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Dear Parent/Carer

Newsletter 5

Staff Changes

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed a full time teacher for Class 1. Miss Picter will start at St Leonard's at the beginning of the new term. Parents/carers of Class 1 children should receive a separate letter attached to this newsletter. Mrs Meays has taken on Mrs Rees' role within the school, covering release time for teachers. In addition to this, I am pleased to say that Mrs Gaywood will be joining us as Teaching Assistant for Class 4 and Mr Berry will be the SEN Lead for the school from January. I wish them all every success in their new roles.

Thank you and Goodbye

We are sorry to say goodbye to both Mrs Merry and Mrs Rees at the end of this term. With a combined 27 years of service, we are very grateful for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to St Leonard's. I am sure you will join with me and wish them both all the very best for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Christmas/End of Term Activities

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be tomorrow, Saturday 9th December from 12-2pm.

Christingle

This will take place on Sunday 10th December at St Leonard's Church at 4pm. The choir will be singing at the service.

Star Trail

On Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th December, each class will be experiencing the Christmas Trail at St Leonard's Church. Thank you to the parents/carers who have volunteered to walk to church with the children. Thanks also to Bella Fasham for writing the materials for the trail and to Jane Ockwell for helping to organise the days.

Key Stage 2

On Wednesday 13th December, we will be setting up a number of 'cinemas' to show films to Key Stage 2 children. We would like the children to make their choice of film in order of preference -

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please fill in the slip at the bottom of this newsletter and return to school on Monday 11th December. We will endeavour to give the children their first choice, but if one film proves to be more popular than another, we may need to refer to their other preferences. Children are invited to bring their own individual snack to eat/drink during the film session - popcorn, crisps, haribo, squash etc (no nuts or chocolate please).

Key Stage 1

Also on Wednesday 13th December, Key Stage 1 will be having a Christmas Party. Children need to come to school in uniform, but will be allowed to change into party clothes for the afternoon. Children may go home in their party clothes. We will provide a drink and a biscuit for the children. Any child with allergies may prefer to bring an alternative snack (no nuts or chocolate please).

End of Term Service

Our traditional end of term service will take place on Thursday 14th December at 9.30am. All are welcome to join us. I am pleased to say that the choir will be singing once again as part of the service. After the service, some Year 5 and 6 children will be going to Park View Nursing Home to sing Carols.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December, children may wear a Christmas jumper. This may be worn with school uniform or non-uniform.

St Leonard's Carol Service

This will take place at St Leonard's on Sunday 17th December at 6pm.

Special Mentions

Congratulations to Thomas Jenkins who was a runner up in the Snowman Competition - well done Thomas!

Well done to Teal Nicholas who completed a sponsored swim raising £135 for the Younite Charity, which provides Kenyan children with access to clean water.

Well done to the school football team who won their match against Kempford 2-1. The next match is against Peatmoor on Wednesday 24th January.

New Term

Term 3 begins on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

All that remains is for me to say thank you to everyone - staff, governors, parents and children for their support in my first term as Head Teacher. I hope each and every one of you has a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all every success for 2018.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills

Film Preference

Child's name:.....

Class.....

Please rate the following films in order of preference, using the numbers 1 to 4 with 1 indicating first choice.

Miracle on 34th Street

The Muppet Christmas Carol

Nativity!

Pinocchio