



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

Friday 21st October 2022

'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

Weekly Diary

Monday 31 st October 2022	Full uniform
Tuesday 1 st November 2022	Full uniform Full Governor's meeting - 10.00am Admissions open date
Wednesday 2 nd November 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday all day, all pupils - PE Kit PM - Miss Torr and Mrs Amos training
Thursday 3 rd November 2022	Full uniform
Friday 4 th November 2022	PE kit Miss Milward - Safeguarding training - 9.30am - 16.30pm PM - Miss Torr - Maths training

Your lunch menu for the 31st October 2022 - 4th November 2022

Monday 17 th October	Tuesday 18 th October	Wednesday 19 th October	Thursday 20 th October	Friday 21 st October
Macaroni cheese, green peas and carrots	Chicken pie with mash, sweetcorn and broccoli	Roast gammon, roast and mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Beef bolognese in tomato sauce with pasta	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Ice cream	Chocolate sponge	Flapjack	Secret brownie	Ice cream

Star Awards



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

Headteacher award	James
Star of the Week Sparks	Sam
Star of the Week Flickers	Sophie W
Star of the week Flames	Lili
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Sophie F
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Eleanor F
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Oscar
Cooks award	Rosa Bella
Mrs Amos award	Jack C
Pe Award	Sophie, Elise, Sam

Happy Birthday

A very Happy birthday to Kallum and Megan who each have birthdays in the holidays.

Have a fabulous time!



Introducing
the... **warm
welcome
project**

 providing a warm space

Starting
October 28th 2022
2pm–5pm every Friday
at the Methodist Schoolroom,
Brookfields Road

including:

- Hot Food & Drinks
- Community Larder (*Bring, Take, Swap*)
- Practical Food & Goods Help
- Jigsaws, Board Games, Newspapers

Get well soon

We would like to wish our lovely Mrs Barks a speedy recovery after undergoing an operation this week. Mrs Barks will be back in the new year but has promised us that when she's feeling better she will pop in to see us.

Get well soon Mrs Barks!



Welcome Mrs Cluer!

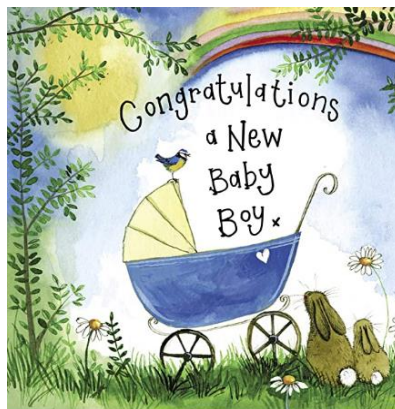
We would like to say a very warm welcome to Mrs Cluer who is very kindly volunteering at St Leonard's. Mrs Cluer is spending Thursday afternoons helping out, reading with the children and assisting the teachers. It's lovely to be able to welcome volunteers back into school after the pandemic and we really do appreciate any additional help.



Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Mrs Goldstraw who has become a Nanny once again.

Welcome to the world Albert Sam who arrived safe and sound last week.



Term dates 2022-2023

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Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September, Tuesday 6 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 7 September

Half Term: Monday 24 October - Friday 28 October

School opens - Monday 31 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December - Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset Day: Tuesday 3 January

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 20 February - Friday 24 February

School opens - 27 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April - Friday 14 April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Half Term: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Term ends: Friday 21 July

Holiday: Monday 24 July - Friday 1 September

Key Dates

1st November 2022 - Admissions open for Reception September 2023 and Year 4 transfer to middle school

15th January 2023 - Admissions close

17th April 2023 - National offers day

Online Safety Tips

As we all know, children love to watch the television. As much as we need to keep the children safe when on phones and tablets, it is also vital that we keep them safe when watching television, here are some tips on how to do that:

Apple TV - Apple TV offers a host of features to restrict usage, such as a PIN to restrict purchases or app usage, filter out explicit content when listening to music, block content based on film or age ratings and select yes or no to Multiplayer Games.



Sky TV - You can set up a Parental Guidance PIN to restrict the programmes and channels that can be viewed. Family Setting removes adult channels and requires a PIN to be entered for purchases. You can also apply restrictions based on age certification or restrict access to specific channels.



Virgin TV - You can set up a PIN code to restrict the programmes and channels that can be viewed as well as hide adult channels and set pin required for purchases.



Netflix - You can add a PIN to your account so a 4- digit PIN must be entered to either play any TV show or movie above a selected maturity level (on all profiles) or to play a specific TV series or movie (on all profiles). Alternatively, you can create up to 5 personalised profiles in your Netflix account for each member of the household. You can then choose a maturity level for each profile to control the TV shows and movies they can view.



Amazon Prime - You can add a PIN to your account so a PIN must be entered to purchase or view restricted content. You can restrict viewing of videos from certain ratings categories by selecting which ratings categories you'd like to restrict.



Whole school Christmas Trip

This year the children are going to the pantomime as their Christmas treat.

We are going to The Regent Theatre to watch Peter Pan on Tuesday 13th December.

This will take place in school time so drop off and collection will be the same.

The cost of the trip is £16 and is payable via parent pay. The deadline for payments is Friday 9th December.



Christmas window display competition

The children have been invited to take part in the Christmas window competition to raise funds for the school. They should have all brought home an entry form with details of where to pay the entry fee and return. If you need another form please don't hesitate to ask.

St Leonard's CE(A) First School, Ipstones



Ipstones Christmas Window Competition

Decorate your front window, garden or lamppost with the theme 'Kings and Queens'.

Let's end 2022 in style in Ipstones !

Window displays must be ready and entry forms submitted by 3pm on Monday 5th December 2022.

Judging will be carried out during the evenings between 8th to 11th December 2022.

£2 to enter and all proceeds go directly to the children of St Leonard's School, Ipstones

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 1st November 2022 - Full governor's meeting

Tuesday 1st November - Open date for admissions to primary and middle schools

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 - Mrs Amos training - pm

Friday 4th November 2022 - Miss Milward safeguarding training all day.

Monday 7th November 2022 - Enrichment day - ASM

Tuesday 8th November 2022 - 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Parent consultation evening. Appointments are live on the school website on the home page under the "Parent consultation booking" green button. Please select your child's class teacher from the drop down list.

Friday 11th November 2022 - Remembrance service at St Leonard's Church cemetery @ 2.00pm. Parents welcome.

Sunday 13th November 2022- Children invited to St Leonard's Church service at 10.50am. Please let us know if you are attending as Reverend Jane would like some of the children to say a prayer.

Week commencing 14th November - Open Evening - TBC

Friday 18th November 2022 - Children in need

Tuesday 22nd November - Reception height and weight checks

Friday 25th November 2022 - Advent service in school

Friday 25th November 2022 - Ipstones lights night

Friday 2nd December - Dress rehearsal for school nativity

Monday 5th December 2022 - Nativity play at The Memorial Hall

Friday 9th December 2022 - Christmas jumper day

Saturday 10th December 2022 - Ipstones entertains

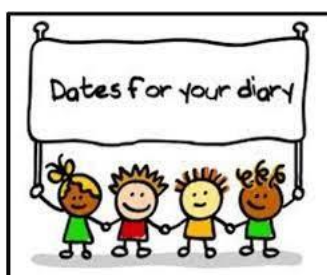
Monday 12th December - Christingle service

Tuesday 13th Whole school trip to the Peter Pan pantomime at The Regent Theatre

Thursday 15th December 2022 - Christmas dinner

Friday 16th December - A visit from Santa and break up for the holidays.

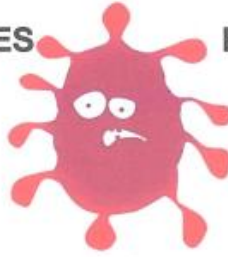
Please note that some of these dates may be subject to change.



