

Headteacher:
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Newsletter



From the Headteacher



Farewell

The end of the school year is always sad as we say farewell to some familiar faces. This year we wish Mrs Tonner well as she leaves St Leonard's after 23 years, signing off with yet another fantastic end of year production in Year 6. She is already taking great delight in planning her travels for when we all return in September!

Sara Yeatman, our Nursery teacher, has been at St Leonard's for even longer - 25 years! She is retiring and her kind nature will be much missed. Rosie Boston leaves after a much shorter stay, one year, but we have all learnt a lot from her and she moves to a specialist Nursery School.

Also leaving are Miss Somers, who has been a sunny presence in Year 2, and Mrs Drummond who has worked across the school in various guises and now moves to work closer to home. Mrs Findley is also leaving (again!) having taught Fridays in Year 2 for the past two years.

Two Teaching Assistants are also departing: Mrs Hussain, who has been valuable support in Year 2, and Mrs Todd from Year 4.

We wish all our leavers every happiness and success in the future.

100% Attendance

20 children achieved 100% attendance this year and received a small reward in assembly today. This is no easy achievement and good attendance and work habits are attributes greatly valued by employers. Good habits start young!

Stay and Play

It has been fantastic to see Stay and Play grow this year and from next term it will be on Wednesday mornings from 8.45 to 11.00, starting 13 September, in the Diamond Building. If you have 'Under 3s' put the date in your diary and Nicola and Parveen will look forward to seeing you then.

Disco

The two school discos were well attended and raised over £500 for the PTFA. Thank you to everybody who attended or gave up their time to help.

Vacancies

We will shortly have a vacancy for a cleaner and an additional receptionist (20 hours) to support our team. Details will be posted in the vacancies section of our website.

Summer Holidays

We wish all our families a happy and enjoyable summer holiday and hope that you have a peaceful break with your children. School will open again for children on Wednesday, 6 September and there are exciting times ahead. We look forward to seeing you again then.

Best wishes,
Neil Blackwell



What we are doing.

Year 6

Scheherazade was a magical tale, in more ways than one. Based on One Thousand and One Nights it richly entertained us with familiar tales such as Ali Baba and Aladdin, and less known ones like the story of the dead beggar. The children's personalities shone through and there were some amazing performances, in particular Daisy-Ann Smith's lead character. Looking at them all on stage I was filled with pride and they are ready now to take the next steps in their young lives. We wish them all a very happy and successful start to their new schools.

Year 6 Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Governors award for Excellence	Koppany
Lesley Alcorn award	Chloe
Maths	Charlie C
Writing	Sophie
Reading	Zainab
Art	Harri
Music	Daisy, Clara
Drama	Rosalina, Joseph
Sport	Haseeb, Cameron, Aaron, Haley, Saafia, Braiden
Swimming	Charlie M
Special awards	Lena, Diego, Lucy D, Jack

Matilda

What an amazing day our Key Stage 2 children had on Wednesday as 82 of them travelled to London to see smash-hit musical, Matilda. A huge thank you to Miss Moon for arranging this trip and to the children for their excellent behaviour all day. Reports back said it was "amazing" and the children especially enjoyed the ending. Thanks too to all our adult helpers for making the day so special for our children, and to Mrs Steptoe for booking us such brilliant seats.

International Week

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Exhibition this week. There was a wide range of quality artwork inspired by countries around the world. Year 1 made silhouetted pictures of animals from Kenya, Year 2 have learnt about Monet and the Eiffel Tower whilst Reception produced Polish flags and traditional Wycinanki patterns. Year 3 have eaten (lots of) Pakistani food and produced Australian aboriginal paintings ; Year 4 have made Chinese lanterns, reproduced Picasso and learnt the Spanish for two fried eggs (dos huevos fritos!!- who says we're not preparing children for the real world?!). Year 5 have produced some really detailed Indian paintings and artwork and Year 6 have learnt about the Day of the Dead festival in Mexico and made some skull art! Fantastic work!



Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 6 September	School reopens for children
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Monday 11 September	School reopens for Nursery and Reception children
Wednesday 13 September	Stay and Play starts
Friday 22 September	Year 5 trip to Batsford Arboretum
Wednesday 11 October	Open Day for Reception parents 2018



St Leonard's Church

Find out what is happening in our church by going to their website: <http://saintleonards.org>

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Monday 16 October	Parents Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Tuesday 17 October	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00