

Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Christian Value...



As we approach the final week of term, I am delighted to be sharing with you the highlights of our week in school. The children continue to be diligent and focused on their learning amongst the wonderful activities they have been doing in readiness for Christmas festivities. Listening to the children practice their nativities and beautiful singing is an absolute joy, and we are all very much excited for you to be joining us in Church next week to watch your children perform!

Events this week have included Year 1 and 2 children taking part in a Curling event at St. Augustine's High School and gaining a fantastic second place in the competition! A wonderful first experience of representing school out in the community for most of the children and they made us extremely proud. Our fabulous school choir sang so beautifully on Wednesday evening at Church, taking part in 'Nine Lessons and Carols', and some of our Year 6 children read within the act of worship during the evening. We finished this week off with a festive Christmas fair, which the School Council children planned and all were able to enjoy. An enormous thank you for your generosity and kindness in supporting our school events - your donations make a huge difference to what we can offer to our children at St Leonard's. The final total of monies raised will be announced in our end of Term letter next week.

Please see below for important information, our weekly class updates and of course our Stars of the Week!

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley

Data Sheets and Permissions

If you haven't already done so, please return your child's data sheet and photograph permission forms as soon as possible.



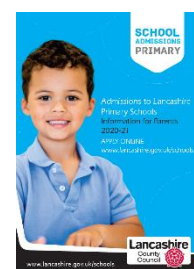
Calling all Christmas Elves

We have had an appeal from Father Christmas to help with some present wrapping of gifts for the children. If there are any parents or carers who would be able to help wrap some gifts on Tuesday 14th December at 9am, please let the office know info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk

Mince pies and cuppa supplied ☺ Thank you in advance!

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If you know of any parents of pre-school children who are considering school places for next September, then please direct them to our website and encourage them to ring the school office. I am currently conducting small group tours in school, where parents may see what goes on during a school day, and ask questions.



Nativity Performances – at St. Leonard's Church

The children are so excited to be able to share the Nativity story with you next week. They have been working so hard and we are very proud of all their efforts. A huge thank you to the staff who have worked so hard on these performances too. It is a great opportunity to pause and reflect in the busyness of December.

We are limiting numbers in the church to allow for more social distancing thus to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. **Each child is allocated two places per performance**, which will be checked off against a class list on arrival at Church. There are **no tickets** to bring to reduce the handling of items.

Early Years (**Little Lennies and Reception Blackbirds** class)

Tuesday 14th December 2021 2:30pm and 5:30pm

Key Stage 1 (**Year 1 and Year 2 Doves, Eagles, Falcons**)

Wednesday 15th December 2021 2:30pm and 5:30pm

After the 2:30pm performances, your child/ren can be collected from church. They will go home in their costumes.

For the 5:30pm performances, please drop your child/ren off at school at the main entrance between 5:00pm and 5:10pm, wearing their costumes.

To help prevent the spread of Covid-19 we ask that you kindly follow these arrangements...

- 1) Complete a lateral flow test before coming to the performance.
- 2) Wear a face covering when inside the Church.
- 3) Sanitise hands upon entry and exit.
- 4) Sit with your family group and try to maintain some spacing between family groups.
- 5) Do not come into the church if you have any symptoms of Coronavirus.

KS2 Pantomime Performance on Tuesday

Years 3-6 will be attending the Pantomime Aladdin on Tuesday morning. They will be leaving at 9am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time. All children in Years 3-6 should wear their **full school uniform on Tuesday** (not PE kits). They will be provided with a small snack and a drink to enjoy during the interval and will be back at school for a slightly later lunch.

Party Day on Thursday

Children are invited to wear their own clothes/party clothes/Christmas jumpers to enjoy the party and celebrations on Thursday.

Healthy Schools Reminder

- ✓ Water only in class
- ✓ Fruit or healthy snack to eat at playtime e.g. crackers/breadsticks/cheese/cereal etc. (Just no sweets, chocs or crisps please.)

If your child has a packed lunch, please have still drinks only (not fizzy.)

School meal children are offered a choice of water or sugar-free cordial or milk/milkshake throughout the week.

