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Laleham Lea

A Catholic Independent School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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Dear Parents

Thank you to all of our parents who joined our Junior students for our beginning of a New Year Mass at The John Fisher Chapel on Wednesday. Our students sang beautifully and it was lovely to be able to be back in the John Fisher Chapel once more.

Our assembly on Tuesday was led by Mrs Jose and focused on the Holy Rosary. Our Year 3 students have created a beautiful display in the long room and opposite you can see more information on how to pray the Rosary at home with your child.

We were delighted to meet with Doris this week a resident at the local Westside Care Home. Doris wanted to donate a jigsaw she had made marking the coronation of King Charles III to a local school. It was a pleasure to hear all about her hobby and some of our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed chatting with her.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Harvest collection for Purley Food Bank. The much-needed donations were dropped off on Monday.

We will also be supporting The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child once more which asks for the donation of filled shoe boxes for those less fortunate around the world. In assembly this morning all students were shown examples of boxes and told what they can and cannot include and there is more information in this newsletter on how to pack your box. Thank you in advance for your help with this, we would love to be able to donate over 100 boxes this year.

There is lots to look forward to in the second half of term with the PTA Disco and Christmas Fair, Nativity plays and the Christmas Carol Concert, in the meantime, wishing you all a restful half term break. We are looking forward to seeing you all in full winter uniform when we return on October 30th.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Head Teacher

"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."
- Saint Louis de Montfort

- 1 **Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.**
- 2 **Recite the Our Father.**
- 3 **Recite three Hail Marys.**
- 4 **Recite the Glory Be.**
- 5 **Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.**
- 6 **Recite ten Hail Marys.**
- 7 **Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.**
- 8 **Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.**
- 9 **After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.**

Pray the Rosary

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
- Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- Pope Saint Pius X





PTA News



We have only been back at school a few short weeks but we have already managed to fit in an ice cream sale and a film night, raising £600 in the process. Thank you to everyone who has helped out with these events so far!

When we come back after the half term break our focus will very much be on the Christmas Fair (December 1st) and the PTA Disco (November 10th).

After feedback from the last disco it has been decided it is best to split the youngest children in Nursery and Reception and offer them their own disco at school from 3.15-4.30pm with the older students' event (Year 1-6) at St Marks Church Hall once more. Full details of logistics and arrangements for the day will be confirmed after half term.

Another exciting thing we have signed up for is Xmas4schools who offer Christmas cards and other gifts designed by your child with payment to the PTA for all orders placed. Due to how the school holidays fall and the company's deadlines we have a very tight turn round on this. Children's designs will be sent home on Monday October 30th. Please ensure you complete your personal details on the form immediately and return to school on Tuesday 31st so they can be sent to the company in time to get items produced before we break for Christmas.

Which brings us on to the highly anticipated Christmas Fair! Obviously these sort of events require a lot of organising and if anyone can spare some time to help that would be amazing, please do let me know.

In the run up to the event we will be asking parents for donations for various stalls and games as follows:

Friday November 3rd—Games/toys in 'as new' condition for prizes and the Toy Tombola

Friday November 10th—Raffle prizes (anything you/your family/workplace/friends would like to donate for a raffle prize)

Friday November 17th - Bottles of all kinds (unopened) for the Bottle Tombola

Friday Dec 1st—Cakes (homemade or shop bought!) for the cake stall.

We have also arranged for a company selling Christmas trees to be at the event and they have asked for an idea of numbers so they know how many to bring. If you would be interested in purchasing your Christmas Tree at the Christmas Fair (we get a donation for all trees sold) please email pta@lalehamlea.co.uk with 'Tree' as the subject.

We have brilliant first half term this year and lots more to look forward to!

David Condon PTA Chair

Tickets on sale from 31st October



DISCO

FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER

RECEPTION & NURSERY

3.15-4.30pm

The Long Room

£5 (includes party bag)

Games and dancing

Due to the capacities of the halls, parents are unable to stay for either event. Pick up from St Mark's no later than 6.45pm

YEARS 1-6

5.30-6.45pm

St Mark's Church

£10 (includes party bag)

Entertainment:

Captain Fantastic

Nursery

This week Nursery have been looking at 2D Shapes. To extend our learning further, we have been completing a range of activities and will be challenging ourselves by looking at 3D Shapes after half term.

- We have been naming 2D Shapes and discussing their properties.
- Listening to a story called 'Shapes are Everywhere' by Charles Ghigna
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity, focusing on repeated patterns.
- Reinforcing our fine motor skills, using the pegboards to create a 2D shape.
- Using a variety of materials to create our own 'shape collage'.



