



## St Leonard's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

We are almost into the last week of term and, although things are a little different to how we had originally envisioned them, the staff and children of St Leonard's are determined to work together to celebrate the festive season. As we want to include our families in these celebrations as much as possible, we will be sharing some wonderful videos and photos of the children as they engage in a range of activities during the last week of term. Please find below information about what is happening in school at the moment, and some reminders and key dates for the last week of term.

### Staffing

Sadly, our current Acting Head Teacher, Mrs Dunn, is not in school at the moment due to a sudden family bereavement. She maintains daily contact with school and continues to be as active as she under the circumstances. I am sure you will join with all of the children and staff at St Leonard's by keeping Mrs Dunn and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

Miss McVittie, Deputy Head Teacher, continues to be unwell and is also absent at this time. We all wish her a speedy and full recovery.

During these temporary absences, Mrs Fearby, Senior Leader, is overseeing the day to day running of the school, with additional support from Mr Conway.

### Homework

A gentle reminder. Please ensure that all homework sent home is completed and handed in by the date specified by your child's class teacher. Homework is an important part of your child's learning and reinforces topics taught in school. This is a valuable way to include you in your child's learning. Thank you for your continued support.

### Christmas baubles

A big 'Thank You' to all of our families who have taken part and decorated a Christmas bauble to hang from our fence as part of our Christmas celebrations – those received so far are beautiful. In anticipation of Storm Barra, we decided to delay the hanging of the baubles until the weather settled. Please continue to send these into school, or feel free to hang them directly onto the fence with your child. If you still require a bauble please send a message to your child's teacher on Class Dojo, and they will send one home.

### Christmas Reminders

We have had a few enquiries around the dates for parties and Christmas lunch next week, so just to clarify:

#### Date

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### Event

Final day to bring Christmas Cards into school  
YR/1, Y1/2, Y3 (Holly, Laurel and Cedar) Christmas parties.  
Y4/5, Y6 (Rowan and Hazel) Christmas Parties  
Christmas lunch\* and Christmas jumper day  
Nativity and Carol readings to be shared with parents

\* If your child would like a Christmas lunch and usually brings a packed lunch, please let the office know to set you up on Parent Pay. Lunch costs £2.30.

Party 'food plates' will be sent home today. Remember to only include a small amount of your child's favourite foods (remember they have just had a school lunch) and that no nut or egg products are included for the safety of all children. To avoid confusion, ensure the plate is labelled clearly with your child's name. Drinks will be provided by school.

**Joanne Fearby**  
**Senior Leader**