



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Staffing

I am sad to tell you that due to personal circumstances Miss Hargreaves has resigned from her position as classteacher of Willow class. She has really loved her short time at St Leonard's and has asked me to pass on her thanks to children, parents and staff for being so welcoming. We are really grateful for the wonderful caring start she gave to Willow this term. Since Miss Hargreaves absence, Willow class have been taught by Miss Shakespeare. I am pleased to announce that Miss Shakespeare has accepted a position to stay long term. This is fabulous news as she already has great relationships with the children, has got to know them all as individuals and is aware of the next steps in their learning.

Healthy Snacks and Lunches

Please can I remind you of the guidance on healthy packed lunches and snacks. Healthy snacks and lunches not only support the development of healthy teeth and bodies, but also improve children's learning by increasing the ability to focus and concentrate throughout the day.

- Lunch boxes should reflect a healthy balanced meal. The British Nutrition Foundation guidelines recommend: A good portion of starchy food e.g. wholegrain roll, thick slice of bread, pitta pocket, plain cracker, pasta or rice salad.
- Plenty of fruit and vegetables e.g. an apple, satsuma, handful of cherry tomatoes or carrot sticks, mini can of fruit chunks (decanted into a plastic container), small box of raisins
- A portion of milk or dairy food e.g. individual cheese portion, pot of yogurt.
- A small portion of lean meat, fish or alternative e.g. 2 slices of ham, quorn, cheese, tuna, egg or hummus.
- A drink e.g. small carton of fruit juice, no added sugar fruit squash. Water is provided.
- One small packet of crisps, a fruit scone or portion of malt loaf, a small cake or biscuit may also be included (please avoid chocolate as much as possible).

Please see the guidance below for our expectations:

Morning Snacks in Key Stage Two	Fruit or a no-chocolate cereal bar.
Packed Lunches	To include at most one chocolate-based item. All drinks should be sugar-free and non-carbonated. Pupils will take their rubbish home and so parents are aware of what has/has not been eaten.

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School Christmas Fair

This year we will be holding our Christmas fair from 3.30 – 4.30pm on **Wednesday 29th November**. This will involve various stalls including a Christmas Grotto, bottlebola, chocolate tombola, a raffle, a sweet stall and a café.

If you have links with any local businesses who would be willing to donate a raffle prize, please could you bring the prizes into school. Thank you.

There will be a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 24th November** and families are asked to contribute items for our tombolas: Saplings, Ash, Holly, Elm, Oak and Poplar are asked to bring chocolate or sweets. Beech, Rowan and Willow to bring items for a general Tombola (smellies, stationery or toys) and Chestnut, Maple and Sycamore to bring bottles.

Christmas Jumper day

This is advance warning that we will be celebrating Christmas jumper day on Friday 15th December. Although children are welcome to wear commercially produced Christmas jumpers, particularly given the current cost of living we would like to encourage them to create their own Christmas jumpers using pre-owned Christmas tinsel and decorations. There will be small prizes for the most creative jumper in each class.

Dates for your diary:

- Thurs 19th Oct – School closes for half term
- Mon 30th Oct – School opens
- Tues 7th Nov – School photographs
- Friday 10th Nov – 10.30am – Year 6 to St Leonard's church
- Mon 13th Nov – Flu Vaccine day
- Fri 24th Nov – Non-uniform day for Christmas fair
- Wed 29th Nov – 3.30 – 4.30pm - Christmas fair
- Thurs 30th Nov – M&M productions present Beauty and the Beast
- Fri 15th Dec – Christmas jumper day
- Wed 20th Dec – Christmas dinner day
- Thurs 21st Dec – 1.30pm – KS2 Christingle service at church
- Fri 22nd Dec – 3.30pm School closes for the Christmas holiday



School Tours: Tour of the school for parents considering applying for a place in Reception 2024. Please phone school to book a place if you are interested.

- Mon 13th at 9.30 am
- Fri 24th Nov – 10am

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