



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


Tuesday 9th May 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 8 th May 2023	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	Full uniform
Wednesday 10 th May 2023 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit
Thursday 11 th May 2023	Full uniform
Friday 12 th May 2023	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 8th May 2023 - 12th May 2023

Monday 8 th May 2023	Tuesday 9 th May 2023	Wednesday 10 th May 2023	Thursday 11 th May 2023	Friday 12 th May 2023
Bank holiday	Sausage, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots	Roast gammon, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Beef bolognese, pasta, peas and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips, peas or beans
	Chocolate sponge	Oatie biscuit	Secret brownie	Ice cream

Coronation celebrations

To commemorate this historical event the children have all been gifted a leather bookmark from the school as a keepsake to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Mrs Goldstraw also created a spotting guide for the children to complete whilst watching the auspicious occasion on the TV . We hope they managed to find some of the famous people and landmarks!



1. Diamond Jubilee State Coach.

2. Archbishop of Canterbury.

3. Royal Standard Flag.

4. The Mall

5. St Edward's Crown.

6. The Orb

7. The London Eye.

8. Nelson's Column and Trafalgar Square.

9. Westminster Abbey.

10. William, Prince of Wales.

11. Big Ben and the Elizabeth Tower.

12. Household Cavalry.

13. Stone of Scone.

14. Admiralty Arch.

15. London Bus.

16. Buckingham Palace.

17. Royal Airforce Personnel

18. Royal Navy Personnel.

19. King Charles III and Queen Camilla

20. Guards.



Coronation of King Charles III

6th May 2023

As you watch the coronation on TV tick off any of the landmarks, places, items or people as you spot them. Have fun and enjoy this historical event.



Introducing
the...

Warm welcome project

providing a warm space

2pm–5pm every Friday

at the Methodist Schoolroom,
Brookfields Road

including:

- Hot Food & Drinks
- Practical Advice
- Jigsaws, Board Games, Newspapers
- Good 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

Sports Day

We have set a date for Sports Day for Wednesday 28th June - 1.30pm - 3.00pm.

More details will follow nearer the time.



PE Kit

Please could you ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit.

This is black joggers or shorts, the house team coloured polo shirt and the St Leonard's black hoodie or zip through hoodie. St Leonard's joggers can also be purchased and all uniform items are available at Something Special in Cheadle.

Thank you



Sunscreen and hats

As the weather is set to get warmer (hopefully!) please may we ask that you send your child in with sunscreen and a hat during the Summer months.

Girls are welcome to come to school in their purple gingham dress and boys can wear shorts (we have spares of both in our uniform bank).

Water is readily available for the children throughout the day and we regularly encourage them to drink.

We do have sunscreen in school so if you have given your consent for your child to use school sun cream we will ensure that they apply it.



The Big Question!

This week in "The Big Question" assembly the children were asked to think about;

"Is it always good to succeed?"

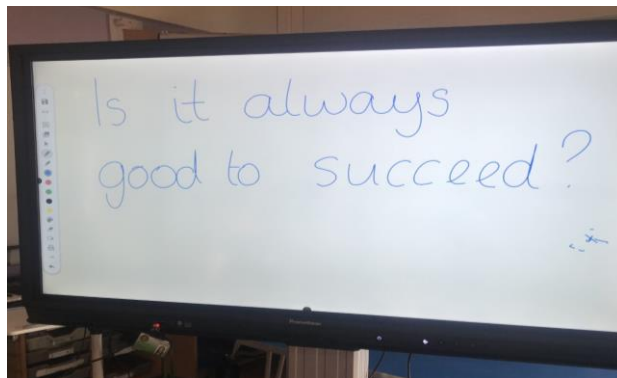
Again, the children discussed in their house teams and this is what they decided;

"It's not always good to succeed because you won't learn from your mistakes"

"No because you might be working too hard and miss out on having fun"

"It's not always good to succeed because your friends might be jealous of you"

"It won't make you happy"



Gardening club

On Thursday Mr Brightman and the gardening club were busy tidying up the spiritual garden at the front of the school.

They also planted some potatoes up on the school field. If you recall last year we had a successful crop which some parents managed to utilise and feedback that they were actually very tasty! Hopefully we will have more to share with you this year.



Coronation song

The children have been practising a coronation song, "The sound of trumpets" in school. They sang this at the celebration on Friday as their showcase in front of the other schools. It was fabulous!

Sparks class had a particularly important role of being the soldiers playing the trumpets and Sam was the beefeater!

We have recorded and uploaded the song for you to see on the St Leonard's Facebook page and the school website;

www.stleonardsfirstschoolipstones.com



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

Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance-98.9%

Fun dog show

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 goodie 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.

