



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

Friday 13th September 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 lead: Miss Aimee Torr

Monday 16th September 2024	School Uniform
Tuesday 17th September 2024	School Uniform
Wednesday 18 th September 2024 Welly Wednesday	PE Kit
Thursday 19 th September 2024	School Uniform
Friday 20th September 2024	PE Kit

Your lunch menu for the 16th Septmber - 20th September

Monday 16th Sept	Tuesday 17 th Sept	Wednesday 18th Sept	Thursday 19th Sept	Friday 20th Sept
Pizza, wedges and vegetables	Chicken pie, vegetables and mash	Roast Chicken, potatoes and vegetables	Beef bolognaise, pasta and vegetables	Fish fingers & Chips, Beans or Peas
Shortbread	Sponge	Jelly	Flapjack	Ice Cream



Miss Milward and Jack welcomed their beautiful baby girl 'Poppy Alice' over the summer holidays, Miss Milward and Poppy are doing great and we cannot wait to meet the new arrival!



'Poppy Alice'

Summer 'Random Reading Spots'.



Charlie's random reading spot - Urquhart Castle Loch Ness



Jack in Cornwall and at his vegetable patch!



Rosa Bella won the gymkhana at Ipstones show on Carlos the pony - well done Rosa Bella!

family
**Warm
welcome**
a warm space for all

2pm–5pm every Friday

in the school holidays at
the Methodist Schoolroom,
Brookfields Road

drop in for:

- Food & Drinks
- Colouring & Crafts
- Jigsaws, Games, and Lego
- Company and Conversation

For more information about 'Warm Welcome' please contact:

Rev'd Jane Held on 01538 262116 or Rev'd Julie Hassall on 01538 751907

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term:

Term starts: Weds 4th Sept 2024
Half term: Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov
Inset: Mon 4th Nov
Pupils return: Tues 5th Nov
Term ends: Fri 20th Dec

Spring Term:

Term starts: Tues 7th Jan 2025
Half term: Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb
Pupils return: Mon 24th Feb
Term ends: Fri 11th April

Summer Term:

Term starts: Mon 28th April
May Day: Mon 5th May (school closed)
Half term: Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May
Pupils return: Mon 2nd June
Term ends: Fri 18th July

Dates for the diary

W/C: Monday 23rd Sept: Design & Technology week in school
Tuesday 24th Sept: EYFS Stay & Play for parent's 9am - 10am

Tuesday 8th Oct: St Leonards Open Day
Friday 11th Oct: PSHE Enrichment Day - Friendship
Friday 25th Oct: Family Celebration Worship - Methodist Chapel - 9.15am...all welcome

Thurs 7th Nov: Parents Consultations
Fri 8th Nov: Enrichment Day - Careers

Wednesday 23rd October: Twycross Zoo
Monday 16th December: Jack & The Beanstalk Pantomime

Please note that some dates may change.



National Online Safety

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 issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Charity Bike Ride!

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER.



The (*now annual!*) charity bike ride will happen this year on **Sunday 29th September**.

For those who weren't involved last time (but might be keen to this time!), the plan is to do a sponsored bike ride this time heading to the Tissington Trail.



We will again be raising funds for the school and will also raising money for the Oxford University Development Trust (funding vital research into encephalitis autoimmune disease at the Nuffield department of clinical neuroscience). This is in memory of Ezme's grandfather...a worthy cause I'm sure you'll all agree.

Participants can do as much or as little cycling as they like on the Tissington Trail but please can all who are keen bring a responsible adult along with them.



Scan the above QR code to donate.

Please let Eleanor Falder's mum (Nicola) know if you're interested on 07734448231 - let's see if we can raise over £2000 again!!

Thankyou!

Wraparound Care.

Wraparound Care September 2024.

Wraparound care will be continuing in September. Due to the cost of living we have had to increase fees to reflect the running costs of both clubs. As always, we will try to be as flexible as possible to fit in with your family's needs. As of September, sessions will be charged at the following:

Breakfast club: Arrival 7.30am - 8am: £5

Arrival 8am: £4

Breakfast and a drink are available to all children.

After school: 3.15pm - 4.15pm: £5

3.15pm - 5.15pm: £10.25

3.15pm - 6pm: £14.20

Children which are in club after 4.15pm, prices reflect a light tea of sandwiches, fruit and vegetable sticks and drinks.

If any of the above sessions are required these need to be booked with myself through email:

Crooks.E@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

Fees are payable via ParentPay, alternatively we accept payment through the following voucher schemes:

KiddiVouchers, Sodexo and Tax Free Childcare.

If you use a different scheme it is most likely we will be able to accept payment through them once registered.

Please speak to Mrs Crooks regarding this.





NUT FREE SCHOOL!

