

St Leonard's Newsletter

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November News



In the Bible, the letter of James opens with these words: "My friends, consider yourselves fortunate when all kinds of trials come your way, for you know that when your faith succeeds in facing such trials, the result is the ability to endure."

In that case, how fortunate are we? 😊

This newsletter outlines a series of changes which have unfortunately had to be made to previously published arrangements. For these, I am sincerely sorry. However, we remain determined to keep the children's learning experience as normal as possible and to keep communicating with you as often and as clearly as possible.

For your patience, understanding and words of support, we are all truly grateful. Personally, I really appreciate the good natured acceptance and grace which has overwhelmingly been shown by the vast majority of you. Let's just keep going and I'm sure that we'll come through this period restored and indeed strengthened.

Best wishes,

Simon Jackson
Head Teacher

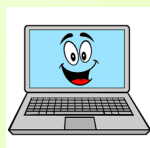
School Photographs

The photographers have contacted the school to say that they are unable to visit us next week as planned. A new date for these will be scheduled in the spring term.



Parents' Evenings

Whilst we are unable to host parents' evenings on site, there will be a further opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher remotely this term. Further details will be issued separately, but these will take place over the first two weeks in December.



Breakfast & After School Clubs

These will remain open unless guidance changes.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5

Thankful
&
Blessed

Christmas Arrangements

Productions



Christmas productions are an important part of the school's curriculum for children in all year groups. Therefore, all productions will be going ahead. However, we will have to wait until the government's announcement scheduled for the 2nd December to see if even a limited community audience may be possible at any of these events.

As such, the Early Years production will certainly be moved to a date after the 2nd December and the previously published details of the other productions are all subject to amendment and cancellation.

Preparations are being made to have the various performances professionally filmed so that all families are able to enjoy them.

Carol Service



The carol service scheduled for the 16th December will not be able to go ahead due to government restrictions on public worship and singing in churches. However, plans are being made to film a compilation of readings, carols and prayers so that a service may be broadcast to our school community.

Christmas Post Box



We will be unable to use our post box this year so ask that children exchange cards within their own classes at the beginning of the day and open them when they get home.

Christmas Parties



A decision will be taken about these at some point after the 2nd December.



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End of Day Arrangements

In an attempt to ease congestion at the end of the school day, parents who only have infant children will be able to collect their children from 3:10pm from Monday 9th November onwards. Parents with children in both the infants and the juniors are encouraged to come onto site at the normal times. All parents are asked to leave as quickly as possible and not to socialise on the school site.

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

All adults and children at St Leonard's are made aware of this school's rich history. This includes the contribution made by 176 former staff and pupils in World War One, 37 of whom died in this conflict. Our Herbert Hill Chapel Hall includes a display case for the memorial book which names these individuals. As usual, we are selling poppies for our annual collection for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Whilst we are mindful of the different pressures on our families, we hope that you are still able to support this charity and thank you in advance for any support that you are able to give.



Dates for your Diary



Forthcoming events

Postponed	<i>Individual photographs</i>
Postponed	<i>EYFS Nativity in school hall</i>
3rd & 4th Dec	<i>Yrs 1 & 2 Nativity in church scheduled, possibly without community audience</i>
Cancelled	<i>Carol service in Church</i>
Thurs 17th Dec 2:00pm	<i>End of Term</i>

Conal Court

Parents should be aware that, as some drivers are still parking on this private property, residents at Conal Court have contacted Lambeth Council to complain and ask for traffic wardens to be deployed.

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 93.47% which is still above the present national average.

Attendance by Class

RP - 97.65%	RW- 97.50%
1G - 93.50%	1H- 93.21%
2G - 96.24%	2M - 95.65%
3L - 91.91%	3P- 89.39%
4H - 90.34%	4S- 90.30%
5V- 93.44%	6B - 96.28%

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 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.

