



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

Friday 18th October 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 21st October 2024	School Uniform
Tuesday 22nd October 2024	School Uniform
Wednesday 23rd October 2024 Welly Wednesday	PE Kit, suitable coat for the weather. TWYCROSS ZOO – WHOLE SCHOOL – packed lunch required along with a few extra snacks as it will be a late return. 8.20am drop off and 5pm collection. NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Thursday 24 th October 2024	School Uniform Mrs Falder's Assembly – 'Being a Vet'
Friday 25 th October 2024	PE Kit Parent's worship 9.15am – Methodist Chapel, all welcome
Attendance this week 14/10 - 18/10	95.7%

Your lunch menu for the 21st October – 25th October

Monday 21st Oct	Tuesday 22 nd Oct	Wednesday 23rd Oct	Thursday 24 th Oct	Friday 25 th Oct
Pizza, wedges and vegetables	Cottage Pie and vegetables	PACKED LUNCH	Chicken Curry and rice with vegetables	Fish fingers & Chips, Beans or Peas
Shortbread	Sponge	PACKED LUNCH	Flapjack	Ice Cream

We are a NUT FREE school.



Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term:

Half term: Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov

Inset: Mon 4th Nov – Children not in school

Pupils return: Tues 5th Nov

Term ends: Fri 20th Dec

Spring Term:

Inset: Mon 6th Jan – Children not in school

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

Friday 25th Oct: Family Celebration Worship – Methodist Chapel - 9.15am-all welcome

Weds 6th Nov: Parents Consultations

Fri 8th Nov: Enrichment Day – Careers

Fri 15th Nov: Children In Need

Mon 18th Nov: Reception children weight and height checks

Friday 29th Nov: Advent Service/Festival of Lights at St Leonard's Church

Thurs 5th Dec/Fri 6th Dec – Christmas Nativity at Ipstones Memorial Hall 6pm.

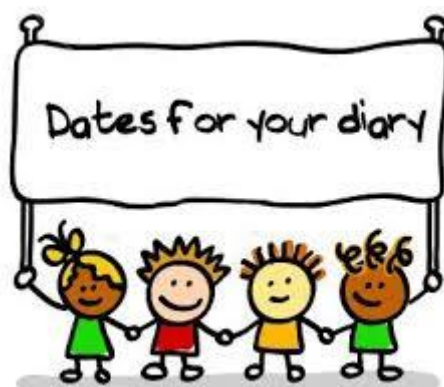
Fri 13th Dec: Christmas Coffee Morning

Thurs 19th Dec: School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 23rd October: Twycross Zoo






Monday 16th December: Jack & The Beanstalk Pantomime

Please note that some dates may change.





Celebration awards.

<p>Spark to a Flame</p> 	<p>Savannah Darcy Dottie</p>
<p>Star of the Week</p> 	<p>James.C Ava Ezme</p>
<p>Reading</p> 	<p>James.R</p>
<p>Writing</p> 	<p>Seth</p>
<p>Headteacher's</p> 	<p>Ezme</p>

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.



Label your child's uniform!



Please ensure all of your children's belongings are labelled – Mrs Crooks can not find and return uniform if it isn't labelled!



National Online Safety.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>

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Wraparound Care.



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

(Fridays we close at 4.15pm)

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

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.

Please ensure accounts are kept up to date to ensure the continued running of Wraparound Care – Thankyou.



Autumn Term Trips.

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Twycross Zoo

IN THE HEART OF CONSERVATION

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER



MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

Cost: £13 - payable on ParentPay due 9th December.

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**warm
welcome**
a warm space for all

2pm–5pm every Friday

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- Jigsaws, Games, and Lego
- Company and Conversation

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

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East Street,
ST13 6LF

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from 6pm - 7pm
(Excluding School Holidays)

For More Information,
Please Contact Our Secretary Sally

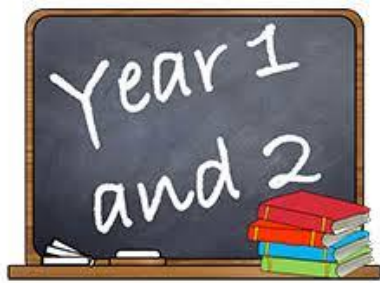
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Spellings.