WELL STREET MEDICAL CENTRE

IPSTONES

FLU CLINIC



Well Street Medical Centre's seasonal flu vaccination clinic will be coming to Ipstones Memorial Hall on:

Thursday 3rd November 10am – 12pm

Eligible patients of Well Street Medical Centre can walk-in during this session as long as capacity permits on the day, no appointment is necessary.

Additional capacity is available at Well Street Medical Centre.

The seasonal flu vaccination is recommended for all patients aged 50+, pregnant women and for patients of any age with:

- ❖ Asthma or Chronic Respiratory Disease
- ❖ Chronic Heart Disease
- ❖ Chronic Renal or Liver Disease
- ❖ Diabetes
- ❖ Immunosuppression
- ❖ Strokes
- ❖ or who are Carers



OneDrive

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WELL STREET MEDICAL CENTRE PATIENTS THAT ACCESS OUR BRANCH SERVICES LOCATED AT:

IPSTONES MEMORIAL HALL – CHURCH LANE,
IPSTONES, ST10 2LD

Our dispensary medication collection service is changing to:

**Thursdays – 10am – 12pm
Commencing Thursday 3rd November
2022**

We recognise that our branch services are much valued within the Ipstones community and we will be resuming a GP clinic and commencing a Nurse clinic on regular Thursdays from the 3rd November 2022. Appointments will need to be pre-booked and availability will be subject to clinical need.

Full GP and dispensing services remain available to all our patients at our main surgery located in Well Street, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, ST10 1EY throughout the working week.

National child measurement programme

On Tuesday 22nd November the school nurse will be visiting to take Reception class' height and weight measurements in line with the National child measurement programme.

Letters have been sent out to Reception parents with an option to opt out should you wish.



Prospective Reception 2023 parents and year 4 parents

If current parents have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 can we remind you that you need to apply online for a place for them for September 2023. Admission to Reception classes is dealt with by the Local Authority and the admissions application system opens on Tuesday 1st November.

We are in the process of organising an open evening for parents to come and have a look around our lovely little school. Please spread the word, all welcome!

We will confirm the date after half term.

This is also the case for year 4 parents who wish to apply for their child's middle school place.

The deadline to apply is January 15th 2023.

You can apply online via the Staffordshire County Council admissions:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

Telephone number - 0300 111 8007

The information is also on our website (under Parents Tab then Reception and Year 4 parents 2023). Please feel free to share the information with friends and family in the community who this may apply to.

Thank you.

[Click here for Admissions 2023 Link](#)

School nurse drop in clinic

Families' Health and Wellbeing

School Nurse
virtual drop in clinic

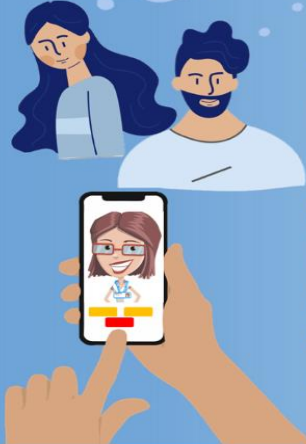

NHS
Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

Every
Thursday
from
3.30 - 4.30pm

The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.
We provide a confidential and friendly service

mpft.live/schoolnurse



School uniform

Thanks to the kindness of parents we have a huge stock of spare school uniform including cardigans, jumpers, PE hoodies, PE polo shirts and lots more in many various sizes.

Please feel free to pop in and have a look to see if you can use any uniform items for your child.

It's all free, it has all has been laundered and it's there for anyone who needs it.



Attendance

Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week 93%

Please don't forget to call or email the school before 9.00am if your child is ill.

You must inform the school every day of your child's absence.

If we don't not hear from you we will have to chase you up as this scenario in schools is considered a "Child missing in education" case until we are made aware their reason for absence.

Please note we have vigilant procedures to follow in line with our safeguarding duties to your children and Ofsted requirements.

Attendance Matters



Random reading spot

As it's half term next week you may be out and about so why not take your reading book with you and read in an unusual random spot?

Remember to take a picture and send it in to us.

We absolutely love seeing the weird and wonderful places you have read your books in the holidays.



