



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Staffing

Mr Gaukroger went into hospital on Saturday due to a planned medical procedure. The operation went well but he is likely to be off work until late February recuperating.

I'm pleased to announce that Miss Norton-Morris has been appointed as class teacher in our new Specialist class for EYFS and KS1 children. Although she will miss her nursery children (and team) she is excited about this new opportunity and ensuring that the environment and curriculum meets the needs of the children placed there and so they can build their confidence and join in with some mainstream lessons.

Due to this change, Miss Williamson is looking forward to joining the Nursery team in January. She has already visited the school demonstrating a lovely demeanour with the children and she talked passionately about the exciting curriculum she will plan and deliver. We look forward to her joining the Saplings team (Mrs Troth, Mrs Henderson and Miss Kyme). As the new classroom isn't built yet, Miss Norton will still be available in the new year to help Miss Williamson settle in and get to know the children.

Christmas productions

We have a wonderful week of Christmas performances.

Saplings, Ash and Holly class will be performing their production in church on **Tuesday 12th December at 2pm**. No tickets are required but there will be an opportunity to make a small donation.

Elm, Oak and Poplar classes performances are on **Wednesday 13th at 2pm and Thursday 14th at 10am**. Tickets are on sale for £1 each from the school office.

Beech, Rowan and Willow are serenading shoppers with a selection of Christmas songs at Tesco from **1.30 – 3pm on Tuesday 12th December**.

Beech, Rowan, Willow, Chestnut, Maple and Sycamore classes will be visiting church on Thursday 21st December at 1.30pm for a Christingle service. Unfortunately, (due to the quantity of candles involved) space is limited and so attendance is restricted just to parents of Year 6 children. Please can all adults attending sit upstairs in the balcony area. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper day / Our visit from the reindeers

We will be celebrating Christmas jumper day on Friday 15th December. Children are asked to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform. 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.

There will also be a special treat as we have hired Reindeers to come into school; each class will get the opportunity to have a picture and find out some fun facts about the Reindeers. The company bringing them will

Still other seed fell on the good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.' Matthew 13:8

be at school from 12-3pm and every class in school will be given a 10-minute slot with them. Thank you to everyone who has already sent a donation of £2.50 per child; if you are yet to send this in to school, please send cash in a sealed envelope with your child's class and name on. This will be a magical experience for our children which hopefully they will remember for a long time.

Stay and Play

All classes will be having a Stay and Play session on **Tuesday 19th December from 1.30 – 2.30pm**. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's class and join them in some Christmas activities. Due to space restrictions, children must stay with their own classes during the session but you are welcome to collect them from their class at 2.30pm for an early finish.

Christmas parties

Parties for children in **Beech, Rowan, Willow, Chestnut, Maple and Sycamore** will be held in the afternoon on **Monday 18th December**.

Parties for Saplings, Ash, Holly, Elm, Oak and Poplar will be held on Thursday 21st December.

Santa Run

Children in **Beech, Rowan, Willow, Chestnut, Maple and Sycamore** are invited to take part in a Santa run on Friday 22nd December. If your child would like to take part please return the consent form.

School closes on Friday 22nd December at 3.30pm and
reopens on Monday 8th January 2024.