ends and we look forward with hope for a happy 2021, there are many thanks I need to express.

Firstly, thank you to all of our parents and carers. Your patience, understanding, support and willingness to respond positively to the situation has been greatly appreciated. I know that this situation continues to be difficult for many of you and share your hope that school returns to normal as quickly as possible.

Thanks to the committee of the Friends of St Leonard's for their willingness to find new ways of supporting the school within the current restrictions.

Thanks to St Leonard's Church and Canon Anna in particular for being so cooperative regarding the use of the church for rehearsals and recordings this term and to other governors for their support and encouragement during the year.

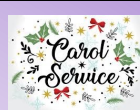
Thanks to our wonderful children. Attendance for the term stands at 95.94% which is significantly above the national average and they have coped brilliantly with the return to school and the different arrangements.

My final and greatest thanks goes to our amazing team of staff. They have risen to every challenge with unwavering determination and truly represent the best of our profession. I will be forever grateful for the way they have conducted themselves in the most difficult of years. I wish all of them and all of you a very *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*.

**Simon Jackson**  
Head Teacher

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of mankind." John 1:4

Thankful  
&  
Blessed



The link for the specially recorded service is scheduled to be parentmailed to all of our families and available to view from **6:00pm tonight**. If your child is unable to watch this with you at that time, we will also be viewing it during school time.



Whilst we were unfortunately unable to have our Christmas parties this year, we would like to thank the Friends of St Leonard's for arranging for the children to view a specially produced pantomime in their classes.

## Staffing



As mentioned in my recent letter, we thank the following members of staff and wish them well as they leave St Leonard's:  
Mr Jones; Mr & Mrs James; Mrs Coveney

**Term Ends  
at 2:00pm  
Thursday 17th  
December**



**School returns  
on  
Monday 4th January 2021**



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## Coronavirus Updates

Please be aware that the school will be closed throughout the holiday. Should you wish to update the school about your family situation, please email

[mgr@st-leonards.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:mgr@st-leonards.lambeth.sch.uk)

so that we can respond when school reopens.

Should we need to respond to any government announcement, this will be done via parentmail. Thank you.

## School Year Term Dates

**Christmas holiday:** Friday 18 December 2020 to Friday 1 January 2021

**Start date:** Monday 4 January 2021

**Finish date:** Friday 12 Feb 2021

**Holiday:** Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

**Start date:** Monday 22 February 2021

**Finish date:** Wednesday 31 March 2021

**Easter holiday:** Thursday 1 April 2021 to Friday 9 April 2021

**Start date:** Monday 12 April 2021

**Finish date:** Friday 28 May 2021

**Holiday:** Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

**Start date:** Monday 7 June 2021

**Finish date:** Friday 16 July 2021

## Poppy Appeal

Thanks to everyone who bought a poppy. We raised a total of £138.41



## School Charity Partnerships

St Leonard is the patron saint of prisoners and women in childbirth. We have decided to support St George's Hospital's Carmen suite which is a specialised birthing centre, and the Nehemiah Project which is a local charity supporting people committed to improve their life chances.

Following our recent productions, if you're able to make a charitable donation via your parentpay account, we would be very grateful.

## Dates for your Diary



## Forthcoming events

*New events highlighted in yellow*

**Tues 19th Jan** Yr 2 to LCLC -  
Exploring London past  
& present

**Mon 8th Feb** Yr 4 to LCLC Robot  
Challenge

**Mon 15th - Fri  
19th Feb** Half Term

**Wed 31st March** End of Term  
2:00pm

"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



## Attendance

We accept that there may be a greater number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected presently. As such, our target is 95% for each class this term. Please note your child's class. The whole school attendance is currently 95.94% which is still above the present national average.

### Attendance by Class

RP - 93.87%	RW- 96.26%
1G - 96.99%	1H- 96.64%
2G - 96.98%	2M - 97.44%
3L - 96.09%	3P- 93.86%
4H - 94.84%	4S- 94.89%
5V- 95.41%	6B - 98.31%

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

## Birthday Treats

We are really sorry, but **we cannot accept birthday treats** to be given out to children in classes at present. As soon as we can, we will let you know.

We apologise for any upset or disappointment caused.

