

# St Leonard's Newsletter

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"Nurturing Faith & Inspiring Success"

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## December News



**"Tradition"** is a word often heard at Christmas. There's something comforting and enjoyable about the familiarity of certain events and how we may choose to engage in them.

Our Junior production is a firm favourite in the annual calendar (*and weren't they brilliant?*) as is our evening, church carol service, which always brings us thoughtfully to the real meaning of Christmas. This year however, for our school, we've been reminded that Jesus was sent into the world in order to change it and, by association, change us. As a result of our expanding school, we've all had to embrace change. For the first time, our Early Years have wonderfully performed their own Nativity in school, whilst Years 1 & 2 did a fantastic job of producing our traditional production at the Church. As such, we can accept that, if we approach change positively, it brings about opportunity.

At St Leonard's, we try to bring the joy of Christmas into the lives of our children. More importantly, throughout the year, we try to reveal to them the hope that the Christ child brings so that they may approach opportunity with confidence as change occurs in their lives.

I hope that you have all enjoyed sharing with us in our Christmas celebrations. As we now begin to celebrate Christmas in our own ways, I'll leave you with a prayer sent by the Diocesan Director of Education, Colin Powell to the schools within the Diocese:

*God of hope, who brought love into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, who brought peace into this world,  
be the peace that dwells between us*

*God of hope, who brought joy into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre, the focus of our lives always, and particularly  
this Advent time.*

**Wishing You A Very Merry Christmas.**

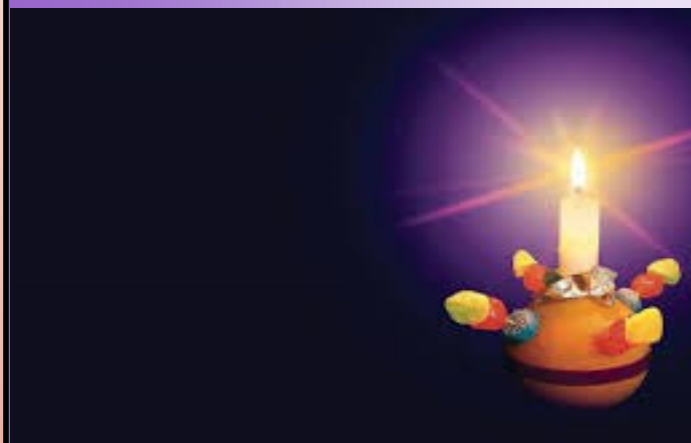
**Simon Jackson,  
Head Teacher**

## Christingle Eucharist

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

**Friday 21st Dec - 10:00am**

*in church.*



**Term ends at 2:00pm**

## Attendance

Our target is 97% for each class. Please note your child's class. The whole school attendance is currently 97.25%.

### Attendance by Class

RG - 96.55%	RV - 95.88%
1A - 96.16%	1G- 95.80%
2G - 97.70%	2S - 98.18%
3M - 96.88%	4K- 98.42%
5B - 98.05%	6W - 98.83%

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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## 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 January coffee morning will take place in the Keegan Centre between **09:00 – 10:00 on Thursday 10th January.**

## 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.*

<b>Thurs 20th Dec</b>	School Christmas Lunch
<b>Fri 21st Dec 10:00am</b>	End of Term Eucharist in church
<b>Fri 21st Dec 2:00pm</b>	End of Term
<b>Mon 7th Jan 2019</b>	Spring Term begins
<b>Mon 21st Jan</b>	5B to Planetarium
<b>Wed 23rd Jan</b>	6W to Houses of Parliament. <b>Returning 5:00pm</b>
<b>Tues 29th Jan</b>	Choir to 02
<b>Tues 29th Jan</b>	Year 1 to Science Museum
<b>Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Feb</b>	Half Term
<b>Tues 19th March 3:30pm - 7:00pm</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Wed 20th March 3:30pm - 5:30pm</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Fri 5th April 2:00pm</b>	End of Term

