



St Leonard's Newsletter

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June News



Welcome to this month's newsletter. It contains a lot of information (including all the dates for the Christmas performances!) so please read it very carefully.

Best wishes,

Simon Jackson - Head Teacher

Staffing

Congratulations and farewell to Miss Vomero on becoming head of the infant department within another C of E school in the diocese, starting in September. Naturally, we will miss her and sincerely wish her well. Mrs Gavin will now become leader of the Early Years Foundation Stage and join the school's senior leadership team from September.

As part of the planned expansion of leadership within the school, Miss Burrows will also join our senior leadership team from September in her role as maths leader.

When looking at the classes for September, you may notice Miss Asiedu's name being absent. As she will be taking maternity leave at some point in the autumn term, she will be non class based and act in a support role until she returns to work the following year.

The mathematicians amongst you will have worked out that the absences of Miss Vomero & Miss Asiedu plus the extra teacher required as part of the school's expansion, means that we will be having three teachers new to our school in September. These are Miss Heaney, Miss Riviere-Price and Miss Van Der Heijden. We are really excited about welcoming them and are confident that they will be fantastic additions to our team.

We will sadly be saying "good bye" to some members of support staff at the end of term. Firstly, we wish Mrs Harvey well as she retires after 18 years' service. The school will not seem the same without her (*I wonder who will have the adult cameo role in the Junior production this year...?*). When pupils who receive individual support leave us, so do their support assistants. As such, we say thank you and farewell to Miss Lipop (who begins teacher training in September) and Miss Nicholson who've both been supporting in 6W this year. Finally, we say farewell to Miss Wells as a teaching assistant and wish her well in her new job.

In offering congratulations to two of our teachers as one has got married and the other is getting married during the summer, there will also be two name changes to remember (*Is your head hurting yet?!).* Miss Kyriacou is now Mrs Hapeshis and Miss Greenhall will become Mrs Prichard (*although we'll keep the Miss Greenhall door sign just in case she changes her mind!*).

All of the above may look like a lot of change and indeed it is. However, I'd like to reassure you that it has been a set of changes known about well in advance and therefore all planned for.

Class Organisation for September 2019

Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery - Mrs Gavin / Mrs Barker RG - Miss George RP - Miss Riviere-Price

1P - Mrs Prichard (currently RG) 2G - Miss Gaudry (currently 1G) 3M - Miss Mason (currently 2S)
1H - Miss Heaney (currently RV) 2S - Mr Seymour (currently 1A) 3W - Miss Wilson (currently 2G)

4H - Mrs Hapeshis (currently 3M) 5V - Miss Van Der Heijden (currently 4K)

6B - Miss Burrows (currently 5B)



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WhatsApp Groups

The school's leadership team and Governors have been made aware of some content contained within unofficial "WhatsApp" class groups run by parents. It was an issue also discussed at a local Head Teachers' meeting this week as it affects all of our schools. When a minority of parents write negative comments, whilst it is unfortunate and will achieve absolutely nothing, we recognise the limits of the school's control. However, parents assisting on school trips must not take and post images of children in their groups. Should a parent do so, they will no longer be asked to support on any trips. Failure to comply with this request may result in trips being cancelled.

A report from the OECD issued this week, considers children in England to be most at risk of cyber bullying.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-48692953>

This is hardly surprising if such poor behaviour is being modelled to our country's children by its adults.

As a school, we will reflect on how best we can improve this situation in the future.

Christmas Diary

We always try and help working parents when producing the school calendar and know that you appreciate receiving advanced notice of these events. As such, the dates and times for all key events are listed below.

Early Years Nativity in the school hall

Mon 2nd Dec at 2:00pm
Tues 3rd Dec at 10:00am

Years 1 & 2 Nativity at St Leonard's Church

Thursday 5th Dec at 2:00pm
Friday 6th Dec at 10:00am

Junior Production in the school hall

Tuesday 10th Dec at 6:00pm
Wed 11th Dec at 6:00pm

Junior Carol Service At St Leonard's Church

Tuesday 17th Dec at 6:00pm

Dates for your Diary



Forthcoming events

The dates of all the major events for the Summer term are listed below. New events are highlighted yellow.

Thurs 27th June Art Exhibition of IPC work

Sat 29th June Summer Fair

Wed 3rd July Nursery trip to Wisley

Mon 8th July 2G to Transport Museum

Tues 9th July 2S to Transport Museum
5B to Thames Explorer

Wed 10th July Summer BBQ

Thurs 18th July End of Term
2:00pm

Summer Family BBQ

Look out for a letter being sent on Monday 24th June with details of how you can book your tickets for this event taking place on Wednesday 10th July.



Attendance

Our target is 97% for each class. Please note your child's class. The whole school attendance is currently 96.62%.

Attendance by Class

RG - 95.91%	RV - 96.67%
1A - 95.70%	1G - 95.27%
2G - 96.21%	2S - 97.52%
3M - 95.87%	4K - 97.46%
5B - 97.32%	6W - 98.32%

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. **This includes requests to visit relatives in other countries.**

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.