Reception

Reception Class has enjoyed a very busy last week of their first half term in Reception Class!

In Literacy, we enjoyed the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff and did some fantastic acting out of the story. In Maths we have been counting and recognising our numbers to ten, then twenty, and counting backwards. As part of our topic, we enjoyed learning all about the season of autumn and made some fantastic autumnal leaf rubbings in Art.

A very big thank you to our Reception parents who very kindly and generously donated items for the Purley Food Hub. Wishing you all a lovely half-term break!



Year 1



This week in Literacy, Year 1 wrote some beautiful Acrostic poems about October.

Art Club



Art Club created these colourful safari scenes this week.

Year 2



Year 2's Pirate topic continued this week with the class making these amazing colourful pirate parrots in Art.

Year 3



Year 3 made their own African inspired patterns as part of their work for Black history Month.

Year 4



Year 4 had a lot of fun making their own chocolate in DT this week as part of their Rainforest topic. They will also be designing packaging for their chocolate after the half term break.

Year 5



Year 5 have been learning about the life of St Vincent de Paul and created advertisements to join the St Vincent de Paul Society who are dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

Year 6



Year 6 have been looking at how they can use God's gifts to help serve others.

Eco Council



Our Eco-Council made a slightly damp visit to the nature trail to conduct a survey and see what improvements can be made to the area.

Uniform reminders

A reminder that we return from half term in full winter uniform to include (all items compulsory):

Girls:

- School Blazer with badge
- Grey V neck pullover with school colour trim
- White blouse
- School tie
- Grey skirt stitched pleat school style only
- Grey socks school colour trim or grey tights
- Black leather school shoes (non fashion)
- Blue Felt School hat

Only gold or silver plain stud earrings are permitted in school and should be removed or covered for PE. Religious medals on a chain should be worn discreetly underneath clothing and should also be removed for PE. Sensible wrist watches are also permitted and again, should be removed for PE.

PE trainers should be plain white.

Boys:

- School blazer with badge
- Grey V neck pullover with school colour trim
- White shirt School tie
- Grey shorts (long style worn all year)
- Grey socks school colour trim
- Black leather school shoes
- Blue Felt School Hat

A reminder that fidget toys/Rubix's Cubes etc. should not be brought into school. These can cause distractions in class and should be left at home please.





How to Pack a Shoebox

This year Laleham Lea will once again supporting The Samaritans' Purse Shoebox Appeal known as 'Operation Christmas Child'.

Every year The Samaritan's Purse collects shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1990, more than 178 million children in more than 150 countries have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

Please visit <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more details and to pay the £5 donation per box.

See below for how to pack your box:

STEP 1

Find a Shoebox

Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper or order preprinted shoeboxes [online](#). Attach the [boy/girl](#) label to the top of your shoebox. Mark if your gift is for a boy or a girl and select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.



STEP 2

Fill with gifts

Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two extra special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. See our [Gift Suggestions](#) below for more ideas.



Gift Suggestions

Toys: A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles

School Supplies: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring books etc.

Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel

Other Items: Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch **DO NOT INCLUDE**

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

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STEP 3

Make your project donation

A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping, to enable a local church or group overseas to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. More detail on what your donation covers [here](#).



STEP 4

Personalise & Pray

Personalise your shoebox by including a hand written note and a photograph of yourself, your group or your family. You may also like to pray for the child that will receive your gift.



All boxes should be brought into school no later than Monday 13th November 2021 so we can arrange for them to be taken to a local collection point during that week. We would love to collect over 100 boxes this year. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Stars of the week



We were delighted to welcome Doris from Westside Care home this week who donated a beautiful jigsaw she had made marking the Coronation of King Charles III to the school.

Dates for your Diary this Term

Swimming this Term – Years 5 & 6 – Nov 6th Nov 20th Dec 4th

Fri Nov 10th	PTA Disco
Thurs Nov 16th	Nasal Flu
Fri Dec 1st	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday Dec 5th	Junior Christmas Carol Concert
Friday Dec 8th	EYFS/Y1&2 Nativity Plays
Weds Dec 13th	End of Term 3.30pm



9th Purley Scouts

Firework Display

Saturday 4th November 2023

St. John the Baptist Church,
48 Dale Rd, Purley, CR8 2EF

Doors open: 6:30pm

Display starts: 7:00pm

Advance tickets only by 27/10/23
via treasurer@9thpurley.org.uk

Under 15s £10
Adults/over 14s £15

No tickets on the door