Poppies

Mrs Sue Evans has brought poppies into school to sell to support The Royal British Legion and in honour of Remembrance day.

If your child would like a poppy, pencil, snap bracelet, ruler or pencil sharpener, please send them in with a small donation, there is not set cost.



The Fireside Nativity

This year our 2022 nativity is called "The Fireside Nativity".

The children will perform the show at The Memorial Hall on Monday 5th December at 6.00pm.

Tickets will be available to purchase after half term with preference being given to families then we hope to offer them out to the community also.

The children have already started rehearsing and have been allocated their starring roles so without further ado we introduce you to the cast of "The Fireside Nativity" 2022:

Mary - Ezme , Joseph - Jacob

Angels - Eleanor, Elise, Zara, Sophie F, Darcy

Innkeepers - Olivia, James

Wisemen - Toby, Dylan, Jack C

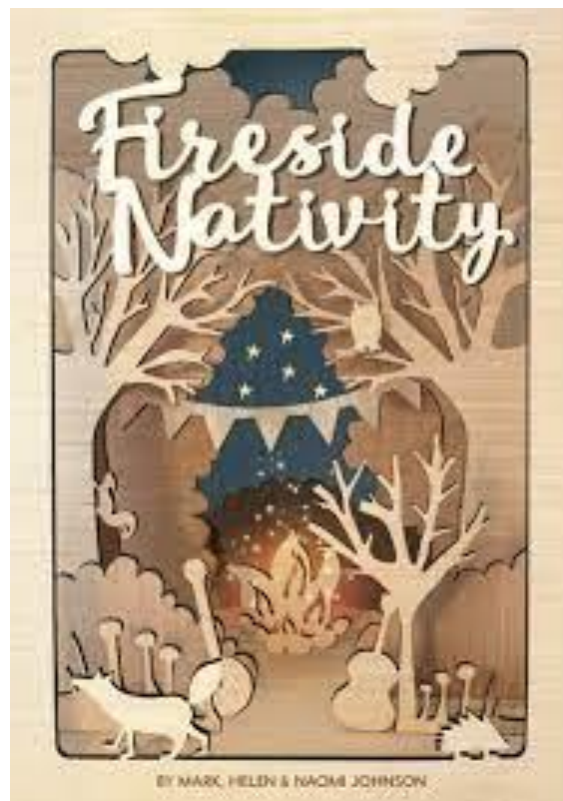
Shepherds - Sophie W, Emily, Rosa Bella

Team leaders - Oscar, Jack, Ewan, Nina

Campers - Lili, Taya, Rosanna, Megan, Corah - Rae, Ursula, Annie, Eva, Kallum, Harriet, Eleanor F.

Sheep - Sam, Charlie

More details to follow.



Sparks

This week Sparks class went on an Autumn nature walk. They looked for something spiky, something smooth, something crunchy and something soft. They also looked at the fungi which the older children were studying last week. They collected conkers, twigs and leaves and made pictures with them.



The have been decorating pumpkins in a unique way!.

This week they got out hammers and nails for a fun fall fine motor activity. They had lots of fun hammering nails in pumpkins! They hammered away until every nail was used, and when they finished they had a pretty funky-looking pumpkin to display. They also made clay hanging pumpkins decorations.



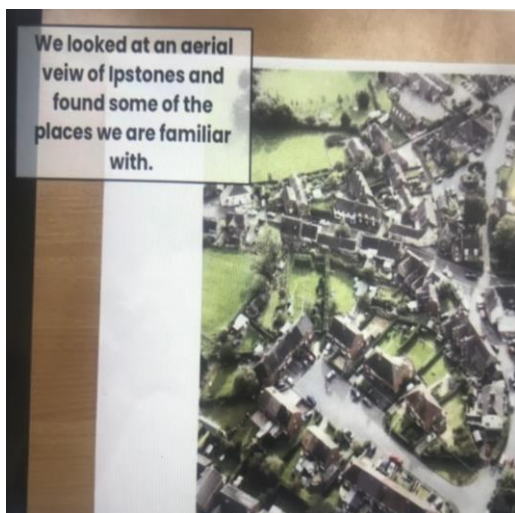
Flickers

This week there has been moon buggy madness in the Flickers classroom! The children were so excited to build and test out their moon buggies by racing them in the hall.

