



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

Friday 23rd June 2023

'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 26th June 2023	Full uniform Miss Torr - Paediatric First aid training all day
Tuesday 27th June 2023	Full uniform Miss Torr - Maths training all day
Wednesday 28th June 2023 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Sport's Day
Thursday 29th June 2023	Full uniform 12.15pm - 1.15pm - Year 4's visit to Churnet View to stay for lunch 3.45pm - 5.00pm - English update
Friday 30th June 2023	PE kit 9.00am - 12.00pm - New Reception transition morning

Your lunch menu for the 26th June 2023 - 30th June 2023

Monday 19th June 2023	Tuesday 20th June 2023	Wednesday 21st June 2023	Thursday 22nd June 2023	Friday 23rd June 2023
Tomato pasta sweetcorn and peas	Sausage, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots	Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Chicken curry, rice, peas and carrots	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Sponge	Flapjack	Shortbread	Sponge	Ice cream

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Mrs Goldstraw, Mrs Crooks and Jack who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Have a fab time!



Well Done

Well done to all who ran Ipstones Road Race over the weekend. We have had some brilliant pictures sent into us, so thank you for that.

Kallum , Zara, Dylan, Ewan and Jack all competed and received medals. Well Done to all!



Well Done

Kallum has been really busy this weekend. He has gained his stage 3 swimming certificate. Jacob achieved his stage 1 swimming badge and Eleanor achieved her 5 metre distance swimming award.

Well done little fishes!



Welly Wednesday

On Welly Wednesday the children were on the look out for signs of summer on the school field. They looked at different types of grass, creatures, flowers and plants and completed their spotter sheets.

We are so lucky so have all this nature in our back garden for the children to explore!



Year 4 visit to Churnet View

On Thursday 29th June the year 4 boys will be visiting Churnet View to experience a lunch time there. They will visit from 12.15pm - 1.15pm. They will be transported by Mrs Crooks.

Please send them in with a packed lunch on this day.

Their next full transition days after that will be Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July.

Parents will need to transport their children on these days. They need to be at Churnet View for 8.50am and collected at 3.40pm.

They can order a school meal from Churnet View or take a packed lunch from home.

Please let us know in advance if they would like to order a school dinner on those days.



Transition days in school

On Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July the children will be spending time in their new classes with their new teachers. This will give them a taster of what their next year will be like, what they will be learning, where they will sit and to get to know their new surroundings a little better.

As year 2 parents will be aware, as they move up to year 3, their universal free school meal entitlement ends.

You may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. You can make an application for free school meals via;

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Overview.aspx>



Sports Day - Wednesday 28th June - 1.30pm

Please could you complete the form from the link below to register your attendance in order for us to gauge numbers.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4Bn7PDQnr6>

Refreshments will be available to purchase. Please bring change rather than notes.

Thank you.



Sparks class

Please could Sparks class children bring empty plastic water bottles into school.

The children will be making beach lava lamps!

Thank you



Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance - 97-%

"Easy cash, no strings attached" 💰 Young people are being recruited via social media to serve as money mules: 'washing' illegal funds through their bank accounts.

This week's guide analyses the growing threat of online money muling, helping trusted adults to understand this hazard and support young people to avoid being drawn in.

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.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law: involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasizing the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at www.moneymules.co.uk) has plenty of useful information and advice.

REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.

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Source: www.moneymules.co.uk | <https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/moneymuling>
www.ukfinance.org.uk/press/press-releases/parents-urged-help-stop-rise-child-money-mules

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Fun Dog Show

Please pop along to support the dog show in aid of fund raising for our school on Sunday 25th June. There are lots of categories to enter your furry friends in to and rosettes and goody bags for winners and entrants.

There will be local independent stalls and Mrs Goldstraw will be holding a tombola stall representing St Leonard's.

Her daughter has very kindly donated "Horace" the trophy head hare to us also and you can guess his birthday to win him!

Thank you for all the tombola gifts and prizes and mostly to Kelly Fowell for organising the entire event to raise money for St Leonard's.

Fun Dog Show

Raising funds for St Leonards CE
VA First School - Ipstones

Ipstones Memorial Hall
Sunday 25th June 2023
10am - 2pm



Classes

£2 per entry

- Most Handsome Dog
- Prettiest Bitch
- Best Rescue
- Golden Oldie (7 years & over)
- Odd Couple
- Cutest Puppy (upto 1 year)
- Dog that looks the most like its owner
- Best in Show (winner of each class)

1st, 2nd & 3rd place will receive a rosette.
Every pooch entered in the show will receive a small goody bag.

