

ST LEONARDS, HEATH & REACH, VA LOWER SCHOOL PARENTS NEWSLETTER 2024/25 NO 9



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. The children will be exploring this theme during collective worship and within classrooms.

We will be delivering the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies here next week. Please do read the letter attached to find out more.

All year round we teach the children that they 'all have the right to feel safe all of the time' and that 'there is nothing so awful, or too small, that they can't talk about with someone'.

The children know that they can ask for 'Talk time' with any adult in school, which means that they want a private conversation and they will be listened to. They can also write to Leonard our school bear and post in the post box in the school library.

At St Leonard's Lower School we believe that all pupils are entitled to learn in a safe and supportive environment free from all forms of bullying behaviour. Our aim is that all staff, parents and pupils work together to prevent and reduce any instances of bullying at our school.

You can find our Behaviour and Anti Bullying Policies on our school website.

I have attached to this newsletter a shorter and simpler guide for parents for what to do if you are worried that your child is being bullied at school and our whole school definition of Bullying.

SCHOOL VALUE THIS HALF TERM

Our school value this half term is Compassion. Please find attached some information about how you can support our school value at home.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will still be open at school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please do come in and see what books are on offer.

ST LEONARDS CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our children have been asked to sing some Christmas songs on stage on Saturday 23rd November 2pm at the Church Hall.

Please do come along to support. The children are welcome to wear something Christmassy.



CHILDREN IN NEED

We would like to invite the children to come to school in non-uniform next Friday for Children in Need. Please take inspiration from Pudsey and go for yellow and spotty outfits, or choose to side with the Gladiators and go for superhero style! You can get as creative as you like!

Whatever you choose, wear something that will make your whole class smile!

We will be collecting donations of £1 or £2 towards the Children in Need charity.

HEATING AT SCHOOL

Our boiler is not firing. The parts are on order for repair but currently we have no heating in school. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that the boiler will be fixed this weekend. This means school will probably be colder than normal on Monday morning (classrooms do warm up very quickly once all the children are here). Please do make sure the children are wearing jumpers, and bring coats- maybe an extra layer underneath jumpers would also be a good idea. Thank you.

DANCE CLUB

Dance Club at St Leonard's Lower School is run after school on Wednesdays & Fridays. It is run by former professional dancer & choreographer, Rachel Kenning, and will be open to all children on the following days/times:

Class 2, 3 and 4: Wednesday afternoons 3.30-4.30pm ... Sadly, we are having to pause the Wednesday classes for the time being. If you are interested in your child attending this class, please join the waiting list via the link below. Once we have at least 5 students, we will start the class again.

Class 4+ and Class 1: Friday afternoons 3.30-4.15pm (only 5 places left!)

Term Dates for 2nd Half Term Block:

Class 4+ and Class 1: Friday 8th Nov – Friday 13th Dec (6 weeks)
Rest assured, you can join mid-term if you wish.

TO BOOK: Please click on the following link: <https://bookthatin.com/link/StLsTBDanceClubNovDec24>

TRIALS: If you would like your child to come along for a trial, please email rachelkenning79@gmail.com

What's involved?

The sessions will take the format of a fun and funky dance class. Each session includes fun exercises to build skill & knowledge and a routine to music the children already love! The classes are designed to be inclusive for all, regardless of prior experience and provide a great fun introduction to dance.

FIRST NEWS

We subscribe to First News at school and see how it helps to boost student's literacy and oracy skills.

First News is the leading source of news and news-based learning for children. Their print newspaper and app are age-appropriate (aimed at 7 to 14 year olds but accessible for all ages), impartial and helps keep kids reading and developing their critical literacy skills.



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	<p>St Leonard's Church, Heath & Reach</p>
<p>You can watch our services on You Tube St.Leonard's. Heath and Reach - YouTube</p>	

SEND Local Offer

Parents/carers, children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can now browse and scroll through our newly improved [Local Offer website](#), a 'one stop shop' for all local SEND advice, guidance, and support services. You can also [Sign up for our SEND news email service](#) to receive fortnightly updates, or follow us on [Facebook](#)

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Family Information Directory

The Central Bedfordshire's Family Information Directory contains lots of information about childcare settings, local and national organisations that offer support and advice, children's centres and local activities in Central Bedfordshire.

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