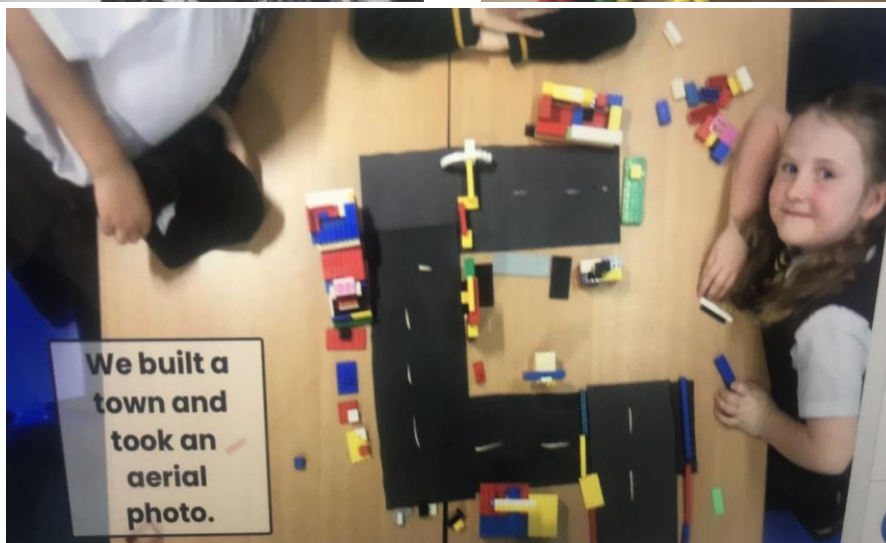
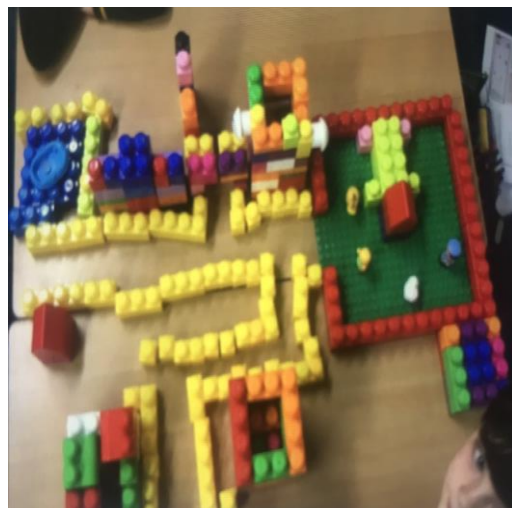


We designed, made tested and evaluated our moon buggies.

In Geography the children were looking at aerial views of towns and cities and building their own based on the image of Ipstones and Liverpool they had studied from above.



We looked at an aerial view of Ipstones and found some of the places we are familiar with.



We built a town and took an aerial photo.

Flames

Flames class have been making solar system using polystyrene balls which they decorated to represent each planet. They put them together in the correct order and did research on each of the planets.



They then recorded their own short documentary called "Milky Way Galaxy" to explain what they had learned about the planets in the solar system during their research.

They explained to the discerning viewer the top facts that they had learned;

- Uranus is made up of mainly gases, hydrogen and helium,
- The average temperature of Mars is -60 degrees (the same as The South Pole),
- Saturn's rings are 90% water, Jupiter's largest moon has a salty ocean that contains more water than on Earth,
- Mercury takes roughly three Earth months to orbit the Sun,
- It would take 100 times longer to travel around the Sun than the Earth,
- A day is longer than a year on Venus
- Pluto isn't the only dwarf planet in our Solar System - we have six
- The Solar System is roughly 4.5 billion years old
- The Solar System might not end with Pluto

Their reports would rival any Professor Brian Cox "Space and Time" documentary any day of the week!

