



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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October News

Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Norton who had a beautiful wedding ceremony over half term and is now Mrs Norton-Morris. We wish the happy couple all the best for the future.

We would like to express a warm welcome to our new teacher, Mr Boyle. Many of you will be aware that Miss Hartley has been undergoing treatment and so is currently working part-time. She wants to ensure that she is always able to give her best to the children and so has made the difficult decision to remain part-time until the end of the school year. Mr Boyle will therefore join her in teaching Willow class until the end of July 2020. Miss Hartley will continue to teach on a Monday and Friday and Mr Boyle will teach Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Both of them will be in school on a Wednesday, allowing time for them to plan together and ensure that the children's needs are responded to consistently.

Mr Boyle has already taught in some of our Key Stage 2 classes before the half term holiday and is a highly engaging and dedicated teacher. I am sure Willow class will enjoy his teaching and quickly form positive working relationships with him.

Thank you to the parents of Willow class for your patience with the teaching changes which were necessary last half term.

Thank you to all our school community for showing compassion to others just as Jesus did.



Pink Day

Thank you for the wonderful response to our special day to support Cancer research. Due to your overwhelming support, the day raised over £800. This is absolutely amazing.

Christmas Shoe boxes

A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact! Each year our families demonstrate their generosity by filling lots of shoeboxes for children who otherwise will not receive any gifts at Christmas. You will have received information about how to pack your shoebox and when to send it into school in a previous letter. Please note that due to changes in customs regulations you can no longer put toothpaste or sweets in your box. Also, due to increased costs, the suggested donation is now £5.

Bethany Choir

The Bethany Project (Tanzania) UK operates a Children's Home and Primary School in Tanzania. The choir of 16 which includes 14 children, 1 teaching assistant and teacher are touring East Lancs to demonstrate African culture and traditions (singing, how to carry water etc), talk about life in rural Africa and to promote the work of Bethany. They will be visiting our school on Tuesday 19th November. We look forward to finding out about their different cultural traditions and about school life in a contrasting country. To support their work, we will be contributing half of our fund raising on Children in Need day to this appeal.

Church Fair

Everyone is invited to the Christmas fair at St Leonard's church on Saturday 23rd November from 10 am – 12 noon. Our school choir will be singing at 11.45 am and there will be various stalls.

Christmas fair

On Wednesday 27th November we will be holding our annual Christmas fair. It will be open from 3.30 – 5pm and includes a wide selection of stalls including a bottlebola, chocolate tombola, BBQ, café, sweet stall and various games.

On Friday 22nd November we will be holding a non-uniform day to collect contributions which help to make the event so successful. The following donations are requested:

- Saplings, Ash, Holly, Elm, Oak and Poplar - please bring chocolate (bars, boxes, tins etc) and sweets.
- Beech, Rowan, Willow, Chestnut, Maple and Sycamore - please bring tombola items or bottles for the bottlebola.

There will be a cake stall at the fair, so any cake donations on the day (Wednesday 27th November) will be welcome.

Dates for your diary:

11th November - 10.20 am – Padiham School's Remembrance Service at St Leonard's Church – Year 5 and 6 to attend.

15th November – Children in Need

19th November – Bethany Choir to visit - 9am

22nd November - Non-uniform for Christmas fair - Saplings, Ash, Holly, Poplar, Oak and Elm – chocolate or sweets; Beech, Rowan, Willow, Chestnut, Maple and Sycamore –tombola items or bottles for the bottlebola.

27th November – 3.30pm – 5pm – Christmas Fair

5th December – 2pm – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime performance for the whole school

11th December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas production

12th December – 10 am – KS1 Christmas production

13th December - Christmas jumper day

19th December – Christmas dinner

20th December – am – KS2 Santa run.

20th December - 3.30 pm – School Closes

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