Dates for the diary

Summer Term

Whole school trip to The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery - Thursday 25th May

Term ends - Friday 26th May

Term starts - Monday 5th June

New reception transition morning - Friday 9th June

Tuesday 6th June - Thursday 8th June - Year 3/4 Residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom

Thursday 15th June - Additional Churnet View transition morning for year 4

Thursday 15th June - Father's Day afternoon

New reception transition morning - Friday 16th June

Thursday 22nd June - Victoria Hall concert

New reception transition morning - Friday 23rd June

Wednesday 28th June - 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Sports Day

Thursday 29th June - Additional transition visit for year 4 and stay for lunch.

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 18th July

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

Thursday 20th July - Leaver's service

Term ends - Friday 21st July

The list of dates is not exhaustive at this time of the year . We will, of course, keep you up to date.



Wearable tech is increasingly big business. More than 170 million smartwatches were sold globally in 2022, for example, with Apple biting off the largest chunk of the market (26% - some distance ahead of Samsung, in second with 9%). That's partly because they have more than 21,000 apps available for their devices, allowing users to customise their smartwatch experience.

Both Apple and Samsung's products, of course, lean towards the higher spec end of the market - usually with price tags to match. Sourcing a less expensive alternative, however, often also means inferior safety features to protect young wearers. That's just one of the potential hazards highlighted in our #WakeUpWednesday guide to smartwatches. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and the danger of theft.

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

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches - available to buy from as little as £20 online - make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike - so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.



AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call - or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch - or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features - allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert - avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Benny Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 22 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 6 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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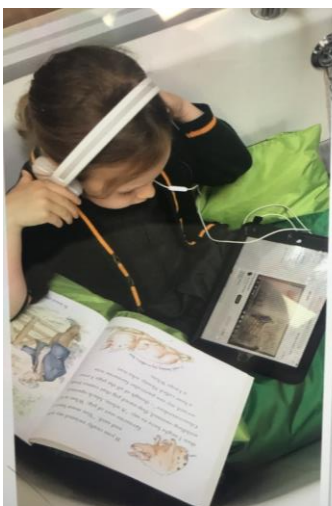
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Sparks

Sparks class have been doing lots of Maths this week. They have been counting dots on sun rays to recap their number knowledge. They used their number blocks to make a number block pizza! They have also been writing postcards to King Charles and making royal crowns.

Miss Milward has been busy setting up a new system for the books in their class. She has set up a QR code for the books, the children scan the code on their ipad and it brings up the storybook being read to them by a storyteller. They have loved it so much!

They were given a very important role for the coronation celebration party. Sparks class were dressed as the trumpeting soldiers and a beefeater whilst the children of St Leonard's sang their song at the coronation party on Friday.

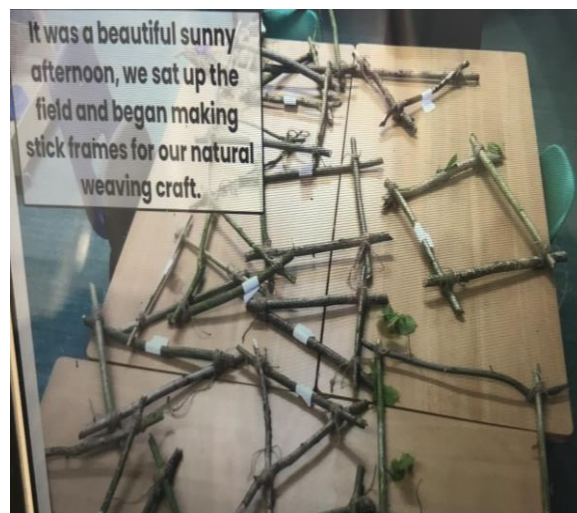
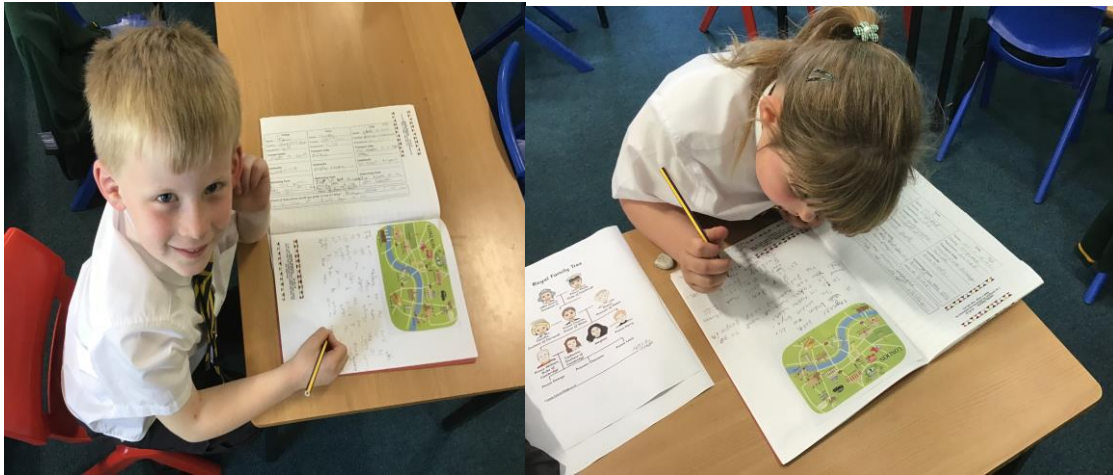


