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Dear Parent/Carer

Newsletter 4

Time appears to be whizzing by! Rehearsals for the KS1 Nativity are in full swing and thoughts are rapidly turning to making plans for Christmas.

Thank you

First of all, I would like to thank you all for your generosity this term, in supporting three very worthwhile causes. Harvest contributions for Water Aid amounted to £140.01. Our non-uniform day for the dormitory project in Uganda raised £190.20 and last week, we raised £381.76 for Children In Need. Well done and thank you to everyone! A special thanks must go to our School Council who worked extremely hard selling the cakes and stationery last week. Yesterday, the clothes/textiles were collected and in return we received a cheque for £108.40. A further collection will be organised during the Spring Term.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December, which is the last day of term. We will not be asking for donations on this occasion. Children may wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform, or with non-uniform clothes.

Friends of St Leonard's

The Christmas Disco will be held in the School Hall on Friday 15th December. The times are as follows: 1.30-2.30pm for Infants and 2.45-3.45pm for Juniors. On Friday 1st December, we will be having a non-uniform day. This time, the Friends are asking for contributions for the tombola stall. In exchange for wearing non-uniform, they would like donations of any of the following: bottles; chocolates; toiletries; new children's toys and games. The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 9th December.

School Christmas Lunch

We will be having our school Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 12th December. The strict cut-off date for ordering is Friday 1st December. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

School Dinners

For the first two days of the Spring Term (2nd and 3rd January) Dolce is unable to supply a hot meal. However, there will be a cold meal option available. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Free School Meals

If you think your child is entitled to receive free school meals, please register for them. Every application received comes with extra funding for the school. Registering is really quick and easy through Swindon Borough Council (01793 463000 or online). No-one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Good news!

I am pleased to say that this week I received a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP (Minister of State for School Standards) congratulating us on our outstanding achievement in the 2017 Phonics Screening Check. With 96% reaching or exceeding the pass mark, it means that St Leonard's is in the top 6% of all primary schools in the country. Thank you to all the children and staff who have worked so hard to achieve these results. Thank you also to you the parents, for your continuing support. To read the letter in full, please go the website under the parents latest news section.

More good news!

Congratulations to Teal Nicholas (Class 4) who was a winner in the Road Safety Competition. Her poster, with the title 'Speed Down Saves Lives' was judged by Angus Macpherson (Police Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon). Well done Teal!

Invitation

On Tuesday 12th December, we will be having a 'Guitar Assembly'. This is an opportunity for children who are learning the guitar to perform in front of an audience. If you are a parent/carer whose child is learning the guitar in school, we would like to invite you to come and see your child play in the assembly. The assembly will start at 8.40am. We look forward to seeing you.

Snow Patrol

If we are to believe media reports, it appears that we are heading for a relatively harsh winter. In order to be the best prepared as possible, I would like to set up a 'Snow Patrol'. The aim of this is to have a team of willing volunteers, who, in the event of snowfall, could help clear part of the school playground/car park so that we have a safe route into school. Please bring your own spade! If you are interested in helping out on these occasions please let me know as soon as possible.

Christmas Trail

All the children will be taking part in a Christmas Trail at St Leonard's Church. The trail tells the Christmas Story and the children will have an opportunity to take part in some craft activities. The trail is on Monday 11th December and the morning of Wednesday 13th December. We need some volunteers who could help walk the children down to church - and we also need adults to help with the activities. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help.

Values Cup

Each week, we will be presenting a Values Cup to two children who have demonstrated, through their behaviour, the value for the term. One child will be chosen from Reception/Key Stage 1 and one child from KS2. The cup will be presented in our Friday Celebration Collective Worship. The cup will need to be returned on the Friday in order that it can be given to the next recipient. This will start in the Spring Term, when the new value will be 'Respect and Reverence'.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills