



**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week at Leopold! We held successful parent consultation evenings via phone calls, from year 1 to year 5. Thank you to all parents who were able to keep the appointment, as it provides an invaluable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, behaviour and attitude towards their learning. If you were unable to keep the appointment, please call the school office to rearrange a new appointment. Year 6 Parents had a slightly longer meeting with their respective class teacher today, to ensure pupils received important transition support for Secondary school. We would like to thank all staff members involved in Parent Consultation.

As days are becoming shorter and the evenings are getting darker. Please remind children to go straight home after school, be alert to strangers and not to engage in conversations with them. Please ensure that your child is wearing a winter coat to school. Do not forget to label all pieces of uniform. **Christmas cards**



Our first Christmas cards have come into school this week from pupil Nyamekye in year 1 Olive. Ms Sopta and Ms Smith will be running another writing competition so look out for it on seesaw. Children are very welcomed to bring in cards for pupils in their own year group. These cards will then be distributed by the class teacher before the Christmas break.

### **Food bank- Holiday packages**



The school will be working with a number of parents to create holiday packages for families in need over the Christmas period. The packages will contain household essentials as well as treat for the families.

If you would like to donate please contact the school office, Ms Jacqui or Ms Primus.

### **Attendance**

I would like to highlight the pupil's outstanding commitment to coming into school daily and on time this term. At the end of this newsletter, please see letter congratulating the pupils on their fantastic attendance so far this year from our Chair of Governors, Zac Newman!

### **Christmas Jumper Day**



We will be hosting our Christmas Jumper Day on 11.12.2020. This year we will be raising money for 'Save the Children' so please bring in £1. There is no need to buy a new jumper. Why not decorate an old jumper? Be as imaginative and creative as you would like!

For more information, [click here](#).



## Appeal

Please read the urgent appeal letter below. The school will be hosting a non-school uniform day on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020** to help to raise funds for Kiran. You can support this appeal by sending a pound to school that day.

*Dear all,*

*This is an urgent appeal for 16-year-old Kiran Talluri who goes to QPCS. Kiran is a very talented and studious boy with a very bright future ahead of him with an ambition to become a game developer.*

*Unfortunately, early this year he was diagnosed with T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia and has now endured 10 months of gruelling chemotherapy and medical procedures including a bone marrow transplant from his 10-year-old sister. 2 weeks ago, Kiran was given the devastating news by his care team at UCL that they had now run out of options available on the NHS.*

*However, the team at UCL have also offered a glimmer of hope in the form of a very new treatment being offered in Singapore. Currently, 3 children with identical leukaemia have been treated and all have survived. Kiran has been offered a compassionate place but unfortunately, we need to raise £500,000 to make this happen. There is urgency now too following his latest blood and marrow results. You can also donate through the go fund me website below.*

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-chance-for-kiran?utm\\_source=whatsappvisit&utm\\_medium=chat&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-chance-for-kiran?utm_source=whatsappvisit&utm_medium=chat&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet)

## YST After School Sports Club



Youth Sports Trust are launching a 'home after school sport club', which is a great way for children to continue being physically active once they leave school.

Sessions are run for free at 5pm, every weekday until the 18th of December.

The sessions will be shown live on the YST Youtube channel delivered by their Athlete mentors, with a different topic every night.

Link for the channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust>

To find out more visit their website: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/afterschoolsportclub> It

would be great to see all pupils being active out of school hours!

Kind Regards,

Mr Watson and Mr Josh

PE coordinators



## Music Lessons at Leopold Primary School



Leopold are trying to broaden the range of instrumental lessons offered to pupils outside of their normal curriculum.

If you are interested in your child receiving instrumental lessons from the spring term, please complete the form sent home with pupils or speak to the school office. Lessons will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Children may be placed on a waiting list if there are not enough children signed up to a particular instrument or if there are no more spaces.

The cost to parents for instrumental lessons is £55 per term. A reduction of £45 in fees (per term, per pupil) is available from BMS for children currently receiving Free School Meals subject to good attendance and good progress. Please contact the school office for more details.

Please return your interest form by **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**. The school will write to you confirming your child's place by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### Nursery places

There are Nursery places available at our school. Please contact the school office or Zena Meigan our Early Years coordinator for more information. You can also see a virtual tour of our Early Years on the school website.



<http://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/early-years-tour/>

### National lockdown

From Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December, the Government has announced a lockdown requiring the following action:

- Requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.
- Preventing gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.
- Closing certain businesses and venues.

The lockdown does not require schools to implement additional protective measures and it is Government's present intention that schools and early years settings will remain open.

### **What to do if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)**

Before making the journey into school, you must stop and ask yourself these questions:

1. Does your child have a new, continuous cough?
2. A high temperature?
3. Loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If you answered YES to any of the above, you must not come to school- you must call 111 for advice.

If your child becomes unwell during the school day, they will be sent home and you are advised to follow the guidance for households with possible, or confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.



As per guidance, the household must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

 <p><b>If your child has:</b> a high temperature a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste</p> <p>This could be a sign of coronavirus</p> <p><a href="#" style="background-color: white; color: #4a86e8; padding: 2px 5px; text-decoration: none;">Book a test</a></p>	<p><b>If your child has:</b> a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell <b>But they don't have:</b> a high temperature a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste</p> <p><b>These are</b> <b>not normally symptoms of</b> <b>coronavirus</b></p> <p>Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP</p>
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Please see the updated guidance for parents and carers from the [DfE](#).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>



### Attendance 16/11/20-20/11/20

Congratulations to Year 1 Holly & Year 6 Mulberry who achieved 100% attendance last week. 4 other classes achieved 99%. Well done!



### New Absence Email

Please remember that you can email pupil absences via:  
[attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk)  
Please submit absences with the following details: 1. Pupils name 2. Class and 3. Reason of absence/illness by latest 9AM.



### Dates

- Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Last Day of term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Christmas Holiday: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec
- Staff Inset (closed): Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Octave  
Acting Head of School



***Letter from the Chair of Governors***

17.11.2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, and of course, pupils of Leopold,

I am writing to share how encouraged governors have been to learn of the fantastic rates of attendance recently. In our last meeting we reflected on 3 consecutive weeks of attendance above 96%. This is outstanding.

Governors recognise that sometimes it is simply not possible to come to school, especially in the current climate. However, these figures suggest an understanding in our school community of how valuable a Leopold education is, and how much growth and enrichment come from it. This supports us to be strong on those mornings when, although it is difficult to get going, we know we can do it.

On behalf of all governors, I thank you for your strength, and your contributions to these inspiring figures. Long may they last.

Yours faithfully,

Zac Newman  
Chair of Governors