Diary Dates

December

Monday 13th Christingle Worship – 9am in Church – all welcome

Monday 13th 6:00pm – KS2 Carol Service (Key Stage 2 Choir – arrive at Church by 5:45pm)

Tuesday 14th 9:00am – Christmas Elves present wrapping session

Tuesday 14th KS2 Panto trip to watch Aladdin at Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Tuesday 14th 2:30pm & 5:30pm – Early Years Nativity Performance in Church (Little Lennies & Blackbirds)

Wednesday 15th – Year 6 and the Year 5 Choir Performing at Blackburn Cathedral

Wednesday 15th 2:30pm & 5:30pm – KS1 Nativity Performance in Church (Year 1 form the choir and Year 2 are acting)

Thursday 16th - Non-Uniform Day and Party Day

Thursday 16th - Christmas Lunch (packed lunch children may pay for a Christmas Dinner)

Friday 17th - 1:30pm – School closes for Christmas Holidays

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Thursday 6th January 8:45am – School Re-opens for Spring Term

Tuesday 18th January – Early Years and KS1 Visiting Panto in school.

Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th January – Blackbirds Balance Bikes (more details to follow)

Blackbirds Stay and Play will be in Spring 1 – (more details to follow)

Useful Reminders

EU Settlement Scheme

Check what you need to do to stay in the UK if you or your family are from the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland. <https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus>

Extra Funding for School (Pupil Premium Grant)

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals irrespective of household income, however, if you in receipt of any of the following benefits, school can receive extra funding called Pupil Premium Grant – currently £1345 per year. Even if you would prefer your child to eat packed lunches, if you think your child (in any year group) could be eligible for Free School Meals, we would be extremely grateful if you could please register via this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> so that school can then be in receipt of extra Pupil Premium grant funding.

Eligibility criteria Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

COVID-19 Update

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste/smell) please don't send them to school and **get a PCR test**. They should return to school immediately if they test negative. If the test is positive, self-isolation at home is required for 10 days and other household members need to have a PCR. Siblings who have tested negative should then attend school as normal.

NHS Test and trace are now responsible for informing about close contacts. Should your child be advised by Test and Trace to take a PCR test due to being a close contact or someone else who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must still attend school whilst waiting for their result if they are asymptomatic.

Close contacts will not be required to isolate if they fall into the following categories:

Close contacts or household members of a positive case are exempt from self-isolating if any of the following applies:

- They're fully vaccinated
- They're below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- They're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Staff in school continue to help to reduce the spread of Coronavirus within school, by adhering to the following control measures as part of our risk assessment and as advised by the DfE.

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone

-Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.

-Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

-Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Schools are required to have an 'Outbreak management/contingency plan' to outline how operational systems and processes may change in response to positive cases reaching a certain threshold considered to be an 'outbreak'. Parents and carers will of course be kept updated should any restrictive measures need to be temporarily put back in place at school.

Communication with school – procedures for parents/carers to follow

Please remember that teachers and school leaders may not see nor be able to respond to direct emails due to the nature of their work, and **therefore there may be a delay in resolving an issue**, especially if there is a need for leaders and teachers to forward emails on to the most appropriate person to deal with enquiries. We would really appreciate your patience and understanding with this, and your trust that your enquiries are not being ignored if there is a delay in response. We **always** do our best to get back to messages as quickly as possible.

Reason	Contact method
Sickness Absence including reporting COVID-19 - contact the office	Sickness/Absence Contact form on the website https://www.langho-stleonards.lancs.sch.uk/contact-us or Office email address info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk or Phone the office – 01254 247156

Informing the teacher of something about your child that doesn't require a discussion (Eg lost clothing, if they're likely to be tired that day, lost reading books/homework etc...)	<p>Contact form on the website https://www.langho-stleonards.lancs.sch.uk/contact-us</p> <p>or</p>
Request for a discussion/phonecall/meeting with a teacher about your child's learning or other queries/issues that need to be discussed.	<p>Office email address info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk</p> <p><u>or</u></p>
Request for a discussion or meeting with the Headteacher if issues have not been resolved with the teacher and you wish to escalate your query or if the query is about something of a serious nature such as safeguarding. Please note: this may be delegated to the Deputy Headteacher if the Headteacher is not available.	<p>Phone – 01254 247156 (Please leave a message on the answer phone if your call is not picked up straight away).</p>
<p>Any emails sent on an evening or weekend will not be responded to out of working hours.</p> <p>Thank you for your understanding.</p>	

Class Updates

Little Lennie's



This week in Little Lennies we have been learning all about The Christmas Story and discussing how this relates to our Nativity - A Bundle of Joy. We have done lots of rehearsing in Church and in School, the children have really enjoyed themselves. You are all in for a treat next week! In class we have been so busy producing lots of Christmas crafts along with our usual fun that we have each day. This week we had a wonderful delivery of new equipment which isn't being used as yet because the children have been so happy playing with the cardboard boxes which we stuck together! One day it is Santa's sleigh, the next a train, the next a house...their imagination is amazing! What a wonderful week we have had once again.