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 putting spellings into reading diaries on a Friday after the children have been tested on the previous week's spellings.



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



Thankyou for your continued support.



October Half Term.

ASM sports are offering the following clubs over October Half Term, ASM staff are well known to the children due to them providing our after-school club and being in weekly to deliver PE sessions.



BISHOP RAWLE PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHEADLE
MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from **October 28 - November 01**. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program. We provide an environment where everyone is challenged and enjoys themselves.

TEAM SPORTS ALTERNATIVE SPORTS MULTI SPORTS ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Alongside our regular timetable we will be offering some fantastic additional **FREE** activities within our Booster program. Please see our schedule of events on our MyASM booking portal.

BUG CLUB
INFLATABLES
MUSICAL MAYHEM
PUMPKIN CARVING
MONSTER MASH (DISCO/PARTY)
BRING A BIKE & SCOOT SKILLS

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CRICKET MASTERCLASS

Cricket Cave (Unit B)
The Cricket Cave
Fraylings Business Park, Longport, ST6 4HS

October 29-31 | 09:00-15:30

Come and join us to experience the feeling of training like a professional Cricketer!
John Hancock, will lead an array of high quality sessions to improve your technique, decision making and match play in all areas. This camp is suitable for club players aged 7-14 years old.

High Class Environment & Facilities!
The Cave has 5 nets, BOLA bowling machines, Merlin spin machines and the latest PitchVision video analysis camera software. We will be utilising these state of the art facilities to improve every aspect of your game; whether you are a batsman, bowler or wicket keeper.

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MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

BOOSTER SCHEDULE

Bishop Rawle Primary School

Mon	MUSICAL MAYHEM
Tue	BUG CLUB
Wed	BRING A BIKE AND SCOOT SKILLS / INFLATABLES
Thu	PUMPKIN CARVING
Fri	MONSTER MASH (DISCO/PARTY)



October is 'Walk into school month'

If possible, let's get them walking shoes on and get walking into school, this helps the environment, makes you feel better within yourself AND stops the car parking congestion around school...every little helps!

October is **walk** INTO school **MONTH**

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.

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Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health and also helps the environment!

Discover more at staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel

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It's time to walk



We are pleased to announce that Year 3 and 4's residential trip will be taking place at Gullivers Rother Valley, South Yorkshire on 23rd June – 25th June 2025.

Letters have been sent out to all of Flames parents and payments can be made on ParentPay.

Achievements outside of School.



Well done to Jack for receiving his first boxing medal and to Kallum for receiving 'Man of the Match'



School admissions for September 2025 for Reception and Year 5.

Applications open online for Reception and Year 5 on the 1st November 2024.

The easiest way to apply is online at:



www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions



You will need to make your application by 15th January 2025 and you will receive your offer on 16th April 2025.



Year 4 children will be coming home with a letter over the next few weeks with more information

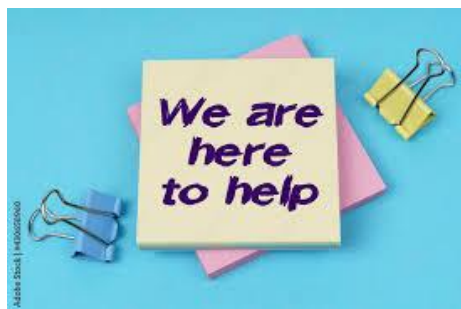




All accounts on ParentPay and any Wraparound Care voucher schemes need to be kept up to date as much as possible, this is **ESSENTIAL** for the running of the school – it can not run on fresh air!



It is vital that parents pay their relevant debts on time. If you are unsure of your outstanding payments or are struggling to clear your accounts please speak to Mrs Crooks who will be able to point you in the right direction.



If debts are not paid then money which is reserved for providing the range of activities and experiences that your children enjoy will have to be used to clear these debts, therefore putting the children at a disadvantage.

There is an option on ParentPay for all parents to contribute to the 'School Fund Contribution'.

THANKYOU!

Parents Consultations.



Parent consultations have now been finalised and you should of received an email off Mrs Crooks confirming your time – if you have not please ask.



St Leonard's Nativity 2024.

We can hardly believe it is that time of year again where we will be starting to give out parts for the Nativity play and starting to rehearse lines and songs!



