



St. Leonard's CE (A) First School Newsletter


Friday 2nd February 2024

'From a tiny spark to a bright flame'



'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)

Executive Headteacher of St Leonard's CE (A) First School / Executive Principal of Manifold C of E Academy: Mrs Kelly Stanesby Chair of Governors: Mrs Sue Hey and Rev Jane Held: Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

Monday 5 th February 2024	Full uniform Chinese New Year
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Full uniform Safer internet day
Wednesday 7 th February 2024 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit Parent's consultation evening Tea and cake with headteacher - Reading award
Thursday 8 th February 2024	Full uniform 1.00pm - Full Governor's meeting Chinese New Year celebration
Friday 9 th February 2023	PE kit Break up for half term - Back in school on Monday 19 th February

Your lunch menu for the 5th February 2024 - 9th February 2024

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Pizza and wedges	Sausage and chips	Roast of the day, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Chinese Chicken and rice	All day breakfast
Shortbread	Flapjack	Jelly	Sponge	Ice cream

Happy Birthday

A very Happy birthday to Olivia and Ursula who both celebrate their birthdays next week.

We hope you both have an awesome day!



BEAVERS

**TIME
FOR
FUN**

For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing.

Fun for all ages between 5½ - 8 year olds.

We meet at The Pavillion in Waterhouses every Tuesday during school term time. Come and join in on the fun!

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Scouts
Moorlands Villages
Scout Group
Waterhouses

**Stepping
into their
shoes starts
on a Tuesday
night**

Week by week, our volunteers empower thousands of young people to try new things, make new friends and stand on their own two feet.

You don't have to be Bear Grylls to join us. You don't need to have been a Scout when you were younger. You don't even need to know how to put up a tent!

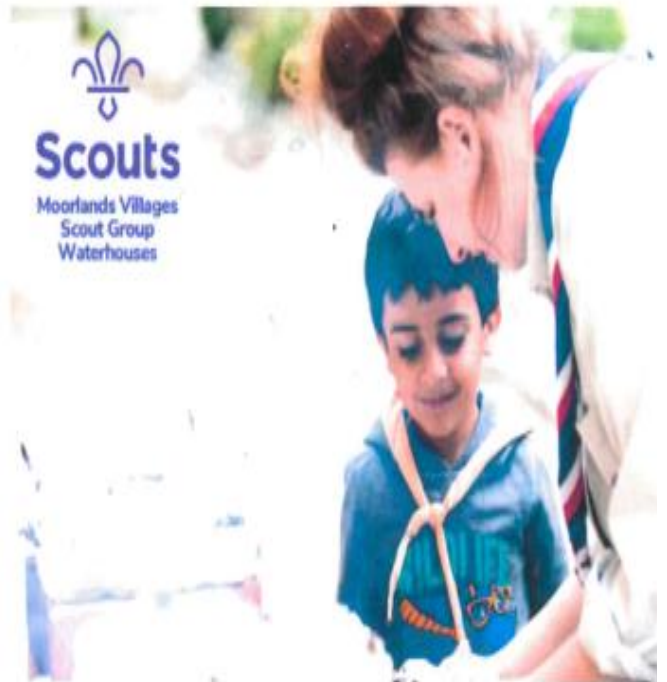
Whatever your skillset, lend a hand for as little or as much time as you can spare, and we promise you will get more out than you put in!

We provide the training. You show up, get stuck in, and make new memories for life. Sounds fun? Worthwhile? It is!

Beaver Scouts - 1 hour on a Tuesday evening 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Cubs Scouts - 1.5 hours on a Tuesday evening 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

Join us on the Blue Salmon colour parade first time!



Safer Internet Day 2024

What Is Safer Internet Day?

Safer Internet Day is an annual event which is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre. It has been marked each year since 2004, in over 100 countries worldwide.

The theme for 2024 is '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

Safer Internet Day explores the online safety support children and young people receive and encourages them to shape the future.

The Internet has an amazing range of opportunities and information online but how do we keep it safe for everyone to use?



The UK Safer Internet Centre

The UK Safer Internet Centre is coordinated by three leading charities: Childnet International, South West Grid for Learning and Internet Watch Foundation. The centre has one mission: 'to make the internet a better place for children and young people'.

Their aim is to ensure that children and young people are aware of how to use the Internet safely and responsibly, making good choices and keeping themselves safe.

Safer Internet Day 2024

In line with this year's theme, the UK Safer Internet Centre are hoping to explore the following areas:

- What do children and young people think about new technologies?
- How can they use the Internet to make a positive difference?
- What changes do children and young people want to see online?
- What can influence and change the behaviour of children and young people online and offline?



Stay safe online

S

Safe: You wouldn't give a stranger on the street personal information, so don't do it online. Stay safe by not posting or sharing information (name, address, password, etc.).

M

Meeting: It is dangerous to meet someone that you have talked to online but never met. Never go without telling someone and always ask your parents or carers to come with you!

A

Accepting: There are loads of ways to download information on the Internet. Accepting emails, internet messages, text or pictures from a source you don't know may contain viruses or inappropriate information.

