



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

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



*'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 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 Aimee Torr**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Full uniform
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Full uniform
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 Welly Wednesday	Welly Wednesday PE kit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Full uniform-Reception Yr1 and Yr2 Year 3&4 Bikeability - PE kit
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	PE kit

### Your lunch menu for the 29<sup>th</sup> April - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Pizza and potato wedges	Savoury mince and rice	Roast of the day	All day breakfast	Fish fingers, chips, beans and peas
Shortbread	Sponge	Jelly	Flapjack	Ice cream



# Star Awards



Congratulations are sent out to the following children who won Star Award's this week:

<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	<b>Romily</b>
<b>Star of the Week Sparks</b>	<b>Romily</b>
<b>Star of the Week Flickers</b>	<b>Eleanor B</b>
<b>Star of the week Flames</b>	<b>Kallum</b>
<b>Spark to a flame Sparks Class</b>	<b>Elijah</b>
<b>Spark to a flame Flickers Class</b>	<b>Charlie</b>
<b>Spark to a flame Flames Class</b>	<b>Rosa Bella</b>
<b>Mrs Amos award</b>	<b>Ava</b>
<b>Cook's Award</b>	<b>Megan</b>
<b>PE Award</b>	<b>Dylan, Rosa Bella, Sophie W, Rosanna, Taya, Corah-Rae, Eva, Charlie, James, Zara, Eleanor G</b>

# Happy Birthday

A very Happy birthday to Jacob and Dottie who celebrate their birthdays next week.

We hope you have a fab day!



## School photos

Unfortunately, the photographer had to cancel his visit on Thursday. We will rearrange a date and keep you posted.

## Thankyou

A huge Thank you to The Calendar Club who have very kindly donated £500 to our school fund.

It's so very kind and much appreciated!

The school fund ensures we continue to provide additional exciting learning opportunities and treats for the children. We are always looking for ways to raise funds to maintain this small, but very important, pot of money. This used to be managed by a PTA but they disbanded some years ago. We are in desperate need for volunteers to form a PTA to arrange fund raising events for our lovely little school.

We appreciate that life is busy, but if you feel you could spare a bit of your time to make a difference and enhance your child's learning experience at St Leonard's please get in touch.



# St George's Day celebration

The children all had a great time on Tuesday at The St George's Day celebration.

There were some fantastic costumes of dragons, knights, princes and princesses.

The day consisted of fun and games including cricket, archery and fencing, a dragon hunt and story time and crafting.

As usual the children were extremely well behaved and made lots of new friends from Hollinsclough, St Bartholomews and Manifold schools.



# Gardening club

On Thursday Mr Brightman and his gardening club set about prepping and planting. One team dug over the ground to prepare it for seed potatoes whilst the other team planted lettuce, cabbage, lettuce, beetroot and snap dragons.

If the previous crops are anything to go by we should expect a bumper harvest when the time comes!



## Parentpay

We apologise for the any incorrect debts that you may have been alerted to on Parentpay. This is due to the meal price increase on 1st April. Parentpay have corrected the issue at their end and all debts have been adjusted and cleared on each child's account. This was only on the universal free school meals accounts (Reception, year 1 and year 2).

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.



# Bikeability

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Year 3 and year 4 children will be taking part in Bikeability.

They will need to bring their bikes and helmets to school that morning.

Consent forms have gone home with the children. Please sign and return as soon as possible.

The training takes place in the school playground but the training is designed to give the children the confidence to ride their bikes on the roads. They will also be checking their bikes to see if they are roadworthy. There will be a "Learn to ride" session also for the less confident riders.

To find out more you can view

<https://bikeability.org.uk/participants-hub>

If anyone can has a spare bike or two they can loan us please let Mrs Amos know before Thursday.

They would need to be suitable for an 8 or 9 year old.

Please send you child in PE kit.

Thank you.



## Summer Term 2024

May Day - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Term ends - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Holiday - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Term ends - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Inset Day - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Holiday - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

# National Online Safety

Quality merchandise, fair prices. What's not to love? The possibility of bagging a bargain and the ability to sell your own unwanted items have made online marketplaces like Vinted and Depop into an attractive option for anyone looking to save money or make a little extra cash for themselves in these challenging economic times.

Unfortunately, however, these services (and numerous others like them) can still be misused by scammers, so it pays to remain vigilant for the risks associated with shopping apps. Fortunately, this week's guide is on hand with some helpful pointers to protect young people (and yourself) from potential exploitation while doing business with others online.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

#### SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

#### DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

#### FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.

#### SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this; for many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

#### MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

### BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

### CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

### KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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# Gulliver's Kingdom

Just a reminder that the deadline for payment for Gulliver's Kingdom residential trip is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. The trip takes place from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June.