This years nativity will be taking place at Ipstones Memorial Hall on **Thursday 5th December and Friday 6th December at 6pm.**

Nativity time is always a very exciting time within school and when your child does bring home their parts, it would be greatly appreciated if you could practise with them (this will be after half term). In the meantime if you have nativity costumes which are no longer of any use at home please send them into school to be reused.

Wraparound Care – Online Bookings.

After October half term bookings for Wraparound Care will need to be made online and paid for at the time of booking.



They will appear on your ParentPay account as:

St Leonard's Breakfast Club

St Leonard's After School Club Monday-Thursday

St Leonard's After School Club Friday

Upon clicking onto any of the above you then need to click on the sessions you require and make your payment. This will then inform the office that you require a place for your child.



Last minute emergency sessions can still be booked on the day by contacting the office.



For those who pay via voucher schemes details will be coming out to you regards of your payments.

Birthday Celebrations this week!

A big Happy Birthday to Seth and Kallum.



St Leonard's learning:

Flames class have been learning how to draw animals as part of their Art studies this half term. They have been inspired by the illustrations of Beatrix Potter and have followed tutorials to draw these fantastic Peter Rabbit's. We hope you have noticed their drawing improving at home.



Flickers class have also been learning how to draw animals in their art lessons. They have been drawing elephants as they have learnt all about the famous elephant of the past 'Jumbo'.

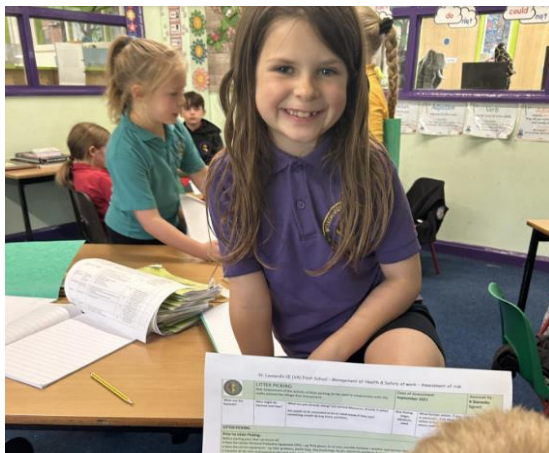
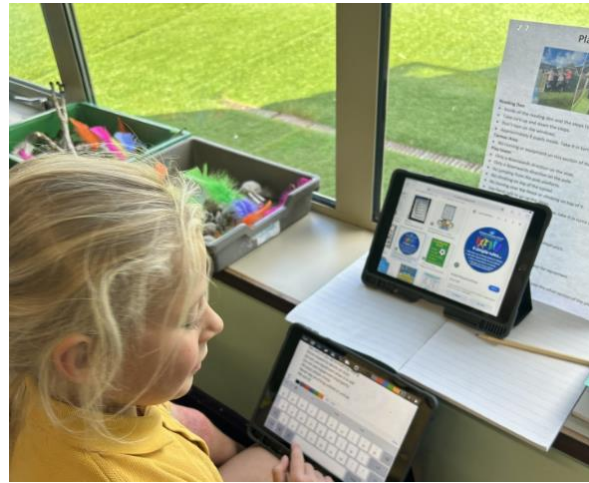


Each Friday Flames class have a pupil leadership lesson with Mrs Stanesby. In these lessons they learn the skills they need to be good leaders. They work in their assigned leadership role groups and develop their ideas collaboratively.

The leadership groups we have in school this year are: school council, worship council, community carers, health and safety council, mini medics, love ambassadors, digital leaders, eco council and sports leaders.

We look forward to letting you know all about their ideas as they progress.

Watch this space!



Harvest Festival

Thankyou to everyone who joined us at church for the Harvest Festival and for the genorous donations. The children were amazing at doing their readings and singing the harvest songs – well done all!



Charity Bike Ride!

Wow! Wow! Wow!

An amazing £1900 was raised from the charity bike ride, a fantastic achievement by all involved.



17.5 miles were rode on bike.

St Leonard's will receive £950 and £950 to 'Oxford University Development Trust' in memory of Ezme's Grandad.

Thankyou again to Mrs Falder for organising this event.