R

Reliability: Just because it's on the Internet does not mean it's true. Anyone can add or edit information, or lie about who they are! Stick to websites you trust for information and only talk to friends and family.

T

Tell: If anything happens that makes you feel worried or uncomfortable when using the Internet, you need to tell someone. The best people to talk to are trusted adults - parents, carers, teachers, etc.

Well Done

A very big well done to Corah-Rae who achieved her water safety certificate. Corah had to swim in pyjamas, be thrown into the pool and float on her back. She also had to twist in the water from her front to her back.

Amazing Corah Rae!



Parent's consultation evening

The parent's consultation evening will be held on Wednesday 7th February from 3.30pm - 6.30pm.

Miss Torr's appointments will commence at the earlier time of 2.00pm.

Appointments can be made online on the school website;

<https://www.stleonardsfirstschoolipstones.com/book-online>

If you cannot make any of the appointments but would still like to talk to your child's teacher about their progress please contact the school office to arrange.



Stoke City assembly

The Stoke City assembly has been rearranged for Monday 19th February.

They will allocate free match tickets to the year 2's and 3's . They will also receive a SCFC PE bag and a certificate from Pottermus.

The rest of the school will have the opportunity to purchase discounted match tickets and a free season pass with every adult purchase.



Skate club

Zara and Eleanor attended skate club at Cheadle on Friday night. It's a great local club run by volunteers so Eleanor and Zara wanted to give it a shout out as they say it is great fun!

South Moorlands Leisure Centre

Allen Street, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent, ST10 1HJ

EVERY FRIDAY

5.00pm - 6.00pm Skate Lessons for all ages

6.30pm - 8.00pm General Skate session

Beginners, families and skaters of all ages and skating abilities welcome

Simply the best evening you can have on wheels!

AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES

THE SKATE SESSION IS A TICKET ONLY EVENT.
No Cash will be accepted

Ticket Price: Entrance £6.25 | Skate Hire: £2.25 or





FEBRUARY FESTIVAL OF FUN HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from February 12-16.

Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program.



We are inclusive!

We value the importance of accommodating children who have come to us from different backgrounds. We aim to provide an environment where everyone is challenged and given an enjoyable experience.

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TOAST
CAKE
& CHAT



February 6th & 20th

10a.m. to 12 noon

In the Schoolroom.
Everyone Welcome.

The legend of Ippa's stone

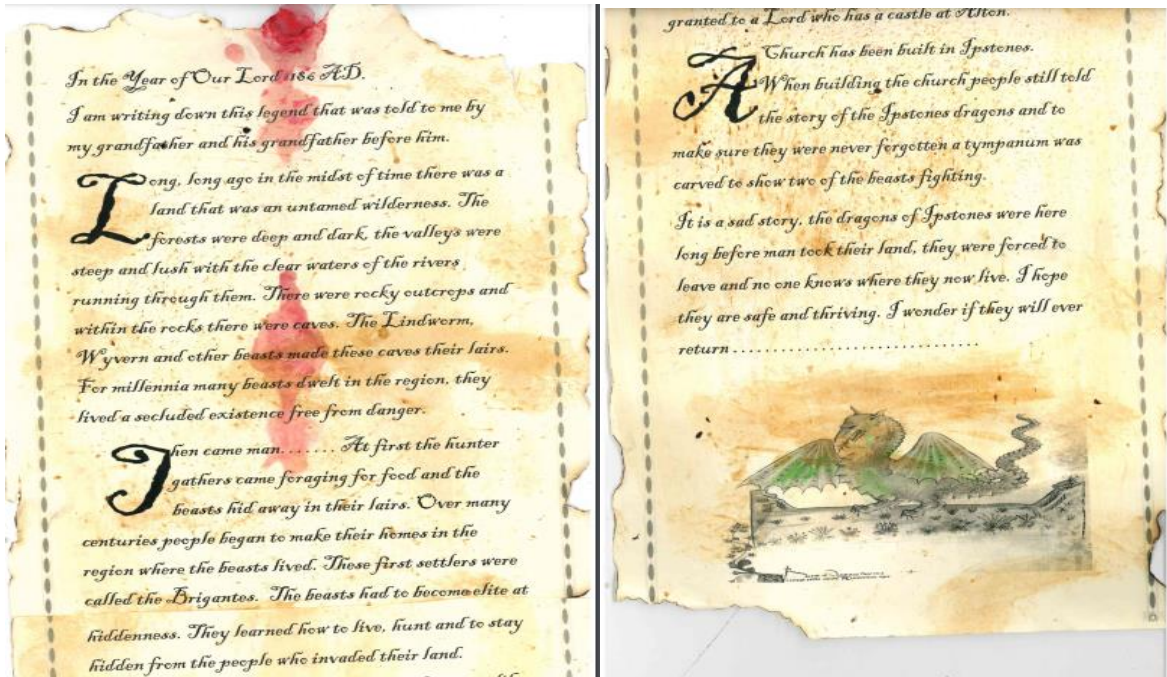
On Monday Rev Jane brought in an ancient document that she had found in the church.

