



November 4th 2023

# Laleham Lea

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

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Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a busy and enjoyable week of learning as we all returned on Monday refreshed from the half term break.

On Tuesday Year 3 led our liturgy beautifully telling the story of The Good Samaritan and why it is important to love our neighbours.

We have several charity fundraising projects underway at the moment with the Samaritan's Purse shoe box deadline fast approaching. Thank you so much to everyone who has brought in a box (or more!) so far, please can any further boxes be brought in next week so we can arrange for them to be taken to a local collection point.

Next week we will have poppies and other fundraising items available for sale in the mornings to support the Royal British Legion ahead of Remembrance Sunday. We will also be taking two students to lay a wreath on behalf of the school at the Woodcote Remembrance Service at the Lord Roberts Memorial on November 12th.

Our School Council met with me this week and have lots of amazing ideas and plans for the year ahead. Their first thing they have decided to do is support Children in Need on Friday November 17. On this day we will be holding a 'spotty' themed mufti day where students can come to school wearing something spotty (no football shirts please) in return for a donation to Children in Need (minimum donation of £1).

Tickets are now on sale for the PTA Discos next week. Please do buy these by Monday if your child wishes to attend so we can plan for the events accordingly.

Our PTA are also requesting help and donations for the much anticipated Christmas Fair; please do support wherever you can as the more help we have the better the event will be. A big thank you to everyone who brought in toys and games this morning for the toy tombola, we have filled several boxes with toys and games already but any further donations would be much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy a safe bonfire night.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Head Teacher



This week we honoured the saints on All Saints Day, who have graced this life with their extraordinary goodness and now celebrate eternal life with our heavenly Father.

On All Souls Day, we remembered and prayed for the faithful departed, especially those loved ones who have left us this past year. While we mourn their loss, we live in hope that they, too, will find eternal rest in God's embrace.

#### A Year 6 Student's Prayer for Peace

Dearest God, The Most Merciful, The Most compassionate,  
I call upon you for light and peace where all I see is darkness, despair and pain.  
Oh God creator of the heavens and the earth and all that lies between,  
This world belongs to you alone, yet we still fight over borders and pieces of land,  
You created us all unique and wondrous, yet we still fight over race, religion and colour.  
Give us all wisdom to walk towards your light.  
Oh God, Bestower of mercy,  
Give us strength to be the voice of the oppressed.  
Bring peace in the land of Palestine and Israel,  
Bring comfort to those who lose loved ones with every moment that passes,  
Stop the pain and the suffering and the tears that flow endlessly into the Sea of Galilee,  
May you give wisdom to the world leaders to stop these conflicts,  
Get rid of their selfish ambition and seeds of hatred,  
May every weapon created by man be silenced forever,  
May every child grow in the comfort of their mothers arms,  
May every child bring comfort to their parents' eyes and heart,  
May every person on this earth see the beauty of love,  
Hold hands as brothers and sisters as peace blossoms and rules in your kingdom forever.  
Amen

# SAVE THE DATE!



LALEHAM LEA - PTA

Christmas  
FAIR

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

- AFTER SCHOOL -

Plans for the return for the much anticipated Christmas Fair are well underway but we need your help to make the event a success.

If you can spare any time in the run up to the event or on the day please email [pta@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:pta@lalehamlea.co.uk)

The more volunteers we have, the better the event we can run!

Also please do pre-order your Christmas trees by emailing [pta@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:pta@lalehamlea.co.uk)

Donations needed:

Friday November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Toys and Games in new or 'as new' condition
Friday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Raffle Prizes (Anything you/your family/workplace/friends would like to donate for a raffle prize)
Friday November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bottles of all kinds (unopened)
Friday Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cakes- (homemade or shop bought!) for the cake stall. Please include ingredients list.

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 exploring 3D shapes. The children have been participating in a range of activities to reinforce their understanding including:

- Listening to the story 'Captain Vincible and the Space Shapes'
- Investigating 3D shapes, will it roll? Will it slide? Will it stack?
- Recording information about how many 3D shapes we can find.
- Participating in a cutting and sticking activity categorising the 3D shapes into the correct groups.



