Leigh C.E. Primary School & Leigh C.E. Nursery





11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's always a pleasure each Friday to say that the children have had another wonderful week in school. Year 2 pupils have been working incredibly hard all term to prepare for the National Phonics Check which has taken place this week. All children who sat the test should be so proud of themselves as each and every one of them did their very best and we are pleased with the results. After school phonics tuition will take place for Year 1 children after Christmas. Please look out for letters next week. Mrs Adedeji and I carried out English and writing book scrutiny and moderation for all year groups yesterday. We were delighted to see the amount of progress that children in all year groups have made this term.

You may have seen the announcements this week stating that schools will close a day early for the Christmas break. Schools minister, Nick Gibb told MPs that schools could schedule an Inset day next Friday to allow "six clear days" before Christmas Eve. He said this would ensure teachers and heads do not have to engage with "track and trace issues" throughout the break.

We will **not** be closing early and will hold our Inset day on Monday 4th January as planned. School will close on Friday 18th December after children have had their lunch. Class bubble closure times for the last day are listed below.

We have more staffing updates to share. Firstly, welcome back to Mrs Barlow who has returned this week. Both children and staff are delighted to see her return. Unfortunately, we say goodbye to Miss Turnbull who has been teaching in the Reception class on a supply basis throughout the Autumn term. Miss Turnbull has given some of our youngest children the very best start and we offer our sincere gratitude to her. Mr McDonough has been our caretaker for 19 years and has looked after our school building with passion and care. He has decided that he will take a very well earned rest at Christmas when he retires. We offer our warmest thanks and send our very best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement. Mr Gledhill will become our full time caretaker from January.

Just a reminder that we still have the weekend to enter our festive Competitions. The deadline for creating a Christmas tree decoration and writing a Christmas story is Monday. We have had some wonderful entries so far and there will be prizes for winners in each class. Thank you for supporting the children with this. We have also had many beautiful angel designs brought to school. Please keep these coming in as Father Kevin will be delighted to see this symbol of hope displayed in Church for our community to appreciate.

The Children and staff alike are all looking forward to a very festive final week of school. We have lots of exciting activities planned including Christmas lunch and a festive quiz with our friends across the Wings' Academy. Children will also enjoy a cookie and movie afternoon. See you next week!

Wishing you a very safe and happy weekend with your children My best wishes, Mrs Oxborough

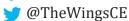
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Christmas Events for the Diary

Monday 14th December

• The Wings' Christmas Quiz. All children will enjoy a festive quiz virtually joining children from St George's and St Mark's.

Wednesday 16th December

- Christmas Dinner for ALL children
- Christmas Jumper day
- PM: School Nativity / Christmas video

Thursday 17th December

- Y6 children to deliver food and clothing donations to the Foodbank and Church
- Christmas treat afternoon for all children. Class movie, cookies and chocolate drinks

Friday 18th December

• School closes for Christmas at **1.15pm**. The children will have their lunch in school before they leave. Individual class bubble pick up times are detailed below:

Date	Time	Class	Pick up point
Term ends Friday	1.15pm	Reception	Main playground
18th December	1.20pm	Y1/2FG	Union Street
	1.20pm	Y1/2KB	Via Union Street onto
			playground
	1.15pm	Y1/2LS	Union Street
	1.20pm	Y3/4AS	Henrietta Street
	1.20pm	Y3/4EA	Main playground, near
	1.20pm	Y3/4AK	Union Street
	1.15pm	Y5RG	Henrietta Street
	1.15pm	6BH	Henrietta Street
	1.15PM	Nursery	Church Street

Tuesday 5th January

 School re-opens for the Spring Term using the usual class bubble times and drop off points.

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