When sending packed lunches in with your child or a snack for morning snack time please remember we are a 'NUT FREE SCHOOL' and morning snacks need to be an 'Healthy Option'.

Uniform Bank.

Please remember we do have the school uniform bank available with a various range of uniform. Please email the office if there is anything you are looking for and Mrs Crooks will have a look to see if we can help.





Celebration awards.

<p>Spark to a Flame</p> 	<p>Maisie Lily.E Rosa Bella</p>
<p>Star of the Week</p> 	<p>George Elise Eleanor.F</p>
<p>Reading</p> 	<p>Jacob.L</p>
<p>Lunchtime</p> 	<p>Savannah</p>
<p>Writing</p> 	<p>Toby</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Sam</p>
<p>Headteacher's</p> 	<p>Sophie.W</p>

Autumn Term Trips.



WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER

To support the children's learning of 'Paws, Claws, Whiskers and Wings'. We will be leaving school at 8.30am and returning at 5pm (traffic dependent). Children will need to be in school for 8.20am to allow a prompt departure. Packed lunch is required and can be ordered from the kitchen (Reception, Y1 and Y2's can receive these free of cost). Please let Mrs Crooks know if you require a lunch via the office email or by filling in the form in reception - there will be a choice of ham or cheese sandwiches.

Cost: £8 - payable on ParentPay.



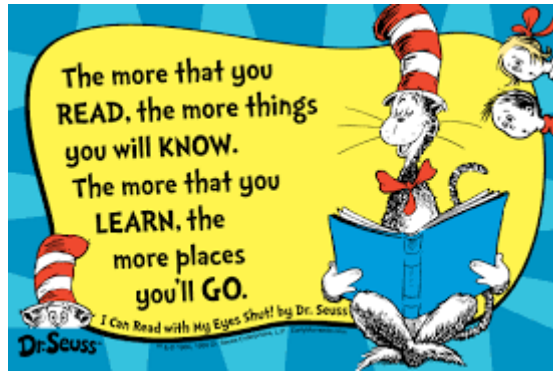
MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

We will be departing school at 12noon and returning at 4.15pm. An early lunch will be provided before the children leave school.

Cost: £13 - payable on ParentPay.

After school club can still be available for both trips if required but please confirm you will require it with Mrs Crooks so she can confirm numbers with ASM.

Thankyou.



Reading

At St Leonards we love to read and explore a range of books, our beautiful library has so many different types of choice that the children are spoilt by what to choose!

To continue this love of reading at home we ask that you read with your child as often as possible. If your child has their reading diary signed by someone at home they can earn 5 dojo points, which will then accumulate and earn a prize!

Reception children are encouraged to look through their picture books sent home by Miss Torr and to tell the story of what they see...a signature from home for this will still earn them 5 Dojo points!

Mrs Hodgkins will check reading diaries on a Monday and add Dojo's to the children's accounts.

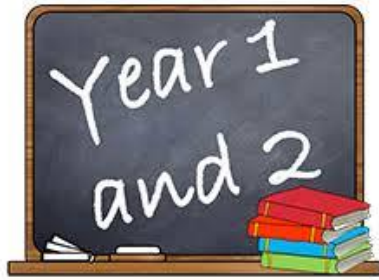
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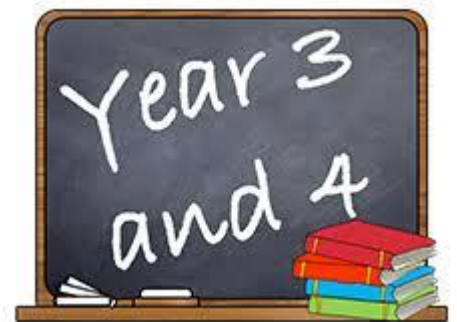
ClassDojo

Spellings.

Children in year 1 and 2 will be coming home with spelling books with spellings in to practice - these books need to be returned to school on a Monday to be updated.



Mrs Hodgkins will be using SeeSaw for year 3 and 4's spellings, but until this is up and running spellings will be coming home with your children in their bags.



Mrs Hodgkins also asks if Year 3 and 4 children could practice numer bonds to 20 where possible:



Thankyou for your continued support.

Free School Meals – (Reception – Year 4).



Please apply online at gov.uk if you think you may be eligible:

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the [Holiday Activity and Food Programme](#). Food vouchers may also be available through the [Household Support Fund](#). Find out more by [contacting your local council](#).

By claiming 'Free School Meals' the school is also eligible to claim 'Pupil Premium' funding for your child:

What is it for? The Pupil Premium grant is an amount per child, and it is intended that schools use this money to close the gap in attainment between pupils and their peers. This does not mean that each pupil directly receives the grant.; all spending decisions rest with the school.

If you are unsure if you could claim please speak to Mrs Crooks.