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Dear parents and carers,

Well, we have reached the final week of the Autumn term and everyone is still standing – just! There have been so many wonderful things happen over this term and I am delighted that our school is receiving the recognition that it deserves – top school in Sunderland and 2nd top school in the North East. I am sure you will join me in congratulating all of our pupils, staff and Governors for their achievements, and yourself for the fantastic support you provide. If you would like to read more about our results, the link is on our Facebook site or accessed via the Sunderland Echo.

Carol Services

Over the past few days we have had the amazing pleasure of hearing the Christmas story being told by the children of St Leonard's. From the Carols by Candlelight to the Reception nativity and the carol service from Year 3 & 4 to the play delivered by Key stage 1, we have definitely been reminded of the love that surrounds the birth of Jesus! Now that we have shared our prayers through song and acting, it is time to PARTY!

Christmas party days

Just a reminder that the Christmas parties take place this week as follows:

- Tuesday 17th – Reception class, Year 1 & Year 2
- Wednesday 18th – Years 3-6

Children can wear party clothes for the whole day of their party and we ask that you send in party food for your child(ren). Your child will be provided with a paper plate for you to add their snack to. We suggest a sandwich or wrap, a packet of crisps, a small chocolate bar/biscuit and a small packet of sweets. School will provide drinks. Please note, NO fizzy drinks are allowed and NO items containing nuts – including chocolate spread.

School council

Our school council are doing amazing things for our local community and would like to thank you for all of the support you are providing from home. The donations for the food bank have gratefully received and will be handed over to the community centre on Wednesday 18th. If you still wish to donate, please do so by then. Also, there is a cake sale in school tomorrow (Tuesday 17th) and Thursday (19th) – all proceeds going to the school council ventures.

Mass

Our end of year mass will be held in Church on Thursday 18th December at 9.30 am – all are welcome.

Exciting news

Miss McVittie is due to return back to work at the end of January 2025. We are very excited to be preparing to welcome her back, but we won't be welcoming her back as Miss McVittie – instead we will be welcoming her back as Mrs Leake following her wedding on 7th December. I am sure you will join all of the staff in sending huge congratulations to her and wishing Mr & Mrs Leake every happiness for the future.

End of term

School closes on **Friday 20th December at 1.00 pm sharp**. There is no afterschool club or wraparound provision. Please be sure to collect your child no later than 1 pm. School re-opens at the usual times on January 6th, 2025.

Finally

On behalf of all of the staff and children at St Leonard's, I would like to wish you all the happiest and holiest Christmas time and very best wishes for 2025.

Dionne Dunn

Headteacher