



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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 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)*

Headteacher: 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

### Weekly Diary

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Full uniform
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Full uniform
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day 9.00am - 1.00pm - New Reception transition morning (staying for school dinner) Year 4 transition day at Churnet View (Full uniform)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Full uniform Year 4 transition day at Churnet View
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022 Fitness Friday!	PE kit

### Your lunch menu for the 27<sup>th</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, carrots and pizza	Sausage, mash, broccoli and peas	Roast gammon, roasted and mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Cottage pie, beans, carrots or peas	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Flapjack	Shortbread	chocolate biscuit	Chocolate brownie	Ice cream

## Star Awards



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

Headteacher award	<b>Joseph</b>
Star of the Week Sparks	<b>Olivia</b>
Star of the Week Flickers	<b>Emily</b> <b>All year 1's</b>
Star of the week Flames	<b>Molly</b>
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	<b>James</b>
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	<b>Corah Rae</b>
Spark to a flame Flames Class	<b>All Flames class</b>
Maths Award Flames	<b>Jack S</b>
Cooks award	<b>Emily</b>
Mrs Amos award	<b>Oscar</b>

Mrs Appiah awarded all year 1's the "Star of the week" as they all did amazingly well in their phonics assessments.

Mrs Stanesby awarded all Flames class the "Spark to a flame award" as they were all so well behaved at Lichfield Cathedral last week.

## Happy birthday

A very Happy Birthday to James who celebrates his birthday this week.

Have a most marvellous time James!



## Summer reading challenge

Get ready for **Gadgeteers**, arriving online and in your **local library** this summer.

Science is all around you!

What do you love doing? Are you a brilliant baker? Or a mega music fan? Are you the tech wizard amongst your friends?

Join the *Gadgeteers* for the Summer Reading Challenge to **discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you**, including some of your favourite things!

Curious? Perfect! Your imagination can unlock endless possibilities...

We're teaming up with **Science Museum Group** for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire you to use your imagination and creativity!

*Gadgeteers* will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you.





### Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies and are keen to recruit enthusiastic and committed parents to be part of our School Governors Team at St Leonard's. You can find out more about the current School Governors from the school website following the St. Leonard's tab to 'Our Governors'.

Our School Governors work as a team by offering supportive challenge to the School to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively. We come from a wide variety of backgrounds so we add value to the life of the school by offering our skills, expertise and time. We are there to make a positive contribution to our children's education and development.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role of a Parent Governor, please email Mrs Amos at [office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk) and she will pass on your details to Jane and Sue (Co Chairs of the Governing Body) in order to organise an informal chat with them

Please register any interest with Mrs Amos by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June as the closing date for nominations is 3pm on Monday 11th July 2022. Thank you.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jane and Sue

### Sports Afternoon

We look forward to welcoming you all on Wednesday to our Sports afternoon, the first one in three years!

All are welcome but will be required to let us know of your attendance beforehand so that we can keep a register.

Mr Walker and his ASM colleagues will be running the sports afternoon which starts at 1.30pm.

We hope to hold a cake sale to raise money for the school fund.

Other refreshments will also be available for parents to purchase

Any donations would be gratefully received and should be brought in to school on Wednesday morning.

Please note we are a nut free school.



## Lunchtime supervisor

<b>Grade:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Hours:</b>	<b>7.5</b>
	<b>Fixed term</b>
<b>Salary</b>	<b>£18,516 per annum (Actual salary - £3,198.00)</b>
<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>September 2022.</b>

The Governors of St Leonard's CE (A) First School are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisor who can provide care to the children during the school break in classrooms, the dining hall and on the playground. Applicants should enjoy working with children and young people and be able to work as part of a team. Your responsibilities will include ensuring the health and safety, welfare, good conduct and behaviour of the pupils are met in accordance with the practices and procedures of the school.

You will also be required to work alongside the catering supervisor assisting with setting up the dinner hall and ensuring cleanliness and hygiene.

This is a term time only post at 7.5 hours per week pro rata, fixed term for 12 months in the first instance and will commence subject to all suitable checks being completed.

To request an application pack please contact Mrs Amos on 01538 266292.

### **Safeguarding**

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment and follow the school's safeguarding policies. The successful candidate will be subject to all necessary pre-employment checks, including:

### **Support Staff**

An enhanced DBS; Childcare Disqualification (where applicable); qualifications (where applicable); medical fitness; identity and right to work.

