

Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children
come first'*

Sickness and Diarrhoea – 48hr Clearance

Please may we respectfully remind parents that the guidelines from Public Health England insist on 48hr clearance from the last bout of your child's sickness and/or diarrhoea.



We always ensure that the children maintain a high level of personal hygiene at school and water fountains cannot be used at this time so please feel free to send a bottle of water with your child if you wish to do so. Thankyou for you co-operation in this matter.

Christmas Cracker After School Club

Thank you to Leyland Baptist Church who ran (free of charge) a Christmas Cracker Club after school on Thursday and they will be doing it again next Thursday 12th December after school. Parents are welcome to come along and they do arts and crafts activities as well as singing.

CAMHs visit to Year 6

We had a visit from two people from CAMHs this week who talked to our Year 6 children about worries and well-being. They discussed with the children how worries can make us feel, what we can do about them and what strategies we can use. The children enjoyed it and it fits in really well with the 're-teaming' work that the children have been doing with Mrs Walsh on working together, getting on and encouraging each other.



Carol Service at St Marys

Well done to all the Key Stage Two children who went to St Marys



Church this morning to

take part in the annual Christmas Carol service with other primary schools in Leyland.

The children sang 'No Room at the Inn' and joined in with the other carols. All the schools did really well and it was a great start to the Christmas season.

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday of next week it is Christmas Lunch day (12th December) when the children will enjoy a fantastic Christmas dinner prepared by Dawn, Kerry and Lindsay in the kitchen. It is always a delicious treat and the staff will be serving the children. There will be crackers and lots of fun. Children are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper IF they want to (or bring antlers in to school!) Then in the afternoon the children will be watching a Christmas DVD (apart from Year 5 who will be going swimming)

Christmas Tree

We have a Christmas Tree up in the hall at the moment. It will stay up until the last day (20th December) and then it will just be stood there until the new year. If anyone wants the tree (it is about 6 foot) please let us know and we can let you have it after the last day (not the decorations though as they will be packed away for next year)



This Week's Star children (Well done!)

Well done to the children who achieved the **Star of the Week**. The Star of the Week is for Reading (Read books; Love books; Share books) every week this half-term apart from in the final week when we will be doing our usual handwriting winners and Shining Stars. It is fantastic when we see children loving their books so much! We are so pleased with our brilliant **WOW** children who were noticed by staff in school for doing something that made us go 'wow!' in their behaviour, attitude or effort in work. Congratulations to the **VIP** children for making good decisions or demonstrating one of our core values (we all enjoyed a hot chocolate with Mr Mitchell in the afternoon).

	Stars of the Week	WOW Award	VIP Award
Moons (N)	Amelia	Avayah	Pippa
Rockets (R)	Lexi	Leo	Logan
Dorado (Y1)	Jensen	Thomas	Aurelia
Orion (Y2)	Hayden	Maya	Lily
Hercules (Y3)	Callum	Amelia	Errise
Pegasus (Y4)	Bethany	Matilda	Gabriel
Leo (Y5)	Lucas	Oliver	Ty
Phoenix (Y6)	Leon	Jack	Oliver

Star of the Week and Shining Star party

Well done to all those children who are working hard in class. Our focus for this half-term has been Reading Champions (Read books, love books, share books).

On Friday 20th December Star of the Week will be for Handwriting (our half-termly competition to choose the most improved) and we will also announce this half-term's Shining Stars. These are the fantastic role models from each class for this half-term and they will be having a special party with friends and family run by the amazing Mrs Bretherton

Respect

I am so pleased with how many children are being noticed for being kind, which is one of our school values. In the Spring term we will be having a massive focus on respect for adults and each other as another of our key values in school. Any child who achieves a Values Inspired Person certificate gets a hot chocolate with Mr Mitchell on a Friday afternoon (and sometimes a biscuit as well!)



Performances

Our Early Years (Nursery and Reception) children will be performing their Christmas play on Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am and again on Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm

Our Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) children will be performing their play ('Shine Star Shine') on Tuesday 17th December at 1.30pm and again on Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am

Parents are allowed to take their children home after the afternoon performance (which will probably finish at about 2.30pm) and any siblings from other classes (but please tell us before you take them!) Parents/friends are allowed to take photos or videos of just their children and must not put anything on social media that may have other children on (for safeguarding reasons)

Tickets are on sale at £1 each from the school office.

For Years 1 and 2 it is limited to two per family per performance and for Nursery and Reception it is limited to four per family per performance. However if there are any spare tickets left over we will let parents know once we have given everyone a chance to buy their quota.

Year 5 Christmas production trip

Children from Year 5 have been invited to a performance of Mary Poppins at Worden Academy on Tuesday 17th December in the afternoon (returning before the end of the school day).

