



Dear Parents,

Thank you!

We have had a very successful term and we have achieved a great deal since September. Our Carol Service was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate Christmas. Thank you for prioritising this and coming as a family to support your child; they performed brilliantly and every one of them sang with pride. We had 430 people in the church, which is the most we have ever had. The Grace Trust were extremely appreciative of your donations and will confirm a total in the new year.

Gifts

At Christmas, many children and parents buy gifts for school staff. We recognise this as a wonderful gesture of appreciation and kindness. The staff are always mindful of the thought that goes into the gifts and messages of thanks. Gifts are not at all expected by any staff for any reason; we love our jobs and your children (most days, that is our reward!) No gifts will ever be turned away and they will always be met with sincere appreciation and gratitude but please do not feel they are expected. We all feel privileged to work with you and your family.

Clubs

The club timetable is now on the website.

<https://www.leslandes.sch.je/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular+Clubs&pid=21&action=saved>

All children have signed up and clubs will start on the first week back, **6th January**. This term, we have a number of clubs run by children; they have completed application forms and considered what clubs children would like to take part in. This is a great addition to our extra-curricular provision and I would like to thank them for their commitment to our school. Everyone has been accommodated into the clubs they have asked for.

Kafunjo

At the Christmas Fayre, Molly and Annie in Y6 ran a stall for The Kafunjo Community Project. They raised £80! We were able to contact them directly to ask how the money should be spent and they have requested food for the children. We have transferred the money directly to them.

Y1 donation

Oliver and William held a joint birthday party last weekend. Instead of accepting presents, they asked for donations for our school. This week, the boys gave me £235 for School Fund. In January they will meet with me to decide what the school needs and they are keen to donate part of the money to Kafunjo. These children have a strong moral compass and we are so proud of them.

Christmas Fayre

The total raised at the Christmas Fayre was £4,696.40. This is a staggering amount, largely due to the raffle ticket sales of £3000. I would like to thank Paul and Julie Simon and Kristie Potts for arranging the tickets and selling £1000 between them. These funds mean that we can order another whiteboard for a classroom. In addition to the ones we have ordered this term, we will only need one more in 2020! This is a huge achievement for us and will make a considerable difference to the children.

100 Club

	Nov	Dec
£50	Claire Follain Metcalf	Joan Simon
£20	Sally Parker	Claire Carter
£10	Mr Farrington	Helen Knight

We have not had enough uptake to run the 100 Club in 2020 and as we didn't make a profit this year, we won't run the Club in January.

House reward

We have counted the pebbles and will be telling the children in assembly tomorrow. We will have a house reward in January.

Term dates. These are available here:

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/SchoolLife/pages/termdates.aspx>

This has INSET details too, ours is at end of the Easter holidays.

Shoes

If you are replacing school shoes for January, we will be collecting children's shoes for the Ecce Homo charity. There will be a box in the Dome. Whilst writing, please remember that school uniform includes school shoes, trainers are not acceptable school shoes.

Dates - <https://www.leslandes.sch.je/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Please download the School News App so that you can access the calendar from a smartphone with one click. It is much quicker than accessing the school website.

Mrs Charlesworth

