

# ST LEONARDS, HEATH & REACH, VA LOWER SCHOOL PARENTS NEWSLETTER 2024/25 NO 3



## 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.

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 30<sup>th</sup> September 7pm here at school to help us to plan another fantastic fundraising year ahead.

Thank you!

## MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON



We will be having a coffee afternoon here at school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30pm to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. **Please do come along to join us as we didn't have many turn up last year.** All parents/grandparents welcome. We also hope to have enough leftovers to hold a cake sale at the end of the school day.

***We need help with cake donations - If anybody would like to donate a cake/cupcakes we would be most grateful. Please do list ingredients if you are making a cake. Please bring into school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> or Friday 27<sup>th</sup> morning. Thank you for your support.***

## PARENT CURRICULUM EVENTS

The teachers will soon be hosting Curriculum Information Evenings 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. Flyers with further information are attached.

Year 2, 3 and 4

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 6.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 813 0640 7529 Passcode: rHJHA1

## CHURCH SCHOOL INSPECTION



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We are expecting our SIAMS inspection this academic year. For this reason, I would like to ask you to fill in this short Google Form so that we can gather your views about our Church of England school. You do not have to complete all questions if you are unsure but it would be great to get your feedback. Thank you for your time.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpE93nJftaJ0vStpPolkfbgOgZPFDt26\\_OTJz4SqSSh6fxoQ/viiewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpE93nJftaJ0vStpPolkfbgOgZPFDt26_OTJz4SqSSh6fxoQ/viiewform?usp=sf_link)

### DINNER MONEY

Dinner payments for children in years 3 and 4 this half term are £2.53 daily, £12.65 weekly. Please make payment in advance on school money.

### PANTOMIME

Don't forget to book your tickets for the pantomime on school money to avoid disappointment.

### TRANSFER TO MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Parents of children in year 4, please find attached.

*Sarah Bowley*  
Headteacher

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|    | <b>ST LEONARD'S CHURCH NEWS</b><br><a href="https://saintleonardschurch.com/">https://saintleonardschurch.com/</a><br><br>St Leonard's Church, Heath  & Reach<br><br>You can watch our services on You Tube<br><a href="#">St.Leonard's. Heath and Reach - YouTube</a> |
| <p><br/>ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE in St Leonard's Church<br/> Saturday 24th September 11-12noon <br/> Bring your pet, photo, or just come and enjoy the service<br/> During the service there will be a talk by Sarah from The Wildlife Trust<br/> Collection will be for The Wildlife Trust<br/> Refreshments available after service <br/>For more information contact Rosemary Young 01525 237345 or Vera Paul 01525 375095</p> |  |



# Parent Insight



## Supporting your Neurodiverse Child/Young Person Digital Booklet Parent Insight

Find out more about the Supporting your Neurodiverse Child/Young Person Digital Booklet.

How this booklet can support families with a child with neurodiverse needs.

A booklet written by parents for parents.

Presentation from Katie Gibbons from SNAP.

Wednesday 18th September 4-5pm

Register for your place via the link below:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/8b61949d-f0f3-4856-b6a7-57bca3f8d9fb@21d8a1ee-0787-4374-b259-4e87058aff15>

Please contact us by email if you have any further queries:  
[earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

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Transforming family life with empathy

## For parents of children with Autism & ADHD

Aged 4 to 10 years in

Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

**This training will help parents develop:**

- Empathy to stay emotionally regulated and guide children through heightened emotions, thoughts and behaviours.
- Understanding more about Autism & ADHD.
- Help children to manage their anxiety.
- Help to reduce aggressive behaviours.
- Build stronger family connections.

A FREE interactive, online course

Monday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm

September 9th, 16th & 23rd

To book your place, email Francine and Lesley:

[bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk)

[www.familiesinfocus.co.uk](http://www.familiesinfocus.co.uk)

## 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)***



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**Tuesday 17/09/24 12.30-14.30 (Online- Microsoft Teams)**

To register for this event, follow the below link

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/af48e840-2bc2-4e7b-85e6-c9f1d39aac18@21d8a1ee-0787-4374-b259-4e87058aff15>

**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>

**Understanding and exploring 'masking behaviours' of children that are Neurodiverse (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)**



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

**The workshop will cover:**

Neurodiversity

How children may present when they are 'masking'

Strengths and challenges

Strategies to help children to manage 'masking'

(At home and possible reasonable adjustments for school)

Signposting to other services, resources and further reading

**Monday 21.10.24 9.30- 12.00**

*Face to face at Flitwick Children Centre, families from all areas of Central Bedfordshire are welcome to attend (unfortunately, no children can attend)*

**Thursday 21.11.24 16.00- 18.00**

*(online via Microsoft teams)*

All workshops are booked via the self-registration links; if the event is fully booked, you can email Jade to request you are added to the waiting list for any cancellations.

If you are attending an online workshop, you will be sent a Microsoft Teams link at the time of registration. If you book the face-to-face workshop, you will be sent a reminder the week before with more details.

***Please note all workshops have limited spaces, if you book on and then no longer can attend, please follow the confirmation email to cancel your place.***

[Book 21.10.2024 session](#)

[Book 21.11.2024 session](#)



## ***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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