

ST LEONARDS, HEATH & REACH, VA LOWER SCHOOL PARENTS NEWSLETTER 2024/25 NO 15



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Well done to all of the children in their wonderful Christmas Performances this week. They played their parts so well. Thank you all for all of your support and a special thank you and well done to staff.

VACCINATIONS

We have finally heard from the flu vaccination team following the previous cancellation and they will be in school next Thursday 19th December... sorry! If you have already booked then you don't need to do anything. However, if you haven't then please find the information attached.

If you need to contact the team with regards to catch up clinics or any other queries the number to call is **01462 427008**

GOOD-BYE

We will be saying goodbye to Ms Hannah Gregory at the end of term and she will be missed. We wish her the best of luck in her new role. We are recruiting for a replacement.

MISS JAMES

Miss James will be absent from school this week as she has had some upsetting personal news. We are all sending her our love and best wishes. She will be back in school for the new term.

NATIVITY SERVICE

Next Tuesday morning we will be walking to St Leonards Church for our Nativity Service. Parents are welcome to come along for the service which starts at 11am. Year 2 pupils take a lead as Nativity characters and some of our Year 3 pupils are narrating.

(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)

After the service we will be having Christmas Dinner back at school and there will be a special visitor coming to school!

PANTOMIME VISIT

Next Wednesday 18th 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. They can bring snacks or 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 11th. If children are bringing a packed lunch please drop these off at Reception in the morning.

If your child is not going to come to the pantomime please do let us know as early as possible as we have a waiting list.

CAROLS ON THE PLAYGROUND

Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers and non-uniform on the last morning of school.

Parents/Family are welcome to join us for Carols on the Playground at 12pm. The PTA will be providing refreshments. School term ends at 12.30pm.

JANUARY

From January I will be at Kensworth CE Academy on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mrs Siobhan Ryan will continue to provide leadership support within school.

I am pleased to share that Mr Steve Wareham, deputy headteacher at Kensworth CE Academy, will be coming to St Leonard's on Wednesdays from January until the end of this academic year to provide leadership and SEND support. He is looking forward to meeting you all at the school gate and getting to know the children.

In year 1, we have a trainee graduate teacher starting her final placement and she will be in school Tuesdays to Fridays for 6 weeks following the Christmas break. Miss Molly Collins will be mentored and supported by Ms Clare Hepworth.

I will not be in school on Monday, Thursday and Fri morning next week.



There will be no newsletter this week so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year with family and friends and to thank you all for your support this term. I have attached the Treasurers Report for the PTA so you can see what monies raised are helping our school with. Special thank you to Sara Reeve, PTA Chair, for all of her hard work.

We will see the children back at school on Tuesday 6th January 2025.

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 22nd December 5pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December 3pm Christingle and Crib Service

Tuesday 24th December 11.15pm Midnight Service

Wednesday 25th December 10am Family Communion

Sunday 29th 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](#)

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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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