### **Training**

Safeguarding, Prevent, Food Hygiene and Paediatric First Aid training will be provided.

### **References**

All applicants will be required to provide two suitable references prior to the interview.

**Closing Date:** TBC

**Interviews:** TBC



The most popular channels focus (perhaps predictably) on Fortnite, League of Legends, Grand Theft Auto and Valorant - but whatever franchise someone favours, Twitch makes it easy to find fellow devotees to share gaming experiences with in real time, learning from each other and swapping tips and tactics to improve their own skills.

However, as in so many areas of the online world, people on Twitch also exchange hurtful remarks or age-inappropriate content (streams of games which might be too violent or frightening for younger viewers, for example). This guide assesses the possible risks to young users of Twitch.

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](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TWITCH

Twitch is a livestreaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It's a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers' channels through PayPal donations, "Bits" and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### UNCENSORED STREAMS

Uncensored content obviously carries a greater risk of inappropriate language and behaviour (streamers can, however, list their broadcast as unsuitable for children). Twitch has strict rules for streamers to follow, but requires viewers to report any streams which breach these guidelines. Each livestream is accompanied by a text chat which it is the streamer's responsibility to moderate.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

As well as streamers talking directly to their audience, Twitch enables viewers to use text chat to speak to the person they're watching. It's a social platform which also allows viewers to interact with each other via text while they are watching livestreams - including exchanging private messages. This raises the possibility of a child being approached and messaged online by total strangers.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most people are already aware that some video games feature adult content such as violence, sexual content, profanity and so on. Twitch does prevent certain games from being streamed on the platform, but most are still allowed. It is relatively simple, then, for a child to find livestreams of games that aren't suitable for them - including horror games.

### WEBCAM SHARING

It's common for streamers to use their live webcam footage. This allows better interaction with their viewers, but also adds risk: the stream might include sponsored content or product placement that isn't child friendly. Using a webcam in livestreams increases the chance of malicious viewers finding out where the streamer lives and provides bullies with visual reactions to their hurtful behaviour.

### HIDDEN COSTS

Twitch is free to use because it's supported by advertisers. Removing the ads requires a subscription to Twitch Turbo - or the Twitch Prime package (free for anyone with an Amazon Prime account), which blocks the ads and offers additional goodies such as bonus games. Streamers earn most of their income by asking users for direct donations or gifts of the virtual currency Twitch Bits.

### PRIVATE CHAT ROOMS

Twitch encourages streamers to create their own communities, which extend beyond its platform. Many create a public Discord group, for example, for viewers to join and communicate with each other. Discord is a completely separate entity to Twitch and offers a higher risk of predators, grooming and cyberbullying if your child gets involved in the voice or video chat with strangers.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EXPLORE IT YOURSELF

Twitch doesn't have any parental controls, but it is possible to block troublesome users if it becomes necessary. The best solution is to watch some Twitch channels by yourself or with your child to find some that are suitable. Watching some streams by yourself is also a good route to understanding the sort of content that your child would be consuming regularly on Twitch.

### WATCH WHAT THEY WATCH

Twitch does have a lot of child-friendly content: some streamers use a 'family friendly' tag to highlight material that's suitable for children. However, anyone can use this tag - including users who (accidentally or otherwise) stream games with less appropriate adult themes. The best way to counter this is to view different streams and follow suitable channels for your child to watch.

### LEARN HOW TO BLOCK

'Security and Privacy' in Twitch's settings lets your child block messages from specific users. Teaching your child how this works will help them avoid online abuse. If they livestream, knowing how to block people in the chat also helps to prevent cyberbullying or harassment. Evading online interaction is impossible, of course, so talk to them in advance about boundaries and safe online communication.

### LIMIT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Reduce the chance of accidental purchases by ensuring your bank card isn't saved on Twitch or the Amazon account that Twitch Prime could be linked to. Restricting access to your PayPal account is also wise if your child watches Twitch on the device you use to make purchases. Explain to your child that they don't need to subscribe to channels to watch them and that donating or gifting 'Bits' is optional.

