



St Leonards CE Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 and the Christmas term! We have lots to look forward to this term with Christmas events and school trips happening - it's going to be a busy term! Please do read below as there are lots of upcoming events for you to be aware of and if you have any questions please do come and speak to us in the office.

Values Cup

I would like to congratulate Aubrey and Aurora for being awarded the values cup. They have shown our value of trust which is great to see.

Open Afternoons

Our next open afternoon will be on Thursday 28th November at 2:45pm. Please arrive through the main office door and we will show you to your child's class.

Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we will be holding a non-school uniform day (wear spots!). We are asking for a donation of £1 to raise money for this much-needed charity. **All donations are to be made on parent mail please.**

Swimming

Just a reminder that our Year3 will continue their swimming on a Friday morning up to Christmas.

After Christmas, Year 4s will start their swimming lessons. More information will follow later this term to Year 4 parents.

Sports for Schools

The children took part in their sponsored sports event last term and did an amazing job. Lots of money was raised for the school to buy new sports equipment which we are very grateful for. The final totals are currently being counted and we will update you when we have these through.

The children's prizes will be sent in the post shortly and we will hand these out as soon as we receive them.

PE Days Term 2

Monday - Fox Class (Y3), Badger Class (Y5) and Deer Class (Y6)
Tuesday - Hedgehog Class (Y1/2), Badger Class (Y5) and Deer Class (Y6)
Wednesday - Otter Class (Y4) and Owl Class (R/Y1)
Thursday - Otter Class (Y4) and Hedgehog Class (Y1/2)
Friday - Fox Class (Y3) Swimming

Year 6 trip

This is just a reminder that our year 6s will be going on their trip to Warner Brother Studios on Monday 25th November.

A letter will be coming out shortly with the final details on regarding times and what to bring. Any questions please see Mr Hope.

Christmas Fair

We are very excited that we will be holding a Christmas fair this year on Friday 6th December. The PTA will be sending out a separate newsletter with lots of information on for you.

Please pick your children up as normal on this day and then entry to the fair will be through the main office.

There will be Christmas crafts for sale from the children, refreshments, raffles and much more so please do come along and support the school to raise money. We are currently fundraising for a new outdoor classroom!

Pantomime

We are very excited that our yearly trip to the pantomime is drawing closer. We will be going to the Pantomime on Wednesday 18th December.

The children will have lunch in school and then we will be leaving on the coach to go to the theatre. If you have chosen not to send your child on this trip, they will need to be collected promptly from the school office at lunch time on the day. All children will be expected to be in school in the morning.

More information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Stories by Candlelight

We will be holding Stories by Candlelight on Wednesday 4th December for Owl and Hedgehog Class. This will start at 5pm and finish at 5:45pm. Please drop and pick up your child from the office.

Carols by Candlelight

We will be holding Stories by Candlelight on Thursday 12th December for KS2. This will start at 5pm and finish at 5:45pm. Parents are invited to come and watch the children sing and get in to the Christmas spirit. Our PTA will be selling refreshments of tea and coffee and mince pies outside of Hedgehog class and children are invited to dress up in their winter clothes and Christmas hats and decorations.

Please bring your child into school through the main playground gate and hand your child over to the class teachers who will take them inside to get ready. Once everyone is here, the children will come outside and sing to everyone by candlelight. After the show, children will go back into class with their class teachers who will then bring them out as a class and supervise seeing them collected by an adult. Please note, no child will be allowed to walk home alone - an adult must collect them.

Nativity

We are very excited to share with you that Owl and Hedgehog Class will be putting on a Nativity for you to come and see. These will be on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December at 1:30pm and entry will be by ticket only. A parent mail will be coming out shortly for you to sign up which day you would like to attend. Mrs Wilding will then issue 2 tickets per family to come and watch. Please arrive at the front office from 1:10pm.

Christmas Dinner

We will once again be serving a scrumptious Christmas dinner this term. This year our Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday 17th December. A parent mail will be coming out shortly for you to book this for your child.

Highworth & District Lions Club

We would also like to thank Highworth & District Lions Club who have kindly donated a collection of children's environmental books for the school.

The Rotary Club

The school would like to thank the Rotary Club who have very kindly donated £250 towards new books to go in each class. We are looking forward to refreshing our book corners so the children have some lovely new stories to read.

Blue Kite Academy Trust

As you know, DBAT - our current trust - are closing and we will be transitioning to the Blue Kite Academy Trust from the 1st January. I just wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that this is well in hand and we are working very closely with the new trust to ensure a smooth transition.

Wraparound Care and Nursery Provision

I just wanted to update you on some exciting plans we are currently working on as a school. We recognise how important both wraparound care and nursery provision is to parents and this is something we have been keen to provide. To this end, we have currently put in an application for grant funding to open a wraparound provision - provisionally from March if the application is successful. We are also working on an application for a possible nursery provision within our school. If successful, the nursery provision would be open for 3 year olds from September 2025. Although we do not know the outcome of these applications yet, I wanted to share this with you. I will update you as soon as I know more.

Christmas Card Competition

Our local MP - Will Stone - would like your help. This Christmas our local MP is hosting a Christmas Card competition and would like the artwork to be from one of the local children.

The card will be sized A5 and sent out to various councillors, schools, charities and businesses in Swindon North. To participate in this, please send in the children's designs on a plain A4 piece of paper with their name and class on the back. The art can be anything the children like with a Christmas theme, and they encourage creativity.

Once received, we will send a parent mail to you to gain consent to share the artwork and to give permission for your child's name and school to be published with the design.

Upcoming TD Days

Friday 20th December

Monday 24th February

Tuesday 25th February

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Johnson