



29th November 2019

NEWSLETTER

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HEADLINE NEWS

This week Mrs Ireland has shared with Governors and staff that she is retiring from Headship at St. Thomas' Leesfield at the end of the school year—July 2020. She is still passionate about the learning and teaching at Leesfield though she plans to spend more time with her husband - running and walking up hills and visiting many places in the UK and beyond. She has expressed that she has thoroughly enjoyed her 33 years in teaching and has a soft spot for all at Leesfield of course. Mrs Ireland has worked in eight schools and has been a Headteacher for 20 years in four different schools. The Governors and Mrs Glynn/Senior Leadership Team have been given plenty of notice to plan staffing for September 2020. We will keep you informed.

School Christmas Fair on Wednesday 4th December 3.30—5pm

Join us for the event of the season in school. All your favourite stalls including cakes, tombolas, our world famous hotdogs, hot drinks, nail & face painting and lots lots more..... See back page for more details.



We're all going to the zoo on Monday....



We hope all the children and staff have a fantastic time at Chester Zoo. Please drop your child off at 8.15am and pick up at 4.30pm in the school hall. Full uniform with coat, hat, gloves etc. suitable for a day outdoors. Packed lunch children need to bring a packed lunch in a named disposable bag.

FESTIVE HAMPERS

Our brilliant colourful hampers are now ready and you can buy raffle tickets from Mrs Roddy and her helpers. They will be going round the classes and in the playground selling them for £1 a strip or £5 for 7 strips.

Christmas Countdown:



- ◇ Wednesday 4th December—Christmas Fair.
- ◇ Wednesday 11th December—Christmas Dinner Day.
- ◇ Monday 16th December—Jack & the Beanstalk Panto.
- ◇ Wednesday 18th December—Christmas concert.
- ◇ Thursday 19th December—Class Christmas Parties & LAST DAY.

SCHOOL LUNCHTIME MENU Week 1 next week.

Christmas Dinner this year is on Wednesday 11th December.

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Headteachers: Mrs Caroline Ireland and Mrs Paula Glynn

Extra Curricular Clubs—3.20 until 4.15pm (unless you are informed otherwise)

- Monday:** Y3—Y6 CODE CLUB—meet in Y3 class with Mrs Gulla.
Y2 & 3 READING CLUB—with Mrs Ragan.
- Tuesday:** Y5&6 FOOTBALL CLUB—3G pitch at Uppermill 4—5pm.
- Wednesday:** Y2—Y6 RUNNING CLUB—Before School club starts at 8.15am.
- Thursday:** GARDEN GANG—now at the earlier time of 3—4.15pm (full)

Permission Slips required for all clubs. Available at the Office.

PARK RUN SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Running enthusiasts please join us at the ALEXANDRA PARK JUNIOR PARK RUN this Sunday at 8.50am. Please meet at the fountain in the centre of the park. Everyone is welcome to come and support or run the 2km course around this beautiful park.

Football result—Another fantastic performance from our footballers with a 7-0 victory over Diggle on Tuesday. Goals were scored by Theo (3), Ellis (1), Jake (2) and Mason (1). Staglees celebrated their first victory, also against Diggle, with a convincing 3-0 scoreline. Theo increased his goal tally by scoring another 2 goals with Josh from St Agnes bagging the other. Brilliant commitment from all players...well done!!

FUNdraising

TEXTILE COLLECTION RAISED £70. THANK YOU.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR (Wed 4th December)

CHRISTMAS BISCUITS COMPETITION: Mrs Douglas and Mrs Smith are asking you to get creative in the kitchen. They are giving a prize for the best decorated Christmas biscuits (minimum of 6 biscuits). Please have your entries in by 9am on Wednesday. Entries will then be sold at the fair.

DONATIONS have been pouring in. We are collecting any unwanted gifts, bottles & chocolate. All those bakers out there please make us some cakes & bring them in for the big day.

Thank you so much for your generosity as always.

Community Events

Lees Christmas Markets—opens tonight with our school choir at 4pm. Santa will be switching on the lights at 7pm and you can visit his grotto until 8pm. Please come along and enjoy festive food & Christmas goodies from local stall holders. The markets continue on Saturday 11—6pm & Sunday 12—6pm. See you there.

Elf Hunt—starts tonight at 4pm. Competition sheets have gone out to infant classes tonight if you wish to join in. Colour in the picture and hand in your form by 15th December at Lees Co-op. More forms can be obtained from participating businesses.

Christmas Tree Festival—Our Harvest Queen and retinue invite you to come along to the Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 7th December from 12.30—4pm. There will be sausage and bacon butties, mulled wine, hot choc, mince pies & cookies as well as workshops such as decorating Gingerbread Men & making cards.