

ST LEONARDS, HEATH & REACH, VA LOWER SCHOOL PARENTS NEWSLETTER 2024/25 NO 4



PTA AGM

Our PTA is getting smaller and we really need your support, now more than ever. We rely on PTA funding to support our school budget – See the flyer attached.

Discos, movie nights, fetes & fayres, non- uniform days, mulled wine watching the nativity, cups of tea and cake, ice lollies after school - it all makes lower school different to the rest of your child's education. Our PTA events help to make our school such a lovely, happy community. Please do come along to our AGM on Monday 30th September 7pm here at school to help us to plan another fantastic fundraising year ahead.

Thank you!

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON



Thank you so much for your cake donations and to those who came along to our Coffee afternoon. We raised £163 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

PARENT CURRICULUM EVENTS

The teachers will soon be hosting Curriculum Information Evenings next week to let you know how we teach phonics, reading, writing, spelling and maths in school and how you can help at home. Please do come along to these zoom meetings which are always well attended. You can keep your camera off and just listen if you don't like online workshops. There will be lots of useful information shared. Flyers with further information are attached.

Year 2, 3 and 4

Tuesday 1st October 6.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83686874583?pwd=PEL2Objx1jDinY3HzIH41X5ITy3CI0.1>

Meeting ID: 836 8687 4583 Passcode: 2D0Ki0

4+ and Year 1

Wednesday 2nd October 6.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81306407529?pwd=djJXesSmlhaJRziY9AJ6xtjbSGXJRx.1>

Meeting ID: 813 0640 7529 Passcode: rHJHA1



PANTOMIME

Additional tickets for our Pantomime visit to see Beauty and the Beast at Dunstable theatre are now all sold out. If you would like to be added to the waiting list we can let you know of any tickets that become spare. Please email the school office.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

For children in classes 1-4 please find attached a letter about Parent Teacher Consultations on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October. Please return this form to the school office to confirm your appointment time. Please be as flexible as possible with your chosen appointment times.

JUICE IN WATER BOTTLES

Please be reminded that it is school policy that water bottles should contain water only, there are a lot of children bringing squash to school in their water bottles. We want to encourage children to drink water but if you have concerns please do speak to your child's teacher.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



We would like to invite you to our Harvest Festival here at school on Friday 11th October at 2.45pm.

If you would like to prepare a small Harvest Basket with foods, we would be happy to add this to our Harvest display and following the festival the food will be donated to the elderly and vulnerable in the village, and to the Leighton Linlade Homeless Shelter. Please send into school by Thursday 10th October. Thank you for your support.

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](#)



Understanding Emotions and Behaviour of Children that are Neurodiverse (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

The workshop is suitable for parents/carers of children aged 0-12 with emerging needs, on the pathway to assessment, have a diagnosed condition and/or identified special educational need.

The workshop will cover:

Brain development

Self-regulation and co-regulation

Visual aids

Strategies to support behaviours that are difficult or dangerous

The workshop will be run by the Early Years SEND Advisory Team and Children Centre staff (0-12 Family service)

Wednesday 2/10/24 9.15- 12.45

Dunstable Children's centre (Face to face)

Unfortunately, no children can attend

To register for this event, follow the below link

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/94e0e4ad-23a4-49c3-9579-6cc2716b5a99@21d8a1ee-0787-4374-b259-4e87058aff15>

Wednesday 6/11/24 16.00- 18.00 (Online- Microsoft Teams)

To register for this event, follow the below link

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/db5b51fa-7000-4b01-b298-a059e04a238f@21d8a1ee-0787-4374-b259-4e87058aff15>



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.

[Family Information Directory](#)

