



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


Friday 16th December 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

Monday 2 nd January 2022	Bank holiday
Tuesday 3 rd December 2022	INSET day - staff only
Wednesday 4 th January 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Children start back to school Welly Wednesday PE kit
Thursday 5 th January 2022	Full uniform
Friday 6 th January 2022	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 2nd January 2023 - 6th January 2023

Monday 2 nd January	Tuesday 3 rd January	Wednesday 4 th January	Thursday 5 th January	Friday 6 th January
		Roast gammon, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Beef bolognese, pasta, sweetcorn and broccoli	Fish fingers, chips, beans and peas
		Oatie cookie	Secret brownie	Ice cream

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Mrs Appiah, Eleanor F and Sophie W who all celebrate their birthdays over the Christmas holidays.

We hope you all have an amazing time.



Welcome!

We have a new little girl starting after the Christmas holidays. Dottie will be starting in year 2.

She already knows some of the children from Rainbows and we know the children will all look after her and make her feel welcome.

We look forward to meeting you Dottie.



Thank you

Thank you so much for the Christmas cards and gifts.

It is very kind of you and they are very much appreciated.



Christingle Service

Thank you to all who attended the Christingle service on Monday. The children did some lovely readings and led the prayers with confidence. They finished the service with "Away in a manger."



Peter Pan Pantomime

We all enjoyed the pantomime immensely on Tuesday. It was fun from start to finish! We learned dance moves, were squirted with water pistols and we had a good sing along.

As ever the children behaved perfectly.



Special visitor

On party lunch day last week the children had a special visitor. Mrs Barks came to see them! She is doing really well after her operation and will hopefully be back cooking delicious school dinners soon.

We miss you Mrs Barks. We can't wait to see you back with us.



Christmas raffle

The sale of raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle raised an amazing £405.85.

Thank you so much to all who purchased and supported us. All proceeds go to the school fund which is used purely to enhance your child's learning experience at St Leonard's.

And the winners are...

Sprinks Farm Deer Park voucher - Brian Snow

AP Photography - Jan Lackie

The old cheese shop - Taya Mellor

Hetty's - Carol Foster

Denstone Hall - Sophie Whilock

South Moorlands leisure centre, 1 month gym membership - Sam Beardmore

The Goldfish Bowl - Jack Chafer

The Sea Lion - 1 gallon of beer - Louise Hodgkins

Essential beauty - Wendy Leeson

2 week gym membership - Sue Hodgkinson

2 week gym membership - Jacob Leeson

2 week gym membership - Naomi Hodgkinson-Lee

2 week gym membership - Martin Falder

2 week gym membership - Sue Deaville

2 week gym membership - Scott Newton

1 litre The Famous Grouse Whisky - Olivia Walker-Cope

Rose wine - Corah-Rae Crooks

All prizes can be collected from school or if your child is at school it will be sent home with them.

Thanks again for supporting us and congratulations to all our winners.



Christmas dinner

We enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner and lots of bad cracker jokes on Thursday thanks to Mrs Pearson who has been standing in for Mrs Barks.



Visit from Santa

On Friday the children had a very special visitor.

Santa came to St Leonard's and gave each child a present to take home.

They asked him questions like " How fast does your sleigh go?" " How old are you?" and "How do you make it around the world in one night?"

Santa didn't disclose his secrets but told the children that he would see them soon and to be good.

They loved it!





Christmas Services

at

St Leonards

18th December - 3.00pm Carol
Service (joint with Chapel)

24th December - 2.00pm The Crib
Service

24th December - 11.30pm Midnight
Service

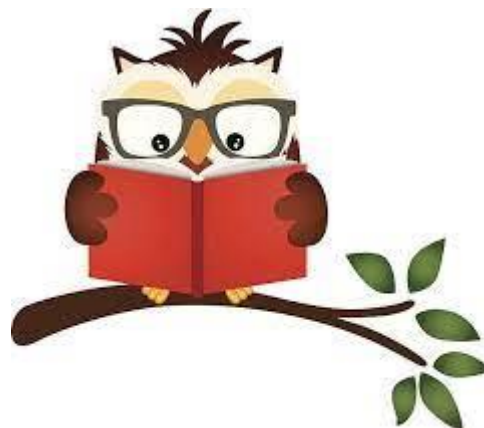
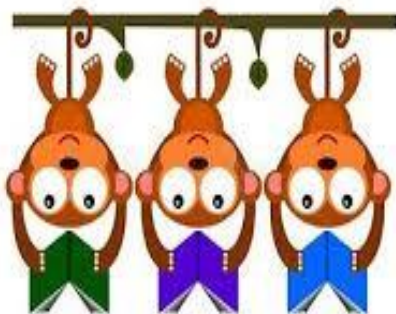
25th December - 10.00am Joint
Benefice Family Communion Service
**AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
BUTTERTON** - *bring your gifts to
show everyone*

