Saint Pierre School

Independent Preparatory School for 2^{1/2} - 11 year olds

The Green Gazette

From The Headmaster

SAINT PIERRE LEIGH

Thursday 21st November 2024

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS at St. Micheal and All Angels Church EYFS – Y2 – Monday 9th December – 2pm start

We look forward to welcoming parents and family for our Early Years Christmas production. Nursery parents have been contacted regarding sheep costumes. Nursery children who don't attend on Monday afternoon, can be bought to the church in their costume at 1:30. Nursery children who stay all day on a Monday can be collected from the church at the end of the production. If you cannot collect your child after the show, they will be walked back to school with their teachers for collection from school. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had their costume letters sent home last week, can all costumes be bought in

to school by Tuesday 26th November please, in time for rehearsals.

Any questions, please ask contact

lauren.ijad@saintpierreschool.co.uk

Whole School Carol Concert – Tuesday 10th **December – 6pm start**

Please ensure all children arrive in full school uniform by 5:45 (hats not required).

Refreshments will be available to purchase at the church – cash only.

As most of you know the church is just up the road from us. For all of our new parents the address is 62 Leigh Rd,

Southend-on-Sea, England, SS9 1LF

Carols For The Community

Please bring along all of your family and friends to enjoy a festive evening of carols and Christmas refreshments. It's always a lovely evening!

UNIFORM – A gentle reminder that only Saint Pierre School coats are permitted as a compulsory part of the school uniform. They can be purchased from the Hamlet Court Road uniform shop or from the PTFA's second hand uniform supply. We have a limited number of long coats in school for taller children at £77 which will be sold at a first come, first served basis. Please pop into the office if you would like one for your child.

SCHOOL FEES: Our illustrious chancellor, Rachel Reeves, predictably concluded months of political sabre rattling by confirming that VAT will be added to private school fees from January 1st. The popularist assumption that private school parents luxuriate in extravagant lifestyles, I suppose, is seen as a vote winner. As a headmaster, I see first-hand the extraordinary sacrifices made by so many of our families to send their children to our school. It is all as heart-breaking as it is short-sighted, with unimaginable stress placed on a struggling state education system and ejected private school children potentially destined for INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION

low guality placements. 16 Leigh Road | Leigh on Sea | Essex | SS9 1LE | Telephone: 01702 474 164 | Email: info@saintpierreschool.com





Saint Pierre has always sought to offer families exceptional value; our balance of no-frills facilities and highquality education enable us to offer annual fees some £4,500 - £8,000 lower per year than local competitors.

As a result of the budget, VAT at 20% will be added to fees, swimming etc. on next term's bill which you will receive shortly. It looks like meals and transport are not going to be subject to VAT so this will not be applied. Parents who paid fees in advance before July 29th 2024, we understand, are not subject to VAT so this will not be applied. Please note; if any of our assumptions are incorrect then a correction will be applied to your account as soon as this becomes evident.

Mr Lane



WICKED

There are a few spaces remaining for children from Years 2-6 to watch West End's 'Wicked' at the Apollo Victoria Theatre, London on Thursday 3rd April 2025. This exciting experience will be a great opportunity for the children to see the show following on from the release of the Wicked movie.

Details: • Leave Saint Pierre at approx. 4.30pm. • Arrive at the Apollo Victoria in London at 6.45pm. • Depart London approx. 10.30pm-

10.45pm • Return to Saint Pierre approx. 12.15-12.30am If you would like your child to attend please pop into the office and fill out a form.

Lamda – Kat, our Lamda teacher is now off until the end of the term. Her replacement Mr George Kemp, who has been sent by Jada Theatre School will be with us until she is back in January. On that note, if anyone would like to sign up for Lamda sessions next term, please contact mollie.lambourne@saintpierreschool.co.uk

Samaritan's Purse

BBC

A huge thank you to all those who donated a Christmas Box. Our neighbours at St. Micheals and All Angels Church were so grateful for your generosity and the boxes will be making their way very soon.

This year Saint Pierre raised a total of

Children £200 in Need For Children in Need





PTFA

A final call for any families who would be happy to have a board outside to promote this years Christmas Market email: ptfa@saintpierreschool.co.uk

We hope to have a traditional raffle ticket sale with prizes for adults and a golden ticket chocolate bar sale with prizes for children at our Christmas Fayre. Therefore, if you have any vouchers or unwanted (unopened) gifts that you would like to donate to our raffles, please drop them into the school office as soon as possible please. Everyone's efforts collectively can make a huge difference. Many thanks!

We would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors, there wouldn't be a Christmas Market without their generosity and support: Your Family Asset, Mummy's Money, Trade Window



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Upcoming Events:

- Mon 25th Nov Year 1-6 Christmas Apprentice Begins
 Christmas Decoration collection starts
- Tues 26th Nov Year 3 and 4 Girls Dodgeball Fixture
- Mon 2nd Dec Christmas Lights Switch on
- Fri 6th Dec Carols for the Community
- Sat 7th Dec PTFA Christmas Market
- Mon 9th Dec EYFS Y2 Christmas production
- Tue 10th Dec Whole School Carol Service
- Weds 11th Dec Cinderella Panto (return slips deadline Fri 29th Nov)



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

*All clubs except teatime, Cooking and Phonics booster are for Y1-6 Daily Mon-Fri: Tea-Time Club until 5 pm.

Years 1-6:	
Monday:	Cross-country club (7.45am), KS1 choir
	(lunchtime), Art club, 11+ Maths (Y5 only),
	Cooking (advanced sign up), Teatime
Tuesday:	Coding, Phonics booster (R-Y2), Teatime
Wednesday:	Baking (advanced sign up), KS2 choir (lunchtime),
	Football club, Homework, Teatime
Thursday:	11+ English (Y5 only), Clay (advanced sign up),
	Dodgeball, Teatime
Friday:	Netball (7.45am), Crafts club, Teatime

