



## St Leonard's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

### **School welcome video**

I know it seems strange to be thinking about next September when it isn't even Christmas yet, but I wanted to make sure that you have all had the opportunity to see the wonderful video that our children, with the help of Mrs Fearby, have created about our school. Hearing the children speak so warmly about coming to St Leonard's school only goes to highlight the strong relationships across school; relationships that are the foundations on which we will make all aspects of St Leonard's great. If you have not seen the video, you can access it via: [https://youtu.be/K0jEvBDm\\_HQ](https://youtu.be/K0jEvBDm_HQ).

### **Christmas information and dates**

#### Christmas baubles

During the coming weeks, the children are going to be looking at the true meaning of Advent through their Religious Education studies. After so many months of uncertainty and worry, it seems only right that our school community remembers that Advent is typically a joyous time when Christians prepare for the coming of Christ. With this in mind, I would like to invite our children to decorate a Christmas bauble to hang from our fence as part of our celebrations. The bauble could have a name on it, a short message or prayer or simply a picture. Every child is being given a bauble and I would ask that you secure these along the fence, starting next to the car park gate entrance, once completed. Let's see if we can spread the joy as far as the zebra crossing! Please take your bauble home on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

#### Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day will take place on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child would like a lunch that day, and is usually on packed lunch, please email the office in order to pay £2.30 for this via Parent Pay.

#### Christmas Party and party food

The children's Christmas parties will be held in the last week of term (see below) and in class groups. These will take place at different times across the day and therefore children need to come to school dressed in party clothes, rather than going home to get changed.

We will provide each child with an individual plate upon which you can put a small amount of your child's favourite foods (remember they have just had a school lunch). Please ensure that you do not send any nuts or egg products as part of the party food, as there are children with allergies in school. Please could you write your child's name on the plate to avoid any mix ups. Drinks will be provided by school.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year group</u>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	YR/1, Y1/2, Y3
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4/5, Y6

#### Christmas cards

If your child would like to send Christmas cards this year, please ensure they are in school no later than **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. They will be collected in a 'post' box and delivered on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

#### Christmas services

Unfortunately, we are unable to share live nativities or carol services again this year due to the current restrictions. Therefore, recordings of these will be made and shared on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Year 6 residential trip to Derwent Hill**

The residential to Derwent Hill is booked for 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. Many of you have paid your deposit, but we do have a couple of spaces still available. The cost of the trip (including transport) is approximately £340 per child. If you wish to take up one of the remaining places, please pay a £20 deposit on Parent Pay. For those families who have already paid the deposit and wish to pay off the cost of the trip in instalments, the Parent Pay page is now open. Please note, the full balance should be paid by the end of March, 2022. Further information will follow nearer the time.

Stay safe,

**Dionne Dunn**

**Acting Head Teacher**