See the magazine or facebook for full list

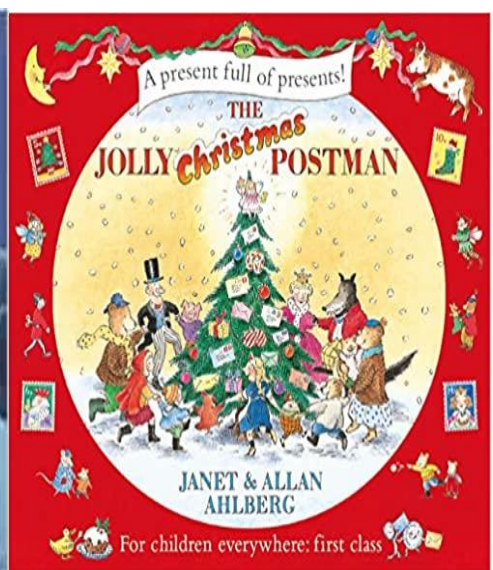
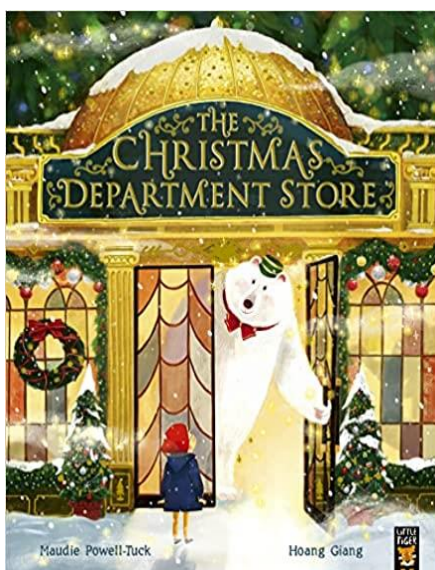
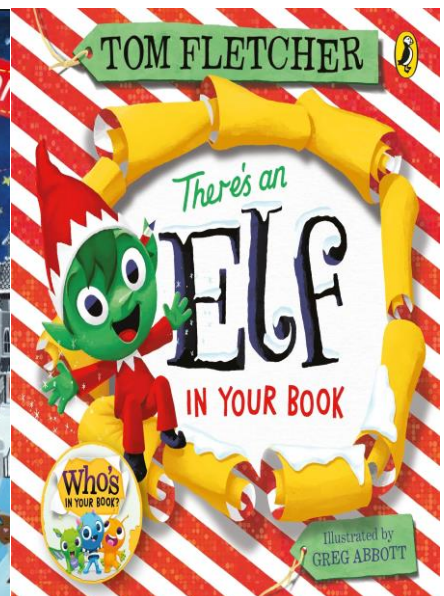
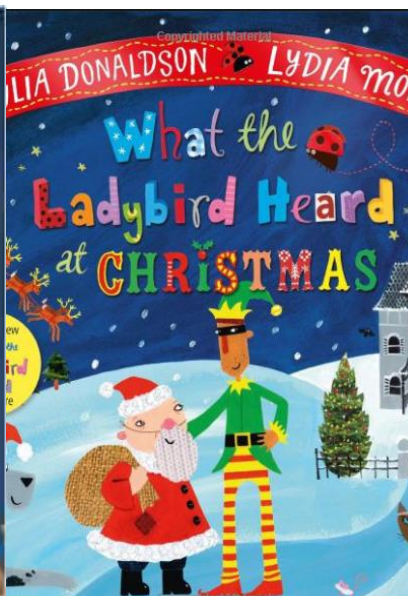
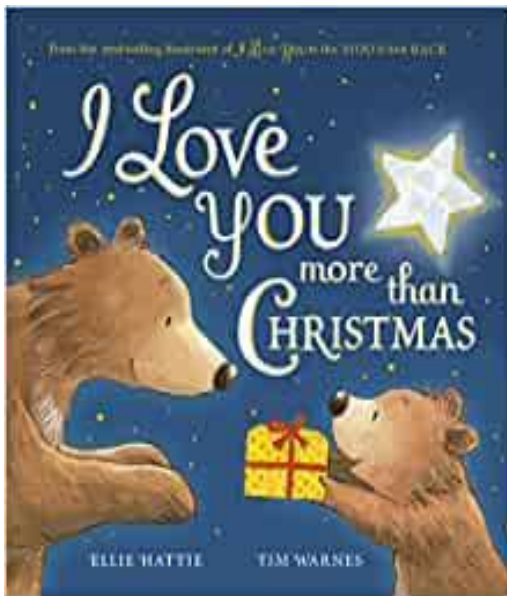
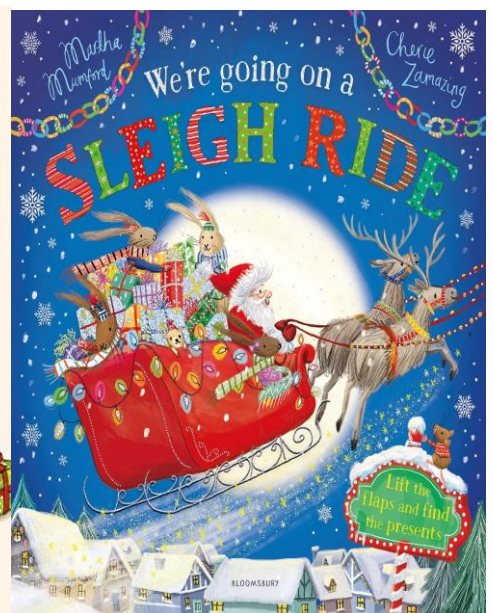
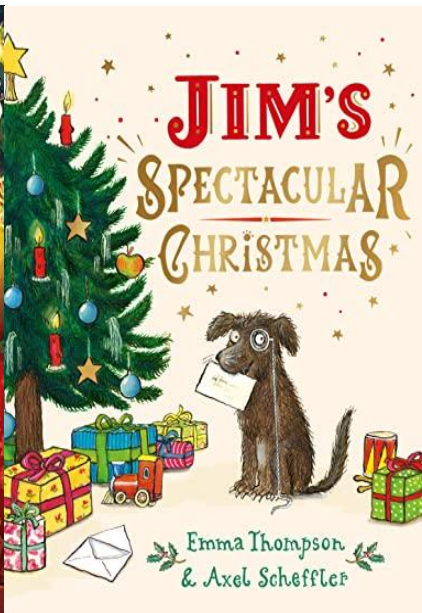
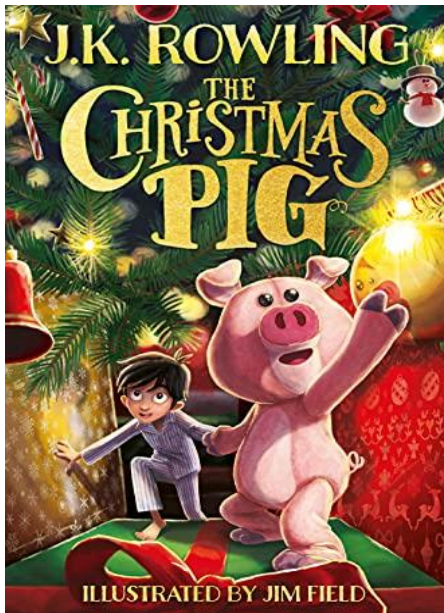
Random reading spot

