



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


Friday 19th 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 22 nd May 2023	Full uniform
Tuesday 23 rd May 2023	Full uniform
Wednesday 24 th May 2023 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit
Thursday 25 th May 2023	Full uniform Whole school trip to The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery
Friday 26 th May 2023	PE kit Break up for half term. Back in school on Monday 5 th June.

Your lunch menu for the 22nd May 2023 - 26th May 2023

Monday 22 nd May 2023	Tuesday 23 rd May 2023	Wednesday 24 th May 2023	Thursday 25 th May 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023
Cheese and tomato pizza, sweetcorn and peas	Chicken korma, rice, peas and carrots	Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	All day breakfast	Fish fingers or chicken goujons(not spicy) , chips and peas or beans
Shortbread	Flapjack	Shortbread	Rice Krispie cake	Ice cream

Star Awards



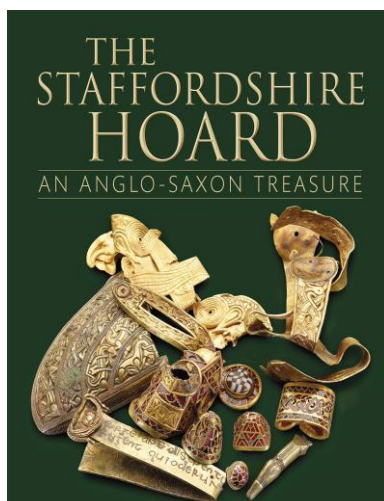
Congratulations are sent out to the following children who won Star Award's this week:

Headteacher's Award	Jack S
Star of the Week Sparks	Eleanor B
Star of the Week Flickers	Emily
Star of the week Flames	Jack S
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Sam
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Rosa Bella
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Taya
Mrs Amos award	Ezme
Cook's Award	Corah-Rae
Maths Award	All of year 2
Writing Award	Sophie F

Whole school trip to The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery

On Thursday 25th May the children will be going to see The Staffordshire Hoard at The Potteries Museum. They will be picked up from school at 9.15am and collected at 12.30pm to come back to school for a late lunch of everyone's favourite of an all day breakfast!

The children from Manifold Primary Academy will also be attending so they can meet up with the friends that they made at the coronation celebration.

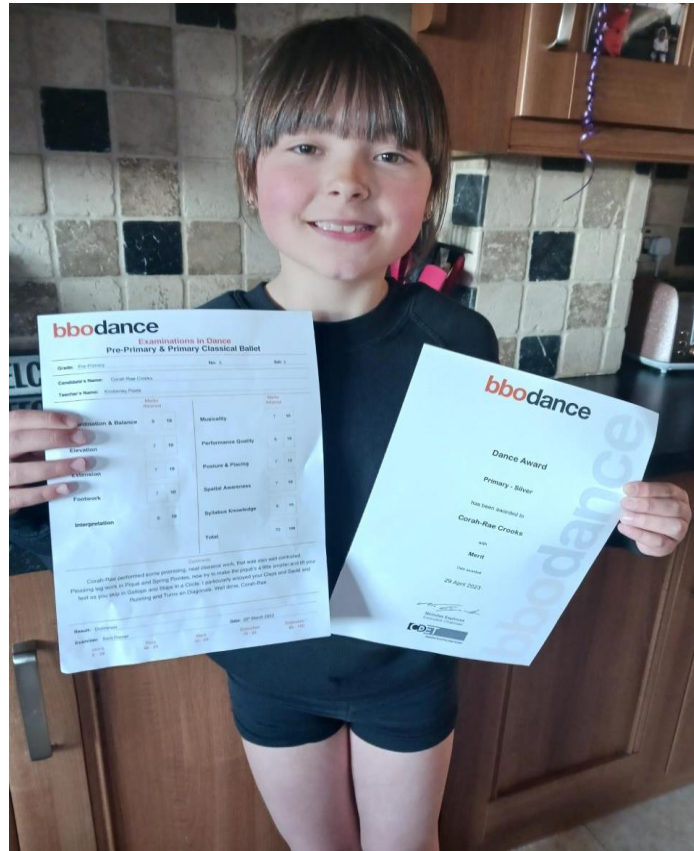


Well Done

Well done to Corah Rae who recently took two dance exams in ballet and disco.

She passed with distinction!

A very big well done Corah Rae.



Five dinners!