There is a parent's meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 16.30pm to discuss.

Children will be bringing home information over the next few weeks including kit lists, medical information and dietary requirements.

The children will be taking part in adventure golf, bucket drumming, a barn dance hoe down and lots more exciting activities.

If your child is unsure or worried about the trip please don't hesitate to contact us.



## Transition days

It may seem a little early but we have received confirmation of the year 4 transition days to their middle schools.

Churnet View 's transition days are Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

St Edwards transition days are Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Parents will receive communication from the schools shortly.

With regards to our new Reception starters their transition days at St Leonard's are:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June,

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

More details to follow.





# Dates for the diary

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - May Day bank holiday

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Year 3 / 4 parents meeting for Gulliver's Kingdom residential

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Break up for half term

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Transition visit to Churnet View (for vulnerable children)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Transition for new Reception 9.00am- 11.45am

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day treat afternoon

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Sports afternoon

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Transition for new Reception 9.00am - 11.45am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Flames class concert at The Victoria Hall

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 / 4 residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Transition for new Reception 9.00am - 11.45am

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 4 transition days to middle school

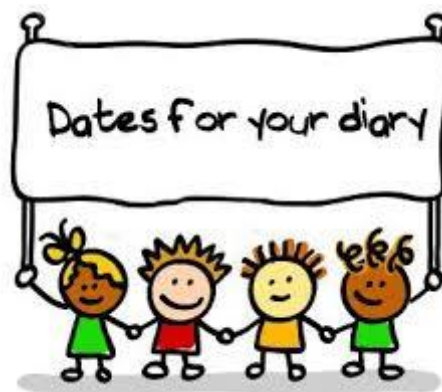
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Transition for new Reception 9.00am - 1.00pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July- Transition for new Reception 9.00am - 1.00pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Leaver's service

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Break up for Summer holidays

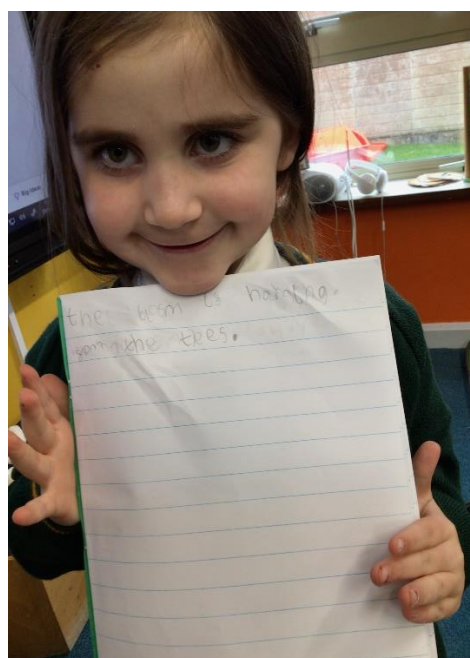
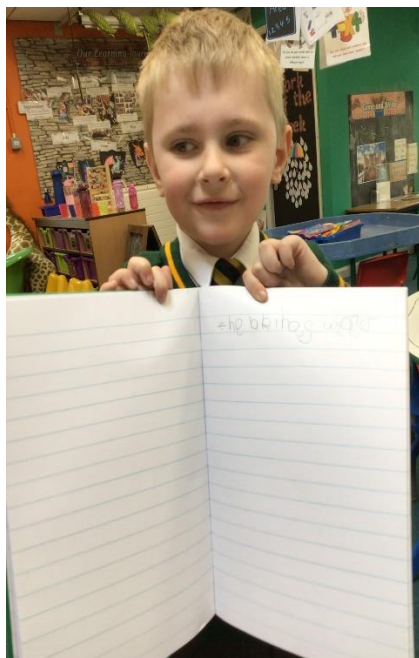
Please note that some dates may change.



# Spark's Class



This week Sparks class have built their own little town and called it "Mushroom land". They have impressed Miss Milward by writing their own sentences all by themselves and they have been practising their Maths by counting numbers on the side of a dice. They also drew their own pictures of what they thought Jesus looked like.





# Flames Class



Flames class have been working hard in their Maths lessons this week dividing by 10!

They did their lesson in the hall, jumping to show what happened to the digits when divided.

They have been taking some more wildflower photographs which are stunning and they have been programming micro: bits. Very technical indeed!