If you're out and about over the festive period why not take your reading book with you and take a picture of you reading in a random spot.

Please send your photographs in to Mrs Amos in the office. We love to see them and we'll share them in the newsletter.



Books to read over Christmas



Well Done!

A very big well done to Dylan who passed his level 4 swimming certificate.

Good job Dylan!



Congratulations!

Congrats to Rosie O'Hara who won the Christmas window competition with her "Naughty Elf Royals" display.

It looks fabulous!



Housekeeping

After school club

If your child stays for after school school club you must liase with Mrs Crooks to arrange collection time as staffing needs to be the crrect ratio of adults to children for safeguarding reasons. If your child is not booked in to club you will receive a call to come and collect them.

Gates

Please only use the top gate to enter and exit the school grounds. The main gates are for vehicle access only. Also please do not park on the staff car park when dropping off or collecting children.

Thank you.

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In the guide, you'll find tips such as disabling in-app purchasing, take note of age ratings and watching out for imitators.

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 SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

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TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/ratingboard/games.

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CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register, entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

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Parentpay

Please can all parents urgently check their child's Parentpay account and clear any outstanding debts by Monday 19th December 2022.

Thank you.



Flu vaccinations

The School Aged Immunisation Service are running a clinic for those children who may have missed their Flu vaccine in school (Reception to Year 6 pupils only). The details of this clinic are below:

Thursday 15th December 2022

Leek Moorlands Hospital,
Ashbourne Road,
Leek,
Staffordshire,
ST13 5BQ

Appointments begin at 13:30

Final appointment time is 17:30

Please note that this an appointment based system only and appointments are first come first served and we cannot guarantee you a certain time.

If your child has not yet received their flu vaccination this winter then please contact the School Age Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366 to book your child in for an appointment.