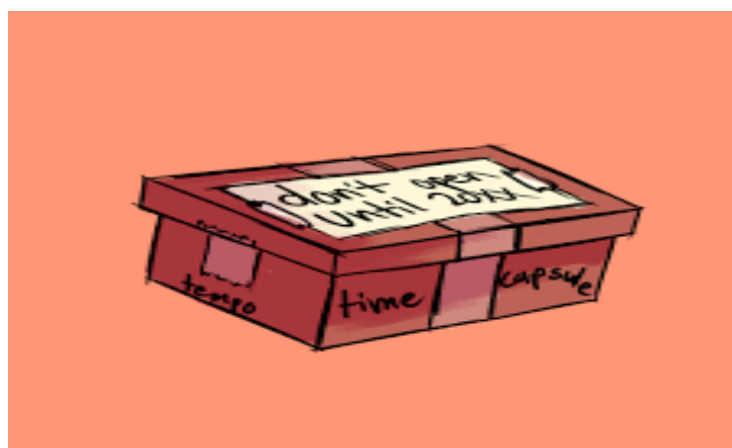
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Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click green Join button now.



Time capsule

We wanted to let you know that a picture of the children singing their Coronation Song in front of Buckingham Palace has gone into the time capsule that Reverend Jane put together for the Coronation of King Charles III . This is alongside other Coronation memorabilia provided by the local community. The capsule will be buried in a secret location and will be brought back either at the next coronation or in 25 years time, 2048.



Parentpay

As it is rapidly approaching the end of the school year please may we remind you to clear any outstanding debts before we finish for the summer holidays.

If you would like a statement of your child's account this can be provided by the office.

It is imperative that no outstanding balances are carried forward to the 2023-2024 academic year.

Thank you.



Seaside trip

On 18th July we are going to the seaside!

We are taking the children to Prestatyn for an end of year treat.

We have now confirmed coach times so please can all children be in school by the earlier time of 8.30am.

We will be collected at 3.00pm so will be back at school by approximately 5.00pm traffic permitting but we will keep you posted.

We will be treating the children to an ice cream each to finish the treat off.

If you would like to order a school packed lunch for your child please complete the form under the link below.

The deadline to order is Friday 7th July.

The cost of the trip is £20 and payable on Parentpay.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WjxJv2L9Cj>



Attendance

Attendance Ladder



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance-98%

National Online Safety

With more than 700 million users worldwide, Telegram is a popular alternative to the likes of WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger; indeed, in some countries, it's overtaken that pair to become the most-used instant messaging app. Telegram's no stranger to controversy, however, and has occasionally been made unavailable for download in some nations (including the UK).

There are various reasons for these suspensions, but the primary trigger for the authorities' concern has been that Telegram's robust encryption, sadly, all too often encourages the app's use as a conduit for extremist political material and illegal sexual content. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week brings trusted adults the lowdown on Telegram.

In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks including a lack of age verification, inappropriate content and cyber-bullying.

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 apps 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 TELEGRAM

Telegram isn't new, but it's grown significantly in popularity over recent years, thanks to its secure nature and speedier performance than many of its competitors – including WhatsApp. While Telegram is an excellent app in terms of actual performance, like any messaging platform it brings its own challenges for parents when it comes to feeling confident about children being able to handle their own messaging conversations and contact with the outside world in general. Here's everything that trusted adults need to know about using Telegram safely.

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE RESTRICTION

Telegram has a 16+ age restriction on using the service, while someone is required to be over 17 to actually download the app. Once that's accomplished, however, there's no need to provide further identification. That means there's no guarantee that under 17s aren't using the app – and no way to confidently verify that any other user actually is who they say they are.

POSSIBLE CYBERBULLYING

If your child uses Telegram, they could well be in a group with friends and peers on the app. These groups are managed by admins who can remove the option to post replies – possibly leading to instances of cyberbullying in which the victim has no ability to respond. Messages can be forwarded from groups, too, which potentially opens up images and text being seen by to people they weren't intended for.

UNMODERATED CONTENT

Because Telegram relies on users' self-moderation, it can sporadically become a hotbed for illegal or inappropriate content. In the past, the circulation of this material has led to its temporary removal from the App Store. In fairness, the same can be said of several messaging platforms, but Telegram's features (Secret Chats, for instance) certainly present more issues than the likes of WhatsApp.