To enter please message Kelly on 07511923887 or message Handsome Hounds - Ipstones over on Facebook.

There will also be a range of stalls set up in the memorial hall. So if you would like to browse please feel free to support local small businesses.

Guess my birthday!



Parentpay

Please could all parents check any outstanding balances on Parentpay and ensure they are cleared before the end of the school year.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.



Industrial action

The NEU have announced two days of teacher strikes on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July.

We will remain open as usual.



Dates for the diary

Summer Term

Thursday 29th June - Year 4 Lunch at Churnet View Middle School

New reception transition morning - Friday 30th June

Churnet View transition days for year 4s - Tuesday 4th July, Wednesday 5th July

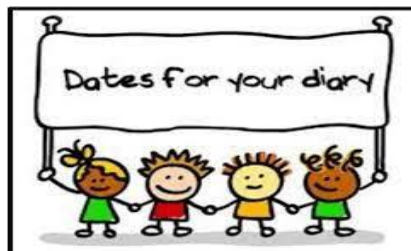
New reception transition morning - Friday 7th July

New reception transition morning - Friday 14th July

Tuesday 18th July - Whole school trip to the seaside.

Thursday 20th July - Leaver's service (PM)

Term ends - Friday 21st July

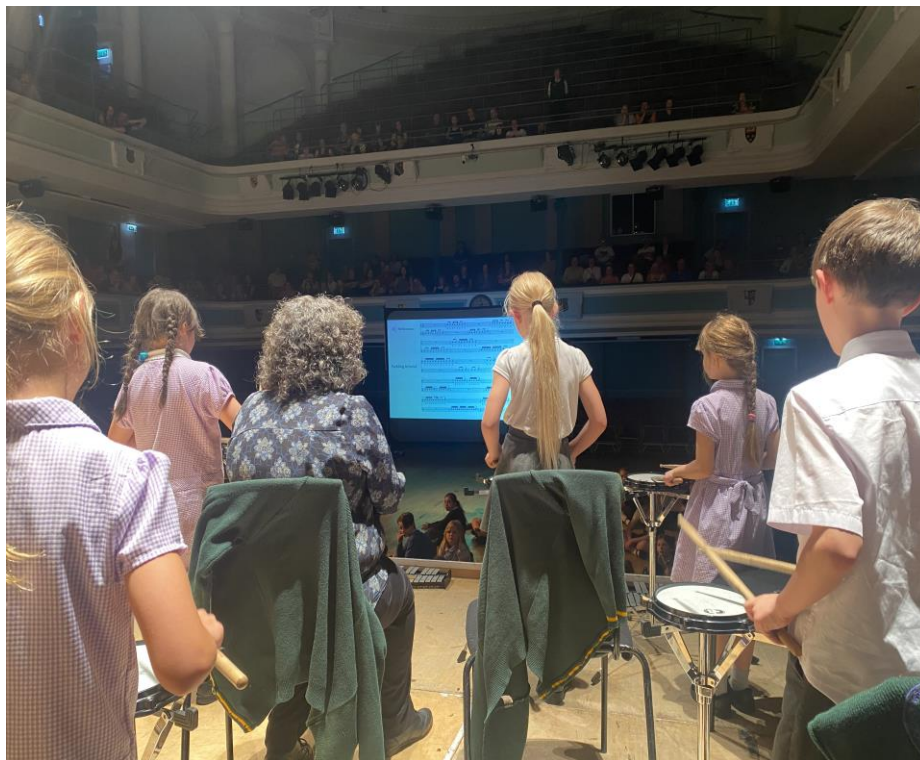


Flames celebration concert at The Victoria Hall

On Thursday our Flames class performed at a celebration concert with many other schools at The Victoria Hall including Manifold, Beresford, St Giles, The Meadows and St John's.

They performed "Definitely" and "Ignition" on the glockenspiel, "Padding around" on the drums and sang "True colours".

They met up with the Manifold children who they had befriended on their residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom.



Gardening club

This week gardening club have been tending to their potato crops. They are growing nicely and will be ready to share with you soon.

They tidied and weeded and did a sterling job of sprucing up the vegetable patch with Mr Brightman.