## Reception

Reception Class have enjoyed a busy week of learning! Our topic this term is celebrations, and we are looking forward to learning and joining in with lots of festivities in the run-up to Christmas. This week we observed All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Reception Class were very excited to have their very first PE lesson with Mr Judge and are already looking forward to next week's lesson!

In Art, we learned about seasonal fruits before using our observational skills to draw some fantastic still life pumpkins!

In Maths, we learned about 'Measures of Time', and in Literacy, we have been learning about 'Preposition'. We finished our week making some amazing firework pictures and learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We also learned about staying safe on Bonfire Night and how we can look after our pets that might be feeling nervous due to the very loud fireworks this weekend.

Well done to all for an amazing first week back Reception!



## Year 1



This week in Literacy, Year 1 have created their own version of a traditional poem. They used some excellent rhyming words!

## Year 2



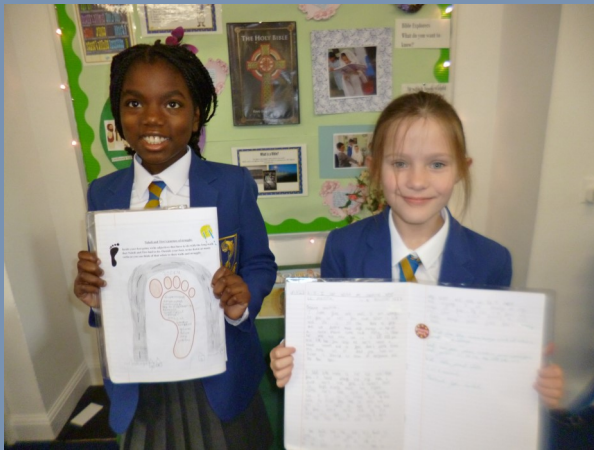
In today's Maths lesson Year 2 have been using their knowledge of place value to subtract a one-digit number from a two-digit number that crosses ten. They have been exchanging one ten for ten ones to help them calculate their answers.

## Year 3



Year 3 led our Liturgy on Tuesday with thoughtful and loving prayers about love and caring for each other.

## Year 4



This week Year 4 have studied an extract from 'Journey to Jo' burg' by Beverly Naidoo. The children wrote persuasive letters to 'mamma' conveying the desperate situation in the village and urging her to return home.

They then created a visual image of this 300km long perilous journey . Mrs Khan was taken aback by their desire to use phrases in Afrikaans!



Well done to our Year 6 student who is supporting the Guide Dogs for the Blind by sponsoring 'Cookie' a guide dog in training.

Well done also to our Year 4 student who is now a published author and brought the book in to share with his class.



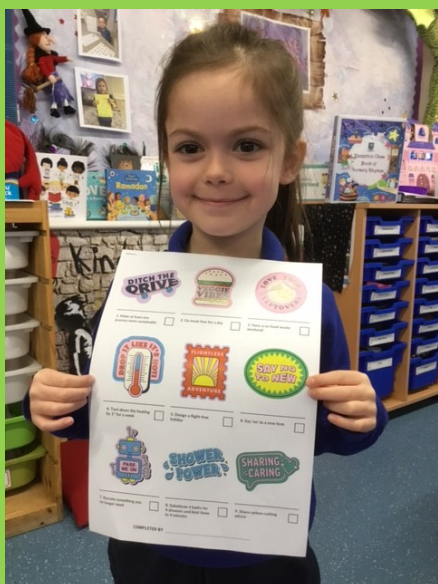
We will have poppies and other items on sale next week to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Suggested donations are £1, please give generously to help support this important charity.

## Year 5

As part of their topic on The titanic, Year 5 were tasked with making models of the fateful ship over the half term break. What amazing creations they made!



## Eco School



Reception Class learned all about the impact of carbon on the environment this week and how we can all lower our Carbon footprint.

## Year 6



Year 6 students have had a fantastic time playing the 'Extreme Earth' board games they created in the half term holiday. They really showed their knowledge and understanding of the geography topic and amazing creativity and production skills.

## Stars of the week



### Uniform reminders

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

Coats must be the school coat which should be worn to school every day.

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

Snacks—

Please be reminded that if your child wishes to bring in a snack for after school clubs or Late Leavers then these should be healthy (fruit etc.). No crisps/sweets/chocolate etc. should be brought from home.

Water bottles should only contain water please, no juice etc. should be brought into 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