



St Leonard's Newsletter

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St Leonard's C of E Primary
School
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January News



With the new year under way, new topics have begun and the festive events of the previous term seem a long time past.

On behalf of all the staff, thanks to you for your good wishes, cards and gifts sent at Christmas. In particular, thanks for all the kind and supportive comments made regarding the various productions and services which took place. Your support is much appreciated.

I would like to draw your attention to discussions which are now taking place relating to the health and safety of our school community as it continues to expand over the next five years. My concern is that if current traffic management provision is not adapted, the risk of pedestrian injury or fatality is going to significantly increase. Over the past two Fridays, you may have noticed a large group of observers watching Gate 1 at the end of the day. These were invited representatives from Lambeth Council and Transport for London (TfL). I would like to thank all of the councillors and TfL personnel for engaging with us so positively.

I have drawn attention to the fact that the congestion outside Gate 1 is only going to increase, that the pedestrian crossing is inadequate in its current form and that there is insufficient street signage, warning of the school's location. In addition to this, currently Mitcham Lane is one of the few roads of its type which doesn't have a 20 mph speed limit.

Disappointingly, they also had to witness the regular group of parental drivers parking on kerbs, blocking residential access, performing U-turns in the road, stopping on keep clear lines and driving on the wrong side of the road.

The local ward councillors and TfL representatives have committed to work together to arrive at a solution which meets the school's and the local community's future needs. In the meantime, for the benefit of everyone, I appeal once again to those adults who drive, to please be more considerate of pedestrians, local residents, other road users and members of the local community.

Best wishes,
Simon Jackson,
Head Teacher

A Message from Friends of St Leonard's School

Thank you for all your support at the Advent Fair. It was great fun. Thank you to everyone who came and to all our brilliant helpers. We raised a net amount of **over £1,630** which is brilliant. This will go towards our target of paying for hall improvements.

We have a couple of events in the diary this term:
AGM: Thursday 1st February, 9am, as part of the coffee morning. All welcome.

DISCO: Wednesday 28th March, after school. Tickets on sale soon.

We have a date for the Summer Fair: Saturday 30th June.

We would love to host other events for parents and children. Please let me know if you would like to be involved / organise something – how about a pamper evening?

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Our February coffee morning will take place in the Keegan Centre between **09:00 – 10:00** on **Thursday 1st February**. This will be an opportunity to become involved with the school's PTA as it holds its AGM. Come and join other members of our school community for an informal chat.



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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. **Continued in next column...**

Parentmail

Please take time to check all messages sent via parentmail, as this can save you from having to make telephone calls to the school office in order to enquire about events.

Please ensure that the school office has up to date contact telephone numbers as well as an address for emergency purposes. Thank you.



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

New events are highlighted yellow.

Wed 31st Jan Nursery Trip to Wetlands Centre

Thurs 1st Feb Coffee Morning & PTA AGM
09:00 - 10:00

Tues 6th Feb Choir to 02

Wed 21st March Parents Evening
3:30pm - 7:00pm

Thurs 22nd March Parents Evening
3:30pm - 5:30pm

Attendance

Our target is 97% for each class. Our whole school percentage this academic year stands at 97.07%. Please note your child's class.

Attendance by Class

RG - 96.24%	2S - 97.00%	6S - 97.19%
RV - 95.79%	3B - 98.52%	
IA - 96.96%	4C - 97.65%	
IG - 97.59%	5W - 97.78%	

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 a cold, but not if suffering from sickness or diarrhoea.

School Uniform Ordering Information

There is a link via the home page on the school's website marked



where you can now order uniform online. Alternatively, visit

www.schooltrendsonline.com then select 'Parent or Student find your School' and follow the instructions.