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Dates for your diary:

No afterschool clubs during the last week and first weeks of term. Wrap around cover continues as usual.

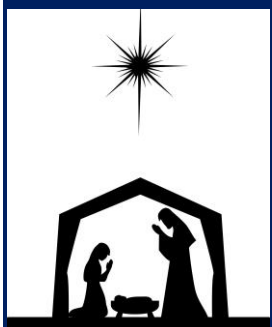
Term time

School closes on Friday 23rd December and then re-opens on Tuesday 10th January, 2022.

January 2023

- 6th January, 2023 - Feast of the Epiphany
- 15th January, 2023 – Closing date for Reception class applications.
- 20th January, 2023 – Year 3 start swimming lessons (more details to follow).

May God bless you at this most wonderful time of year!



Dear parents and carers,

Well, we have made it! What a wonderfully busy term we have enjoyed together. There have been many highs and a few surprises along the way – Ofsted being one of them! I can't thank you enough for all of the support you have offered to our wonderful school in the past 4 months!

St Leonard's Talent show

We finished the term with a wonderful liturgical prayer, followed by *St Leonard's Pupils are Strictly Talented!* The talent show was meant to be a bit of fun, but little did we realise how amazing our children are and how much talent they genuinely have. We are delighted to say that all of the children who took part were excellent and that the overall winners were Grace and Eve in Year 5 & 6 and Charlotte in Year 1 – it was such a difficult decision! Please watch out on Facebook for photos and videos of the different performances. There were only winners in our school, as every child was rewarded with a bar of chocolate or packets of jellies!

First Holy Communion

We will be starting our First Holy Communion programme in the New Year. If your child is a baptised Catholic and in Year 4, please give due consideration as to whether this is something you wish to do. Receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist is a big step, and one that needs careful preparation. Details will follow in early January.

A message from our Chair of the IAB

As you may know, Mrs Alison Aisbitt the chair of St Leonard's IAB. She is supportive, whilst being very challenging, and loves to spend time in school. We are very lucky to have such wonderful members of the IAB.

I was proud to be appointed as the chair of the IAB in November 2021, and it has been an honour to see how St Leonard's has grown and developed during this time. Visiting the school is always a most enjoyable experience. I am always made to feel welcomed, by both the children and staff!

I want to thank the wonderful and professional staffing group who, on a daily basis, show dedication to the welfare and education of the children in our care. I also want to thank my fellow Governors who support the school so well.

Finally, to the children, a big thank you for being so amazing and continually impressing me with your efforts, hard work and success.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Alison Aisbitt.

Thank you

On behalf of all of the staff at St Leonard's, can I thank you for the very kind wishes and gifts that we have received this Christmas time. We are humbled by your enormous generosity and kindness.

While I realise that Christmas can present many challenges, I do genuinely hope that you all have the opportunity to find time for yourself and your family. I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you back safely on Tuesday 10th January, 2023.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year!

Mrs Dionne Dunn
Headteacher