### Meet Our Expert

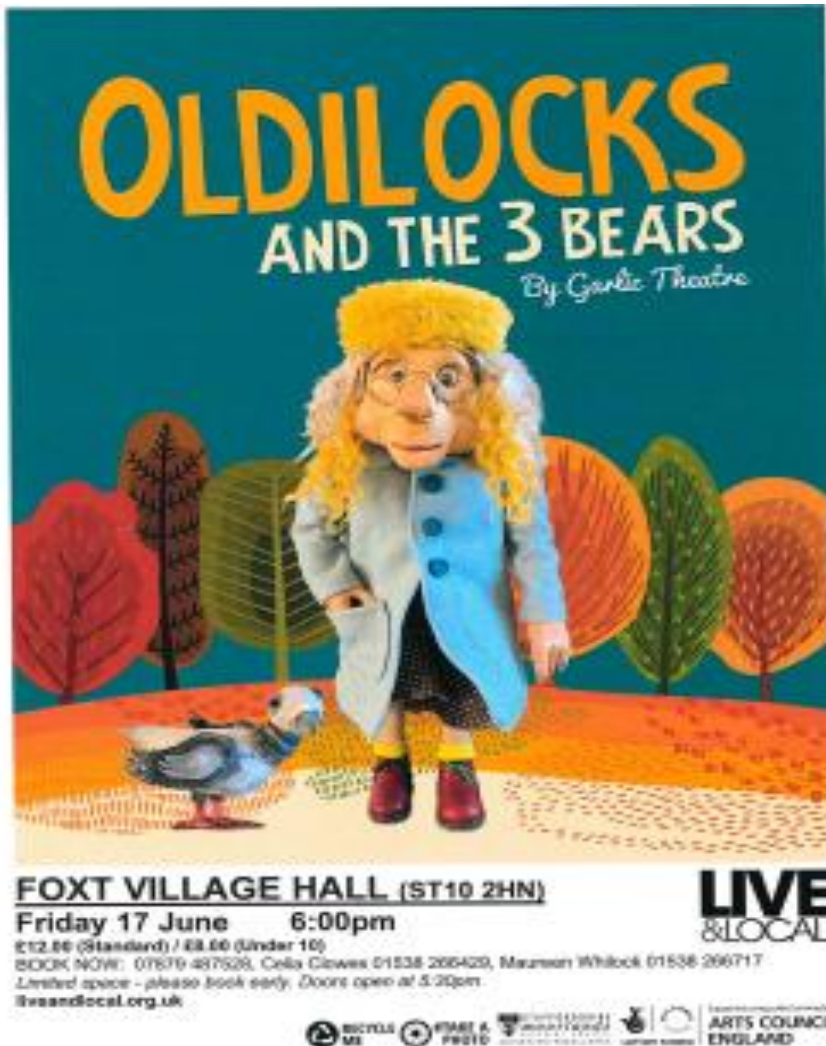
Clare Goodwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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### Attendance

Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week -96.7%

We have had some strange germs doing the rounds this week and have had to send some children home due to being poorly so this week's lower attendance is understandable.



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.

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - 9.00am - 12.00pm - Reception transition morning

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - 10.30am - 11.30am - Churnet View additional transition date for year 4 vulnerable pupils

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Sports afternoon

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Flames class Victoria Hall celebration concert (Please order tickets by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May and pay on Parentpay. Flames class need to be in school by 8.30am please)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June - 9.00am - 1.00pm - Reception transition

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 transition visit to Churnet View - drop off for 8.45am, collect by 3.40pm

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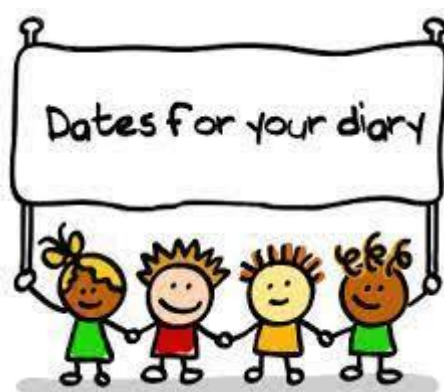
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - 9.00am - 1.00pm - Reception transition

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Churnet View additional transition date for year 4 vulnerable pupils

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Flames class visit to Laches Wood

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Leavers treat - Bowling

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Break up for the Summer holidays - Wednesday 20 July - Friday 2 September.





### Welly Wednesday

On Welly Wednesday the children were wrapping sticks in wool and making magic wands.