Flickers

Flickers class have been learning about London landmarks and the Royal family tree. Hopefully they spotted some of the landmarks on TV on Saturday and were able to complete Mrs Goldstraw's spotting guide which they brought home.

They too have been learning about the royal family tree and will make their own.

They have also been doing some nature weaving. On Welly Wednesday they collected sticks and made nature weaves. They are going to decorate them in the style of William Morris with ornate thread and materials.



Flames

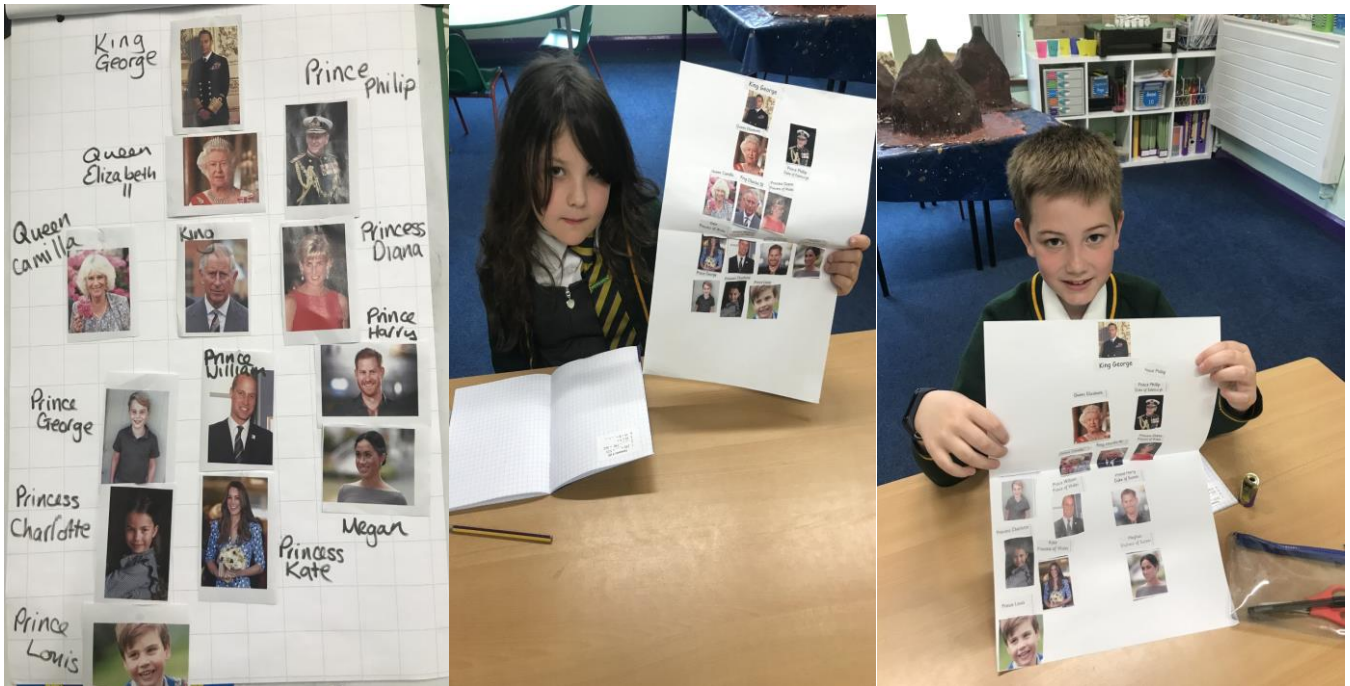
Flames class have been learning about the royal family tree.

They traced it back to Queen Elizabeth II father, King George VI.

They created their own royal family trees, making themselves familiar with the members of the royal family in readiness for Saturday.

They have also been wild weaving!

They learned this forest school craft on Welly Wednesday. They will embellish them over the following weeks using more natural materials from the school field.



Happy bank holiday

We hope you enjoyed the bank holiday and the celebrations!