The document was an old scroll which dated back to 1186AD.

It told of the legend of winged serpent like beasts they called draca that used to live in a dwelling called Ippa's stone.

The tale tells of how man moved into the dwelling and the draca became lesser spotted. Man tried to make the creatures extinct. They attempted to destroy the draca eggs but they were protected by a guardian draca.

Eventually the draca fled, flying off into the distance and no one has seen them since. Or have they???



The big question

This week's big question asked the children to think about and discuss

"What is bigger? Heaven or Earth?"

In their house teams the children talked about their thoughts and shared their opinions with their peers.

Toby said;

" They are equal because when people die they reincarnate"

Lili said;

"Heaven because it is the whole of space"

Ursula said;

"They are equal because people die and people are born"

Olivia said;

"Heaven because clouds are everywhere and people in heaven are the clouds"



Moon exhibit at Cheadle

From 15th March to 5th April Cheadle will be filled with stardust and moonlight while celebrations take place in churches, schools shops and streets.

To mark the 80th anniversary of Mary Adela Blagg's death Cheadle moon will tell her inspirational death and celebrate her life. Born in 1858 Mary lived her entire life in Cheadle. Mary's ground breaking work mapping the moon saw her become one of the first women admitted in the Royal Astronomical Society. A crater on the moon, Blagg crater, was named after Mary and in 2023 the MaryBlagg planet was named in her honour. Mary's grave is in the churchyard of St Giles in Cheadle.

Taking centre stage of the celestial celebrations Museum of the Moon will rise inside St Giles, Abbott.

This amazing touring artwork will be installed in the nave of the church.

Admission to the moon is free of charge but tickets need to be booked in advance.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/supportstaffordshire/1133989>



Number Day -Friday 2nd February

Sparks class read "The very hungry caterpillar".

They cut out pictures of apples, pears and berries and made recurring patterns on the hungry caterpillar's body.

"This is the story of a caterpillar who hatches out of an egg. He is very hungry as soon as he is born, so he starts eating through various foods every day of the week. In the pursuit to satisfy his appetite, he makes some unfortunate choices of junk food and overeating, which causes him to not feel too good."



Flickers class read the story of "Spinderella" by Julia Donaldson.

"Spinderella is a spider who lives with her spider mum and her spider brothers and sisters on top of a ceiling light at a school. Every day, Spinderella and her brothers and sisters watch the children in class, and, one day, decide to start playing football themselves. The spiders love football, but they hate numbers. The hairy godmother helps them count the children in the classroom and divide them in to two teams".



Flames class read the book "One hundred hungry ants" and worked out Maths puzzles from the story.

"One hundred hungry ants head towards a picnic to get yummies for their tummies, but stops to change their li one hundred, cause them to lose both time and food in the end."

"'Stop!' yelled the little ant. 'We're moving way too slow! More of the food will be gone unless we hurry up. So ... with 4 lines of 25 we'd get there soon. I know.'"



In the last couple of decades, the volume of online traffic has increased exponentially - but, by and large, people's awareness of the accompanying risks hasn't grown along with it. To illustrate the scale of the issue, consider this: a report by the Internet Crime Complaint Centre found that, in the US during 2020, there was a successful cyber-attack every second. Yes: every second.

Criminals continue to find new and devious ways to attempt to hijack our online transactions and harvest our private information. To them, the smart devices that many of us now use as standard at home are simply a convenient back door into our lives - and our networks. Check out our #WakeUpWednesday guide for advice on beefing up your household's cyber resilience. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as how to use a password manager, how to back up your data and how to check for breaches

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



Source: www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/top-tips-for-staying-secure-online/three-random-word | <https://haveibeenpwned.com>

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Safer internet day

Wednesday 7th February 2024 - Parent's consultation evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm (Miss Torr from 2.00pm)

Friday 9th February - Break up for half term

Monday 19th February 2024 - Back to school

Thursday 7th March 2024 - World book day

Thursday 7th March - Mother's Day treat - Mum's invited into school - 9am - 11.30am

Thursday 15th March 2024 - Dress down for Red Nose Day

Thursday 21st March 2024 - Easter lunch

Friday 22nd March 2024 - Break up for Easter

2023 - 2024 Term dates

Holiday: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Holiday: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Holiday: Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August



Sparks

Sparks class wanted to show everyone the castle that they have built in their classroom (complete with a guardian draca!)

They played musical numbers. When the music stopped they had to write down a number. They counted aliens making the correct number on their fingers. They have also been matching blocks to numbers and writing numbers in sequence. Some marvellous Maths done this week! Well done Sparks!



1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Flickers

Flickers have completed their tiles. They used acrylic paints, cut out shapes and cotton buds to create some beautiful, colourful and intricate patterns.



Flames

Flames class have been studying maps. They looked at how pictures of maps were taken from an aerial view. They used natural materials from the school field to make their own aerial view maps. They then drew them translating the leaves they used for houses, the branches for roads and the logs for roundabouts.