PARK DENTAL PRACTICE

16 Ball Haye Road
Leek
Staffordshire
ST13 6AF
TEL: 01538 387862

We would like to inform you that Park Dental Practice in Leek is accepting new children between the ages of 6 months and 17 years old on the NHS.

The best way to contact us is via phone, our number is: 015383 87862. You can give us a call Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm to register your child/children.

Our address is:

Park Dental Practice

16 Ball Haye Road

Leek

Staffordshire

ST13 8DX

Tel: 01538 387862

Attendance

Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week 94 %

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

Attendance Matters



ASM Christmas holiday sports club

ASM SPORTS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from December 19 - 22. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure environment.

- Combat Sports
- Team Sports
- Alternative Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Team Building

We are inclusive!
We value the importance of accommodating children, aged 4-12 years old, who come to us from different backgrounds. Everyone is challenged and provided with an enjoyable experience.

Search for your venue: asmsports.co.uk

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Children eligible for **Free School Meals** can access up to 4 days of free places, and a nutritional daily lunch, across 15 venues.

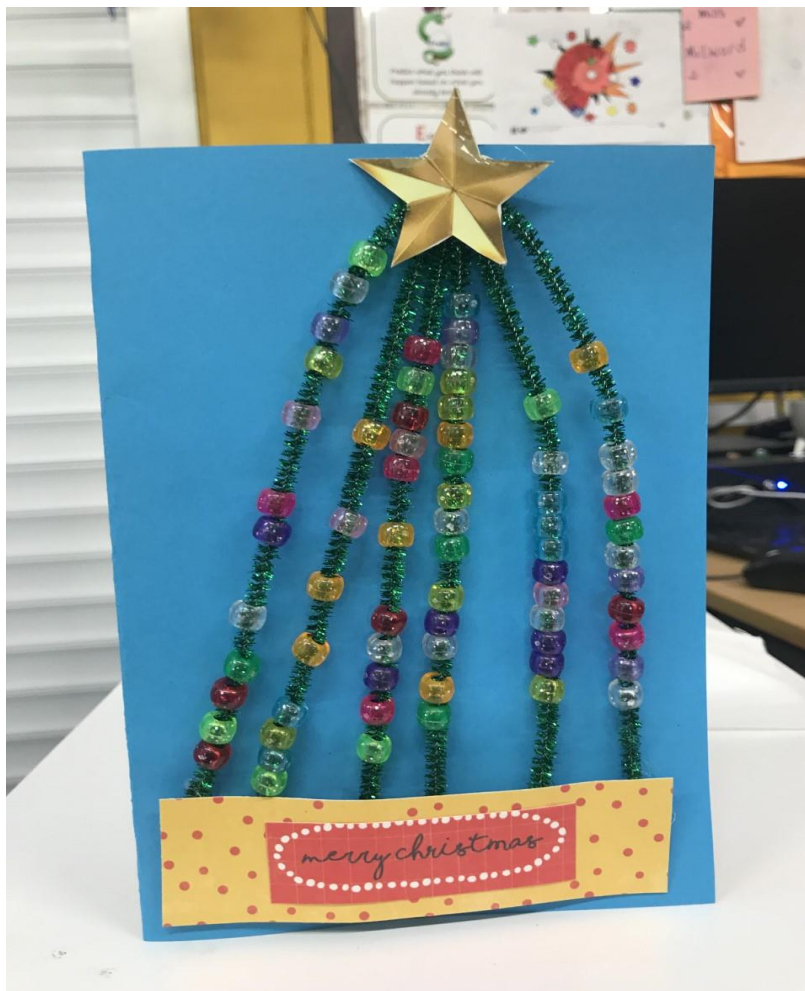
From **£10.00** per day

Visit: www.asmsports.co.uk
Call: 01782 366332
Email: info@asmsports.co.uk

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram icons and a cartoon cat mascot wearing a Santa hat.

Sparks

Sparks have been making Christmas party hats, Christmas trees and Christmas cards this week.



Flickers

Flickers ice lanterns have finally been revealed!

They have turned out beautifully and we had them all lit in school on Thursday.

They have also been doing lots of Christmas crafting. They have made Christmas cards based on "The Fireside Nativity" and have made festive paintings using sponge stamps.



Flames

Flames class have been making star tree decorations from beads. They used a needle and thread to make them.



Special treat

As a special treat for the children we have bought each child a penguin plush for Christmas and to mark the end of this term's learning quest "Icely adventures."

We hope they enjoy playing with them.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We would like to wish you all a very Merry restful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

It has been a good year for St Leonard's having achieved our Good Ofsted rating!

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their continuous support. Thank you to our governors, volunteers and the lastly your children who are a pleasure to have in school.

