



# Leo's News

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## Latest News and Information from Linslade Lower School

### Pupil Wellbeing Questionnaire

Thank you for the feedback in the pupil wellbeing questionnaire. We will use the information gathered along with feedback from our recent Ofsted visit to continue to develop our wellbeing offer to pupils.

### Christmas Post Boxes- NO CHOCOLATE COINS IN CARDS DUE TO ALLERGIES

From **Monday 15th December** post boxes will be available in Early Years and Main School for the children to use. The children are welcome to write Christmas cards to their friends (remember to put the full name and class on the envelope) and the children can post them in the boxes in the morning when they come into school. At lunchtimes the children in Year 4 sort the cards and deliver them to the correct classes. The children may take their cards home at the end of each day. We are not able to provide parents with a class list of all the children's names due to data protection regulations.



### Fundraising at the Christmas Performances

This year there will be a collection following each performance and the money raised will be sent to Save the Children

Tuesday 9th Dec at 9.30am- Pear and Apple Class performance in the school hall. All nursery children are invited to attend

Wednesday 10th Dec at 9.30am- Oak and Mulberry Class performance in the school hall.

Friday 12th Dec at 2.00pm- Cherry and Beech Class at St Barnabas

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



**Save the  
Children**

### Christmas Jumper Day



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On **Friday 19th December** the children are invited to come to school in a Christmas jumper and make a suggested donation of £1 to Save the Children. The donations should be put in an envelope and handed, by the child, to their class teacher in the morning. Children should wear their normal school trousers or skirts and bring a coat for playtimes.



# LINSLADE LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Nursery and Reception Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am in the school hall	Key Stage 1 Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am in the school hall	Key Stage 2 Friday 12th December at 2.00pm at St Barnabas Church
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**DONATIONS TO  
SAVE THE  
CHILDREN**



## Linslade Lower School Christmas Parties

RECEPTION AND NURSERY-  
MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER FROM  
1.15PM

KEY STAGE 1- TUESDAY 16TH  
DECEMBER FROM 2PM

KEY STAGE 2- WEDNESDAY 17TH  
DECEMBER FROM 2 PM

PARTY CLOTHES CAN BE WORN TO SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF THE PARTY. PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE SUITABLE TO WEAR OUTSIDE AT PLAYTIME, PARTY FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE PTA AND ALL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS CATERED FOR.



# EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



## Thinking about requesting a term-time holiday? Please think carefully.

Headteachers can only agree to time off in exceptional circumstances. The Department for Education says that family holidays or trips for leisure aren't considered exceptional.



Every lesson missed impacts upon your child being able to reach their potential.

### Why time in school matters:

- Even a few days away can leave gaps in learning, especially in maths and literacy
- Children can find it harder to catch up when they return, which can knock their confidence
- They may miss projects, group work or assessments that are difficult to repeat
- Being away can mean missing social moments with friends and classmates
- Teachers want every child to succeed, but it's hard to help one pupil catch up without holding others back

We know family time is important – but so is your child's education.

Please plan holidays during school breaks so your child doesn't miss out on learning or friendships.

### Unauthorised absences can lead to a fine.

Each parent may be fined £160 per child if a pupil misses 5 days of school without permission.

Repeated absences could result in court action, larger fines, or a criminal record.

**Every day in school helps your child build a brighter future.**

For more information visit:

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-attendance](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-attendance)

## Safeguarding at Linslade Lower School

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to a member of the school's Safeguarding Team. Mrs Farlam and Mrs Hogg are happy to help. You can also contact the Central Beds Council Integrated Front Door on 0300 300 8585, who you can talk to about your concerns. They will give you advice or may investigate the circumstances. All child protection calls are treated in confidence and you don't need to give your details.

Everyone has a responsibility to protect children from harm.