PREMIUM COSTS

Telegram is free to use, but it also offers a premium membership (£4.99 per month or £35.99 a year) which increases download speeds, adds translation features, and increases channel and account limits. If your child has access to your Apple ID or Google Pay details, they may be able to sign up for the premium package without your knowledge.

UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

One of Telegram's major selling points is that it's accessible across multiple platforms. Once the app's been downloaded, users can log in from a phone, tablet or computer. This multi-device availability means increased opportunities for someone else to gain unauthorised access (if your child leaves a computer or tablet at school logged into their Telegram account, for instance).

SECRET CHATS

Telegram offers a feature called Secret Chats, which allows for messages which self-delete after a specified period of time. There are instances where this can be useful (journalists often use Telegram to protect their sources, for example), but for young people it can make it extremely difficult to prove that someone has been abusive or inappropriate towards them on the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child wants to use Telegram, we'd strongly suggest using the app's built-in privacy settings to restrict who can see when they were last online, their profile photo, and their phone number. This can be set to 'everybody', 'my contacts' or 'nobody'. We'd recommend either the second or third options, depending on how locked down you want the platform to be.

DISCUSS SECURITY

It's important that your child understands the merits of strong passwords and logging out of devices when they're finished – and the benefits of protecting their personal data in general. This could range from relaxed chats and simple tips like "don't send your bank details" to how to set up passwords for Telegram so your child's chats stay secure when they step away from their screen.

REPORT UNSAFE CONTENT

If your child receives private messages which include content that could be considered illegal, unsafe or upsetting, they can of course block the account responsible within the app itself. Be aware, however, that Telegram won't necessarily take any further action if unless this offensive content involved a user-created channel, bot or sticker.

USE THE BLOCK FUNCTION

Users can block spam, abusive, or imposter accounts within the app. Blocking stops that account from messaging your child, or viewing their profile and activity. If the user in question is one of your child's peers or friendship circle, it may be worth bringing it to the attention of their school. Also bear in mind that your child can also voluntarily leave a Telegram group at any point if they wish.

PROTECT PAYMENT METHODS

Apple and Google's storefronts offer family sharing options, but it's also worth double-checking your settings to ensure that a password or two-factor authentication option is set up to prevent any unexpected purchases. If your child does pay for a premium Telegram subscription without your consent, Apple and Google have been known to issue refunds in some cases.

Meet Our Expert

Wylid Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the app store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Gulliver's Kingdom residential trip - 6th June - 8th June.

Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Monday.

Just a reminder that the children will need a packed lunch from home (or school) for the first day, Tuesday 6th June, as we don't officially check in until after lunch. The park will be opened early upon our arrival but food will not be served until the children's evening meal. The menu is all the favourites, pizza, burgers, nuggets so they should enjoy their meals!

If you wish to order a school packed lunch for the first day please let Mrs Amos in the office know.

Thank you.



New catering providers

In September Chartwells will no longer be our catering providers.

Edwards and Ward are taking over the contract but don't worry we will still be keeping Mrs Barks! Phew!

We will let you know more details as we receive them but in the meantime if your child has any special dietary needs please register them via the website no later than 30th June;

edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/



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.

Come along to help raise money for the school. Sunday 25th June, 10am - 2.00pm.

There will be stalls set up in The Memorial Hall refreshments will be available. Please pop along to support this event!

Flower festival at St Leonard's Church

This year the flower festival will be held on 9th, 10th, 11th June at St Leonard's Church. The theme is "your favourite poem" and we have chosen "Hurt no living thing" by Christina Rossetti.

The friends of St Leonard's are organising the event to raise money for the church and our children will be getting involved too!

Their designs will represent our infamous and fabulous Welly Wednesday!

The flower displays will be open to view on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm.

Refreshments will be served on Saturday from 10.00 until 4.00 and Sunday from 2.00 until 4.00pm.

The friends of St Leonard's have asked if any parents could make cakes or help out on the stall please let them know.



The Big Question

This week's "Big Question" was " **Should you judge a book by it's cover?"**

Again the children thought about their answers carefully in their house teams and whilst at first they answered literally " You may not like the cover of the book but it might be good inside" , they got to thinking about other examples.

"I don't like the look of carrot cake but I like how it tastes"

"If someone looks scruffy it doesn't mean they are dirty people. They might have just finished doing jobs or be wearing their favourite jumper with holes in it!"