2023 - 2024 Term dates

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September and Tuesday 5 September

Term starts: Wednesday 6 September

Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Inset day: Monday 6th November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Inset Day : Monday 8 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 9 January

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

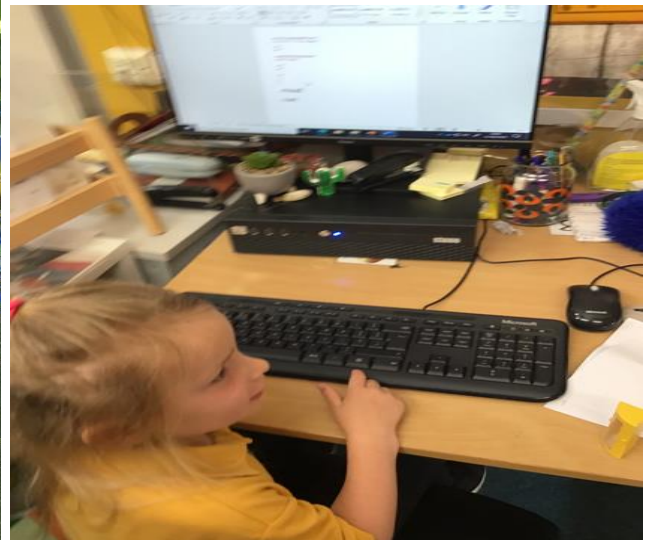
Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August



Sparks

This week in RE, Sparks class have been talking about what it's like to attend a church school.

They talked about their worship assemblies and how Reverend Jane reads to them from the bible. They also spoke about how, when they said prayers, God listened to them. They looked at the school logo too and learned that the "CE" meant "Church of England". They have enjoyed more out door play in the glorious weather, learned how to type on a keyboard and have been learning about the weather and seasons. They have also looked after the new September reception children wonderfully on their Friday transition visits.



Flickers

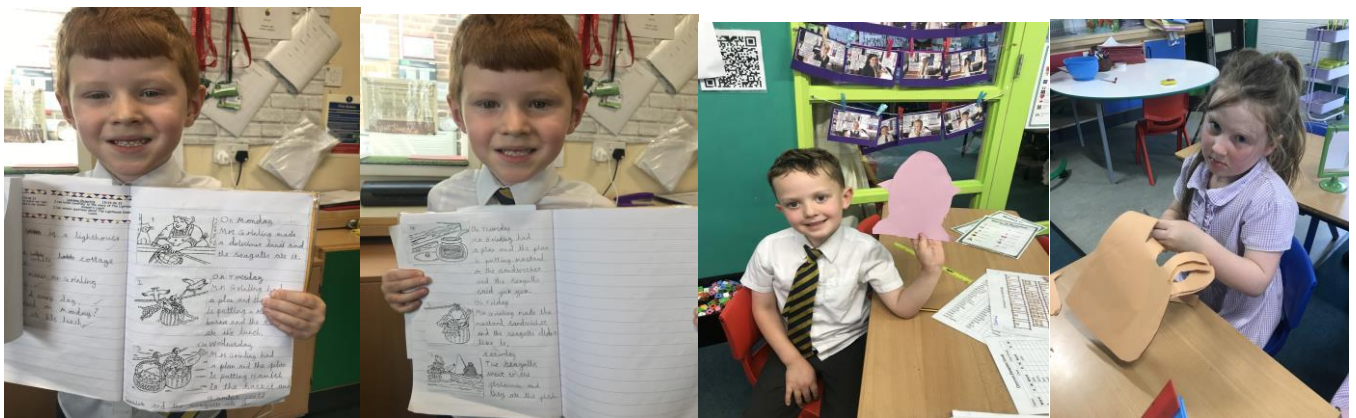
This week Flicker's class have been reading "The lighthouse keeper's lunch".

"Once there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr. Grinling. At night time he lived in a small white cottage perched high on the cliffs, and in the daytime he rowed out to his lighthouse to clean and polish the light. Every day Mr Grinling tucks into delicious lunch, prepared by his wife, Mrs Grinling. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys the tasty food, so Mrs Grinling has to think of a way to stop the greedy seagulls from stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch."

The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the book and have written some amazing pieces of work about it.

James wrote beautifully about how Mrs Grinling put mustard on the lighthouse keeper's sandwiches to keep the seagulls away!

They are making felt sea creature puppets and prepared their templates to cut out their felt. There were sharks, jelly fish and octopus. This is all in keeping with this term's learning quest of "Beach combers"



Flames

Flames class have been making their own pop up books about the village.

Based on their village walk a few weeks ago they took inspiration from the buildings they had seen and created a 3D pop up interactive version.

They recreated the fire station with a rolling door which reveals the fire engine inside, they drew the church complete with headstones for "Bill Bones!" and the village shop with Jim standing in the doorway!