The wands are made with different branches such as willow, and silver birch, which have magical holistic healing properties.

The finished product will be on sale at LenFest.



**Busy children using their fine motor skills and creativity to wrap wands.**



**Wand wrapping.**

### Happy Father's Day

We would like to wish all the lovely Dad's, grandads, uncles and carers a very Happy Father's Day for Sunday.

We hope you all have a lovely relaxing day.



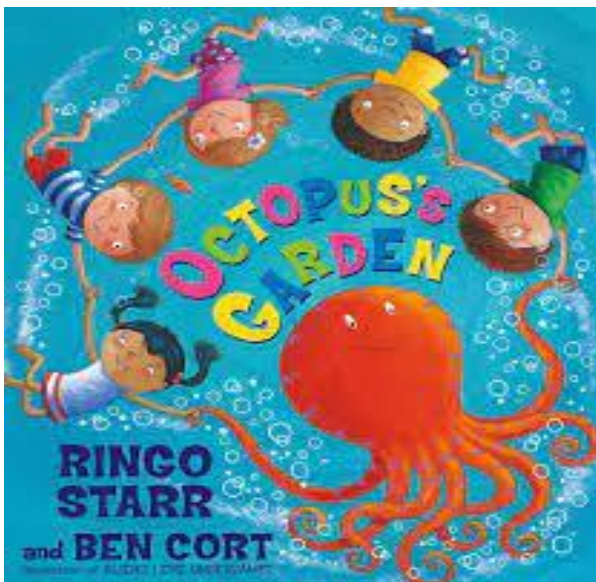


## Sparks

Sparks have been learning the Beatles song "Octopus's Garden". They have also read the book written by the famous Beatles drummer Ringo Starr.

The book is based on the lyrics of the famous Beatles song and follows the story of five children on a journey through the magic octopus's garden.

They learned their Maths by sharing out dinosaurs with the octopus's.



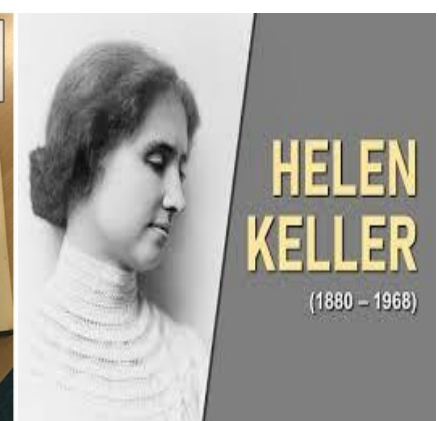
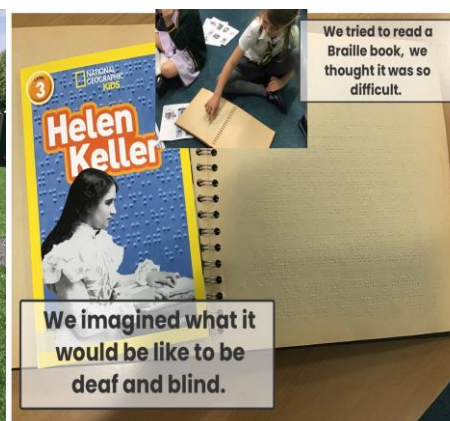


## Flickers

Flickers class have been busy this week writing their deep sea divers diaries. They have also been writing creation prayers thanking God for all his wonderful creations on Earth.

They have been making their teddies and even learning how to sew. They also went on a sensory sound walk where the children listened to lots of different sounds going on around them.

They have been learning about Helen Keller, an American author, lecturer and disability rights advocate. She was deaf and blind and had to feel objects and associate them with words spelled out by finger signals on her palm. She read sentences by feeling raised words on cardboard, and to make her own sentences by arranging words in a frame. Despite this she achieved a lot in her life, writing several books, lecture tours around the world and her efforts to improve treatment of the deaf and the blind were influential in removing the disabled from asylums.





## Flames

Flames have been finishing off their Modigliani pictures. We're sure you'll agree they look fab!



Year 4's had a lovely day At Lichfield Cathedral. They learned about poverty in Bolivia, they made up and performed a song about a value that was important to them, they played Minecraft where they built a spiritual garden and they had a tour of the cathedral and learned some secrets about the building.

Once again their behaviour was exemplary