'Party' Lunch

On Wednesday 18th December the children are invited to come to school in their own clothes for 50p to raise money for buying new books for the school (we are updating our Guided Reading books and our Early Years home readers)

They will also be given a 'party' lunch by Dawn and the team in the kitchen.

Cakes and Carols coffee morning

Thursday 19th December 9am we will be inviting all parents and friends to come along to our 'Cakes and Carols' coffee morning to raise money for the new books for our children in school. During the morning, children from every class in school will come and sing some Christmas songs for those parents and friends who come along. Everyone is welcome and if you want to donate some cakes please do so (it will finish at about 10.15)

Christingle Assembly

In the afternoon of the last day at 1pm, we will be having our annual Christingle assembly when the children will gather together for 20 minutes to sing Christmas songs and wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Parents and friends are welcome to come and join us.

Children's Entertainer – Taz

PTFA organised a fantastic entertainer for all the children. He was called Taz and had the children dancing, laughing and amazed them all with his magic tricks. Lots and lots of fun!

Thank you PTFA for organising such a great event.

Christmas Unwrapped

On Monday, our Key Stage Two children will be going to Leyland Baptist Church to the annual 'Christmas Unwrapped' event at which they will be making and baking things related to Christmas and also singing songs and listening to a presentation.

Years 3 and 4 will be going in the morning and Years 5 and 6 will be going in the afternoon. A letter has already gone home about it and I am sure the children will have a fantastic time.

Miss Murphy

It has been great to see Miss Murphy visiting school recently. She is on the mend but will not be back until after Christmas. She is desperate to get back into school to be with the children.

Mrs Hollinghurst

As the Nursery parents already know, Mrs Hollinghurst is off at the moment awaiting a procedure in hospital. She is fine and once she has recovered, will be returning to school at some point in the Spring term. In the meantime we have Ms Worth covering the class with Mrs Whiteside and Miss Charlton.

School shoes

We expect children to wear black shoes or black trainers (with no designs, patterns or colours on) for school. Please make sure your child has the correct footwear on in school.

Schools closes at 2pm on Friday 20th December and we MUST have permission from parents for any children who need to walk home along (from Year 4 upwards) even if we already have permission normally. This is because sometimes the lolly-pop person is not there and with it being an earlier finish we need specific permission for that day. After-school club will finish at 4pm that day.

World Vision

As a school we support a little boy who lives in Sierra Leone called Duraman. He is 8 years old and he attends primary school where his favourite subject is health education. He has two brothers and three sisters and his mum and dad are farmers. At home he has chores to do such as baby-sitting. We give money to World Vision to support Duraman in his education and to help him have a better future. We have recently sent him a Christmas Card from everyone at Seven Stars school and we will let you know any more news about Duraman when we receive it.



Key dates for the coming half-term

Monday 9th December - Christmas Unwrapped visits to Leyland Baptist Church (Y3 to Y6)

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Cracker After-school club 3.30 - 4.30 (free! - run by Leyland Baptist Church in the school hall)

Tuesday 17th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas performance (9.30am)

Tuesday 17th December - Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance (1.30pm)

Tuesday 17th December - 1.15pm to 2.45pm Year 5 trip to Worden High School for performance of Mary Poppins

Wednesday 18th December - Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance (9.30am)

Wednesday 18th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas performance (1.30pm)

Thursday 19th December - Cakes and Carols event (9am).

Thursday 19th December - House-point winners' party (pm)

Friday 20th December - Shining Stars reward party + Handwriting competition winners

Friday 20th December - school closes for Christmas at 2pm (after school club on until 4pm)

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information)

Remember to like us on Facebook

Many thanks for your support - *Mr Mitchell*

****If you have changed your contact details, need to update medical information or any other personal details please let us know in the office so we can update our records****



Christmas Crackers



*1 hour of all age family activities,
games, crafts, songs and stories
exploring Christmas.*

Come and join us

Thursdays Dec 5th & 12th 3.30-4.30pm

in the School Hall

With Leyland Baptist Church Team

(children must be with an adult)



FREE

INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING COURSE

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN AGES
3-9 YEARS

Running on Tuesday mornings Starting:

14th January till 5th May 2020

9.30 - 11:30am

(Allows for half term breaks)

AT

Seven Stars Primary School

Peacock Hall Road, Leyland, PR25 1TD

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN PARENTING SKILLS BY
ENCOURAGING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN.
PARENTS WILL GAIN IDEAS AND SKILLS FOR DEALING WITH
DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR.

REFERRALS MAY COME FROM PARENTS OR PROFESSIONALS.

(No crèche available)

TO BOOK A PLACE or FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT: The Parenting Team on **Tel: 0300 247 0040**