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Newsletter



From the Head Teacher



Our Safeguarding Team



Keeping children safe is always our first priority and Neil Blackwell, Head Teacher, is the Designated Safeguarding Lead in school (the one with the tie!). He is ably assisted by his Deputy Safeguarding Leads (from the left): Sarah Moon, Deputy Head Teacher, Caroline Debus, Assistant Head Teacher, and Sally Philpott, SENDCo and Assistant Head Teacher.

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare during term time any one of these people will be pleased to help, either by telephone or in person. If you have reason to believe that a child is at immediate risk of harm then don't hesitate to contact the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) 0345 050 7666 or the police on 999 in the event of an emergency. These are the numbers to telephone during the Christmas holidays, if the need arises. Alternatively, if a matter is of less urgency and can wait for attention then email us at office.3262@st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk

Nativity

Today is our Christmas Nativity play for Reception and Nursery children and they had a lovely dress rehearsal on Monday. At least we've found out where all the school tea towels have gone; hopefully the shepherds will find their way! Year 1 and Year 2 have their performances next Monday and Tuesday.



Home-Start



There will be a collection for the charity Home-Start at all our Christmas Performances this year. Home-Start Banbury has helped a number of our families in the past few years and provide support and friendship for families struggling with a range of different situations, for example, illness, bereavement or disability. To get support, as a rule, there must generally be one child under five. More information is available at <http://www.home-startbanbury.org.uk/>

Best wishes,
Neil Blackwell



Pantomime

150 children, plus staff, made their way to the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury on Tuesday and thoroughly enjoyed Peter Pan. Behaviour was fantastic throughout and there were some lovely comments from the children about watching live entertainment. Much better than the tele! Well done, everyone, and thank you to Miss Moon for organising.



Year One

Year 1 had a lovely visit to Waterstones to choose a book that they could ask Father Christmas for. The children behaved impeccably and had lots of fun exploring the shop. Look out for their letter being sent home next week for you to send to the Big Man! Thank you to one of our parents, Mrs Brown, for helping organise the trip and reading a book to the children.



Parking Request

A polite request to consider our neighbours when parking outside school at drop-off and collection. Please do not park across driveways or on private land as it is inconsiderate to others who live there and may need access to their property. This is particularly a concern in Beaulieu Close just outside the back gate of St Leonards but applies to all local residents. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Dates for your diary ...

Tuesday 18 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance AM
Tuesday 18 December	Year 6 Carol service St Leonard's Church PM
Wednesday 19 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance PM
Thursday 20 December	Party Day (wear party clothes!)
Friday 21 December	School Closes for Christmas 2.00pm
Monday 7 January	INSET day – school closed for children
Tuesday 8 January	school opens
Thursday 17 January	Parent NSPCC Online Safety breakfast workshop 9.00am



St Leonard's Church

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