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# Newsletter



From the Head Teacher



## Countdown to Christmas

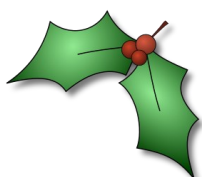
You may have heard that our Christmas Tree was stolen a few weeks ago! Thanks to everybody who rallied around and DHL and UTC Aerospace have kindly donated trees for the school, which Mrs Steptoe and Mrs Hawkins have enjoyed decorating.



There is a real festive buzz around school already and the front of the school looks amazing. Each class has its own tree and this Monday was Christmas Decoration Day, with the whole school busy making everything from snowmen to Christmas lanterns. Thank you especially to all the parents and grandparents who helped in Reception, and joined the children in festive fun.



On Tuesday Reverend Sue visited and the children learned about Christingles. Big thanks to the School Council who made them for the occasion. Last night, Thursday, was PTFA Christmas Disco night and thank you to everyone who helped. It was also DJ Packham's debut - she was brilliant!



## Smoke Free Life

Fingers crossed, second time lucky, hopefully next week will see the Smoke Free Life van at school after it was hospitalised last time for respiratory problems! Now, it's back out of the garage we hope adults will have a chance to find out more about having a smoke free life, giving up smoking and helping themselves and their family be healthier.



## Maths Is Fun!



(Oh, yes it is!) Thank you to everyone who attended our maths sessions for parents at school this week. Children's attitudes are really healthy across the school and your encouragement is essential so that children view numbers as fun and 'problems' as 'challenges'. Huge thanks to Mrs Debus and Miss Nicklin for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Best wishes,

Neil Blackwell



## Year 3 Disaster



What a catastrophe in Year 3 this week! They've been learning about natural disasters including volcanoes and tsunamis, then next thing we knew their room looked like it had been hit by an earthquake! Luckily no harm was done, everything was soon back in its own place, yet the children now have a small taste of how devastating a real disaster would be.



## St Leonard's Church

Find out what is happening in our church by going to their website:

<http://saintleonards.org>



## I.M.P.S

On average 2 million children visit A&E every year due to injury so Year 6 visited the Horton hospital to take part in IMPs (Injury Minimization Programme for Schools). They learnt about some of the common risks in their everyday lives and shared ways to reduce these and avoid injuries. One such risk considered was cycling without a helmet or lights, even just to go round the corner, and it was agreed that accidents can't be predicted so a helmet is always needed. Children were very honest about why they didn't always wear theirs!

Another part of the programme was practical first aid training, to learn how to deal calmly and effectively in an emergency situation. Children had the opportunity to practise CPR on dummies, including using a training AED (Automated External Defibrillator), as well as placing someone in the recovery position. It was impressive how much the children already knew and they all came away with a better understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe.



## Dates for your diary ...

<b>Monday 10 December</b>	<b>Christmas Read Around 2.15 for 2.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 11 December</b>	<b>Aylesbury pantomime trip</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 December</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner Day (and jumpers!)</b>
<b>Friday 14 December</b>	<b>Nursery and Reception Nativity 9.30 and 2.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 14 December</b>	<b>Christmas Food Fair Diamond Building 2.30 – 4.30</b>



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<b>Friday 14 December</b>	<b>Carols around the Christmas Tree 3.30 – 4.00</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 December</b>	<b>Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance AM</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 December</b>	<b>Year 6 Carol service St Leonard's Church PM</b>
<b>Wednesday 19 December</b>	<b>Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance PM</b>
<b>Thursday 20 December</b>	<b>Party Day (wear party clothes!)</b>
<b>Friday 21 December</b>	<b>School Closes for Christmas 2.00pm</b>