



St Leonard's Newsletter

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July News



The summer holidays should be much more than a time when schools are closed to their pupils (yes...they're open for the staff!). As the poster below shows, they should serve a purpose and offer an opportunity for children and adults alike.



In understanding the need for balance in the way we each live our lives, during the summer holidays, encourage your child to reflect on this at their own level of understanding. Whatever your child enjoys or is passionate about, I do hope that they take the opportunity to read something significant that they find engaging during the holiday. There is however, also the need to relax. England's curriculum is incredibly challenging; teaching and learning alike. Relaxation has an important role to play in being able to teach and learn effectively, something which the children are learning about as part of our whole school "Jigsaw" programme, which focuses on developing the children personally, socially and emotionally.

Every now and then, a debate arises around the topic of school holidays. They usually centre around family childcare and the cost of living at these times. I do not underestimate these pressures. However, what is often missing from the debate is the last element quoted in the poster: the need to "renew".

Psalms 51 vs 10 asks: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." (continued...)

This verse is sung each night as part of the prayers at evensong within the Church of England. The idea is that we rest before we try and start each day anew, being the best that we can be.

Similarly, from a purely school-based perspective, the summer holiday enables each of us to return in September, renewed and energised to meet the challenges ahead.

I'd like to thank all sections of the school's community for their support, hard work and achievement this year. Whilst these are challenging times in education, these are also really exciting times for our school as we progressively grow in pupil numbers, working hard to continually improve and serve our community.

Whatever you're doing this summer, I sincerely hope that you have time to read, relax and renew - and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

In the meantime,



Best wishes,

Simon Jackson,
Head Teacher

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2:00PM ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY
AND REOPENS AT 08:55
ON WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**



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School Uniform

It is fine for children to wear winter or summer uniform. Please note that the Summer uniform is as follows:

Boys

Grey (not black) shorts or trousers

White long or short sleeved shirt (tucked in!!!)

School tie (jumper optional)

Girls

Blue and white chequered summer dress

Please note, boys and girls are required to wear black shoes / sandals. No open toed shoes are to be worn. Girls are not allowed to mix and match winter and summer uniform - therefore socks but not tights must be worn with the summer dress.

Please help us to create and maintain a smart appearance.

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.

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Our next coffee morning will take place in the Keegan Centre between **09:00-10:00 on Thursday 6th September**. Following feedback from parents, we will be holding the coffee mornings on a different weekday each time, still in the first week of the month.

Attendance

Our target is 97% for each class. Our whole school percentage for the academic year is 96.52%. Please note your child's class.

Attendance by Class

RG - 96.52%	2S - 96.46%
RV - 95.70%	3B - 98.15%
IA - 96.09%	4C - 96.26%
IG - 97.74%	5W - 96.54%
	6S - 96.40%

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.



Dates for your Diary



Forthcoming events

The dates of all the major events for the Autumn term are listed below. Please note the parents evenings and Christmas performance dates in particular. New events are highlighted yellow.

Wed 18th July 2:00pm	End of Year
Wed 5th Sept 08:55	Autumn Term begins (excluding Nursery)
Thurs 13th Sept	Individual photos
Mon 17th Sept	Nursery Term begins
Thurs 11th Oct	Year 1 to Horniman Museum
Mon 22nd Oct - Fri 26th Oct	Half Term holiday
Wed 14th Nov 3:30pm-5:30pm	Parents Evening
Thurs 15th Nov 3:30pm-7:00pm	Parents Evening
Mon 3rd Dec 2:00pm	EYFS Nativity in school
Tues 4th Dec 10:00am	EYFS Nativity in school
Wed 5th Dec 2:00pm	KS1 Nativity at church
Thurs 6th Dec 10:00am	KS1 Nativity at church
Tues 11th & Wed 12th Dec 6:00pm	KS2 Production
Tues 18th Dec 6:00pm	carol service in church. All juniors to attend in uniform
Fri 21st Dec 2:00pm	End of Term