

# ST LEONARDS, HEATH & REACH, VA LOWER SCHOOL PARENTS NEWSLETTER 2024/25 NO 14



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to Sara Reeve, our chair of PTA, to Father Christmas, and to everybody else who worked so hard to make last Saturday such a huge success. We couldn't make Christmas as special for our families and children without the support from our PTA at all events and it is hugely appreciated. Thank you to the support of all of our families too as we raised over £2928 towards PTA funds.

## MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you to the staff and PTA helpers who supported our movie night which raised an additional £336 towards PTA funds. We hope the children enjoyed this.

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

**A reminder to all parents of pupils in years 2, 3 and 4. They will need to bring the children back to school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5.45pm (no earlier please) for the evening performance. If you are unable to do this please do let the teachers know so that the show can still go on!**

Christmas performances next week are:

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | 2.30pm (4+ parents)                        |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 2.30pm (Y1 parents)                        |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 2.30pm (Y2 parents)                        |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 2.30pm (Y3 parents)<br>6.00pm (Y4 parents) |

Tickets are limited to 2 tickets per child as we have limited space in our school hall. Refreshments will be available thanks to the PTA. We hope you enjoy the shows!

## VACANCIES

We are advertising for a part time Midday Supervisor and a Learning Support Assistant. Please follow the link attached:

[St Leonards, Heath and Reach, VA Lower School, Thrift Road, Heath and Reach | Teaching Jobs & Education Jobs | MyNewTerm](#)

There are also vacancies at Kensworth CE Academy:

[Kensworth Church of England Academy, Common Road, Kensworth | Teaching Jobs & Education Jobs | MyNewTerm](#)



## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER ORDER – Years 3 and 4

Please email the school office, if you have not already done so, and let us know if your child will be joining us having a Christmas dinner on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### PANTOMIME VISIT

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be going to the Grove Theatre to see the pantomime. As we have to be in our seats in the theatre by 10.15am we will be leaving at 9.15am prompt so please arrive for drop off at school by 8.45am, so we can get the children registered and partner them with their siblings in school.

We ask that parents and siblings who are coming with us line up on the school path on arrival. Children who have siblings will be teamed together in school. When you see your child/ren's class coming down the drive, please join them to get on the coaches.

On arrival at the theatre teachers will direct you to your seating area (we have allocated seating in the stalls).

The children do not need book bags in school on that day, just water bottles. Snacks can be purchased at the theatre for during the performance, it is a cashless venue and they are only able to take card payments. **NO NUTS PLEASE AS WE HAVE CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS NUT ALLERGIES.**

Mrs Parish will be preparing a late lunch for our arrival back to school. Years 3 and 4 please send in your lunch order forms by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>. If children are bringing a packed lunch please drop these off at Reception in the morning.

### DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

Fri 13<sup>th</sup>- Rocksteady Concert 9.15am (parents welcome of pupils who attend Rocksteady)  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Celebration Worship 2.45pm (parents welcome)

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nativity service at St Leonard's Church 11am (parents welcome)

*(4+ Parents should take their child directly to the Church for 11.00 am and return him/her to school after the service if there are any difficulties with this arrangement please do let Mrs Ryan know)*

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch at school  
Whole School Visit to the Pantomime at Grove Theatre  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Carols on the Playground at 12pm  
School term ends at 12.30pm

*Sarah Bowley*  
Headteacher





## ST LEONARD'S CHURCH NEWS

<https://saintleonardschurch.com/>

St Leonard's Church, Heath & Reach



You can watch our services on You Tube  
[St.Leonard's. Heath and Reach - YouTube](#)

## Christmas Services

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 5pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 3pm Christingle and Crib Service

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.15pm Midnight Service

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Family Communion

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 11am Joint Villages Service



### ***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](#)

### [SEND Local Offer](#)

### 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.

### [Family Information Directory](#)