Lucas!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16



Blackbirds



This week Blackbirds children have been very busy! Christmas came early this week as big delivery boxes arrived in our class. We were very excited to discover lots of new resources to help us with our development and learning. We have enjoyed using these and we will certainly make the most of new opportunities with them in the new year too. We think we are just about ready for our Nativity performance next week. We have needed to listen to lots of new instructions to put on our performance in church, but we are sure that no matter what, our families will love watching us shine! Well done everyone on a super week. 😊



Chloe G!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16



Doves



Doves class have loved rehearsing all the Nativity songs and continuing their Great Fire of London dance. They have learnt more about the Christmas story and reflected on the need for peace and stillness sometimes. They had lots of fun at the Christmas fair too. Well done Doves – you are working so hard!



Alana!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16



Eagles



It has been another busy week for the Eagles! It was been a week of preparation as we have enjoyed rehearsing for our Nativity, decorating our door with a beautiful collage and creating Christmas cards. We have been thinking about the Christmas story and which part is our favourite and also learning about the importance of peace and taking time to appreciate the world around us. What a super week!



Priya!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16



Falcons



What another busy week! We have been rehearsing for our Nativity performance this week and I am so pleased that the children have learnt their lines off by heart and their singing is just beautiful. We worked together to create the most amazing Christmas door based around the carol 'Away in a Manger' and finished off with a very exciting Friday - Christmas jumpers, games and lots of cake! We can't wait for more festive fun next week.



Hugh!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16



Hérons



It's been a fun-packed week of learning in Heron Class. In History we compared the differences between different forms of food collection and the decisions that hunter-gatherers and farmers had to make. In English we discussed whether it would be better to live in the Stone Age or the current day. The children then completed their Stone Age Dance in PE to finish off our topic. We have had a lovely time making Christmas artworks to bring home next week. Our Heron children read beautifully in Worship and made the whole class feel proud. Finally, a great time was had by all on Christmas jumper day when we took part in games at the school fair.



Kingfishers



Kingfishers have worked extremely hard this week. In History, the children explored the differences in methods of food collection in the Stone Age. The children enjoyed playing both hunter-gatherers and farmers, deciding how to collect food and experiencing the consequences of their actions. In PSHE, the children have had a fantastic discussion all about peer pressure and have thought about situations where this can be both positive and negative. In art, the children explored whether cave art would be classed as art or vandalism. The children again had a super discussion and produced some of their own incredible pieces of art. Fantastic work again, Kingfishers!



Owls



Owls Class have had a productive week this week. During our art lessons, the children have created some wonderful Christmas cards and calendars. They have worked hard in PSHE and maturely discussed what peer pressure is and why people should not pressure others. In RE, the children discussed how God is with us at all times and we reflected on the importance of peace. Well done Owls Class.



Robins



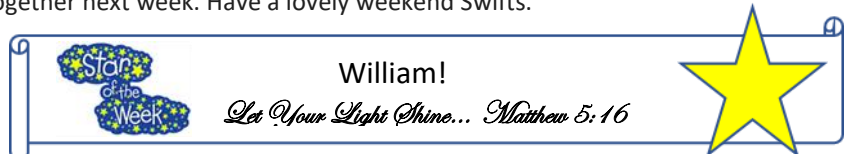
Robins have worked hard this week to finish their work on World War Two. They had a go at creating a group dance to tell a story of an aspect of the war and now they are fine-tuning how to match the movements to the timing of the music. They also completed their science unit of work on light, including the more tricky concept of why green things look black through a red filter. They also made their Anderson shelters on Friday afternoon.



Swifts



Swifts have had another great week, we finished off our history unit exploring VE day and how people must have felt learning that the war was over after such a long time. In RE we explored what the church prays for in advent. We have also enjoyed getting creative making our calendars either painting or creating a collage pop art piece. Looking forward to our Christmas week together next week. Have a lovely weekend Swifts.



Wrens



We have had a super week in Wrens ! The children enjoyed performing their interpretative dances and we were very impressed by their creativity ! We have discussed Mary in the Bible and her importance to Christians in RE as well as creating Christmas prayers and poems. The children learned about the D-day landings and Victory in Europe. They have been rehearsing hard for the Carol Concerts and I was proud of the children who sang in Church on Wednesday night. Well done Wrens - you have been super.



Holly G !

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16