"If you have a sad face it doesn't mean you are sad, you just might not like to smile"

"If a house doesn't look good on the outside it doesn't mean it's not nice on the inside"



Gardening club

The Eden Project and the DFE collaborated to provide complementary wildflower seeds to all schools. The seeds will provide food insects including bees and butterflies too.

The gardening club will plant these and nurture them with the help of Mr Brightman.



Brave Eleanor

In the half term holidays Eleanor is doing something pretty amazing!

She has decided to cut off her beautiful long blonde hair to donate to The Princess Trust.

If you would like to donate to our "Superhair" Eleanor please follow this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/nicola-falder-1684441928212?utm_term=PnyvgxbMV

You are amazing Eleanor, well done for being so thoughtful and brave!

Watch this space for the after pics!



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 - 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

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.



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

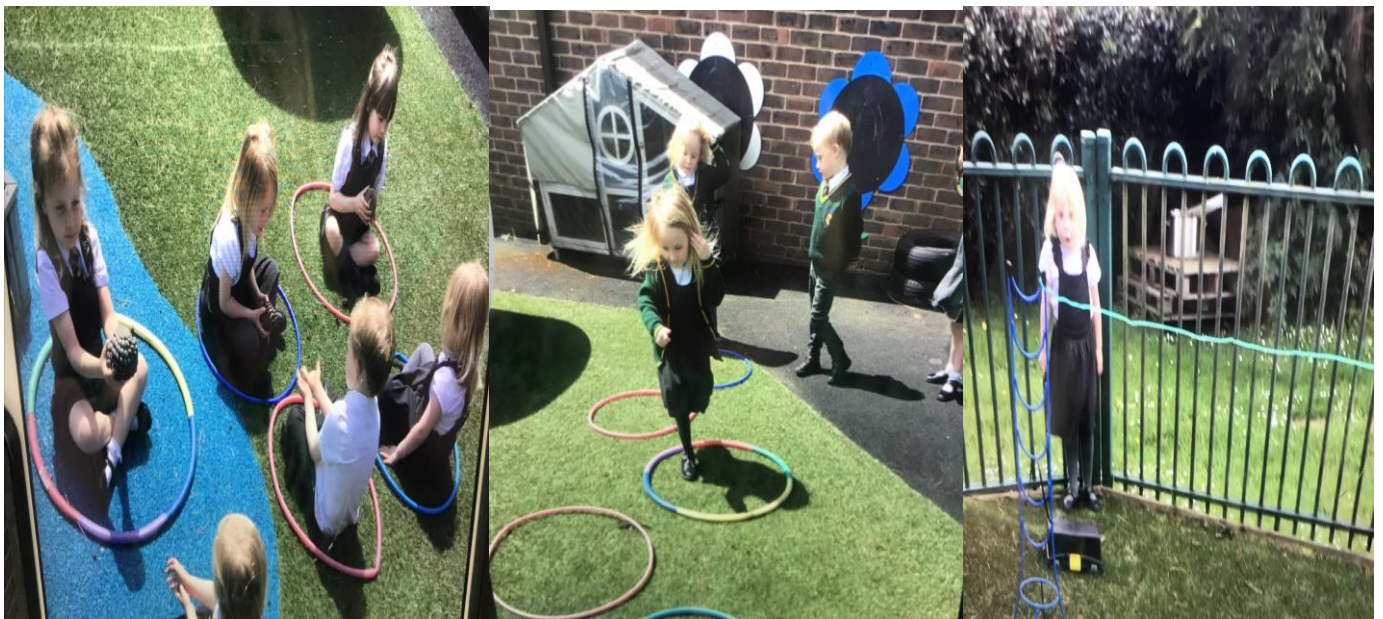
Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August



Sparks

Sparks class have been taking advantage of the weather this week and have done lots of outdoor learning. They have been practising their throwing and catching skills, doing circuits around the playground and even managed to peg out some washing!



Flickers

This week Flickers have been natural weaving with items from the school field.

They have embellished their stick frames with wool, leaves and berries.

They have worked really hard on them.



Flames

This week Flames class were put through their paces as they timing minutes and seconds outside in the glorious sunshine. They timed how long it took to do 100 star jumps, 100 hops, 50 laps and 4 laps of the school playground.

They also received their pen pal letters from the children at Manifold Primary Academy. They wrote back to them telling them all about their hobbies, their siblings, their favourite lesson in school, what they looked like and how old they were.

