



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

Tuesday 19th July 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 18 th July 2022	PE kit Bowling - Year 4 leaver's treat
Tuesday 19 th June 2022	PE kit 2.15pm - Leaver's service Break up for summer holidays. Children return on Wednesday 7 th September 2022
Wednesday 13 th July 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Summer holidays
Thursday 14 th July 2022	Summer holidays
Friday 15 th July 2022	Summer holidays

Your lunch menu for the 18th July - 19th July 2022 and 7th September - 9th September 2022

Monday 18 th July	Tuesday 19 th July	Wednesday 7 th September	Thursday 8 th September	Friday 9 th September
Pizza, carrots and sweetcorn	Leavers lunch Selection of chicken, sausage and bacon baps and chips	Roast chicken, roast and mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Meatballs and pasta, green beans and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Flapjack	Angel delight	Ice cream	Chocolate sponge	Flapjack

Awards

This week the awards are dedicated to our leavers.

They each receive an engraved trophy to celebrate their achievements.

They also go home with a leaver's hoodie, dictionary and thesaurus from us a personalised bible from our trustees.

Headteacher award	Joseph
Geography	Joseph
Computing	Brea
Helpfulness	Brea
Music	Vienna
Behaviour	Vienna
Brightest Flame	Hollie
Creative writing	Hollie
Attendance	Molly
Art	Molly
Brightest Flame	Alice
Curiosity	Alice
Mathematics	Polly
Role model	Polly

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Lili and Emily who both celebrate their birthdays over the Summer holidays.

Have a great time girls.



Welcome to St Leonard's!

Next term not only will we be welcoming our new reception class, Sam, Eleanor, Sophie, Darcy, Zara and Elise, we will also be welcoming one new teacher and three new governors.

Miss Milward will be teaching Reception from September. She has recently qualified and has been teaching in St Werburgh's in Kingsley.

Mrs Appiah will be mentoring Miss Milward to make sure she receives a high-quality induction and to provide support and feedback.

We look forward to welcoming her to the team!

Also Mrs Rosie O'Hara, Mrs Susan Deaville and Mrs Heather Morris are joining our governing board.

All bring with them a multitude of skills in education and social works fields.

Thank you for becoming governors and we look forward to working with you from September.



Living with Covid

Over the last few weeks we have seen a rise in the number of children and adults who have tested positive for COVID. We thought this is a timely reminder of the new guidelines for schools surrounding COVID for the new academic year. If your child tests positive they should remain home for 3 days and return on the fourth day but only if they are well and do not have a temperature.



School photographs

On Thursday 8th September the school photographer will be in to take individual and sibling pictures.

Your child should wear their full school uniform please.

This year we are supporting a local business, AP photography.

You can check out Andrew Poole's work on his website;

<https://www.ap-photography.co.uk/>

By supporting a local small business we are giving back to the community and a small business's carbon footprint is less than that of a larger one. In turn they will deliver an excellent personalised service with competitive prices.

Bring your best smiles with you!



Attendance

Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week 96.6 -%

Covid is on the rise again so please be vigilant and if your child is showing symptoms please test.

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.

Attendance Matters



Queens baton relay

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games starts on 28 July. Ahead of that, the Queen's Baton Relay is making its way around England to share the buzz of the Games with communities across the country - and its coming to the Leek Moorlands on Tuesday 19 July!

Why not pop along to enjoy the atmosphere, cheer on the Batonbearers and enjoy the spectacle and entertainment on offer. Events to celebrate the arrival of the Relay are taking place at Rudyard Lake and in Leek Town Centre.

Rudyard Lake

The Relay is set to arrive shortly after 5pm when a flotilla of boats from Rudyard sailing and rowing clubs will accompany the Batonbearer across the water. Children from Horton St Michael's Primary School will then perform a song from the Jungle Book in honour of the Lake's namesake Rudyard Kipling.

You can watch proceedings at Rudyard from the rail trackside of Dam Head and down the path alongside the railway. The train will be running back and forth from the station car park.

Events then move to Leek town centre where the Relay is expected to arrive at around 6.30pm for a hand relay starting at Stanley Street, running down Derby Street, turning left Bath Street, into Stockwell Street and finishing for the celebration in Market Place. The Baton will be carried on the route by four Batonbearers who have been chosen because of the work they do to inspire change in their local communities.

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School Uniform

Please don't hesitate to ask us if you need any spare uniform items for next year. We have a selection of jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts, pinafores, dresses and PE kit in our uniform bank.

These items have been generously donated by parents whose children have left or grown their uniform and it's all free!

100% FREE

National Online Safety

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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential issues such as 'pack mentality', haters and discrimination.

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

12 Ways to Champion EQUALITY ONLINE

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- 1 KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT**
Expressing views based on prejudice about a part of someone's identity - their race, gender or a disability, say - counts as online hate.
- 2 WHEN "BANTER" ISN'T FUNNY**
Discrimination is sometimes disguised as humour: some memes, clips or gifs that certain people try to pass off as "funny" might actually be offensive.
- 3 BE YOUR OWN PERSON**
Set a good example through your own online communication. Think whether you'd say a thing in real life before posting or sharing it online for the world to see.
- 4 SEEING SHOULDN'T EQUAL BELIEVING**
Sneakier, less obvious types of online abuse can stay on the internet for longer, so don't assume that something's OK just because it's not been taken down yet.
- 5 SEXISM CAN BE ILLEGAL**
As well as being extremely hurtful to a person or a group, online sexism and prejudice against women (known as misogyny) can be recorded as a hate crime in some cases.
- 6 ONLINE HATE, USED AS BAIT**
Sadly, it's not just that being exposed to prejudice online is upsetting - some extreme organisations even try to recruit young people to their cause.
- 7 GET SOME DISTANCE**
If you see messages online that upset you, it's probably time to give yourself some space from that site or app. Talk to a trusted adult about how you're feeling.
- 8 TURN OFF THE HATERS**
If someone you follow on social media is posting sexist content, you could always mute them or block them - or unfollow them altogether.
- 9 PLAY IT BY THE BOOK**
If you see someone discriminating online, you don't have to challenge them yourself. Screenshot their post and report them to the app or site you saw it on.
- 10 EXPLOITING 'PACK MENTALITY'**
Sexist messages aren't always sent to a target directly: sometimes, they're posts designed to provoke misogyny among other people.
- 11 POSITIVITY ALWAYS WINS**
Go the extra mile and spread some positive vibes! Instead of just reacting to a post and scrolling past, you could add a message of support and encouragement, too.
- 12 CREATE THE WORLD YOU WANT**
Remember, you're the boss of your online world. Engage with posts or accounts that celebrate equality and understanding: block or unfollow the ones that don't.

GLOBAL EQUALITY COLLECTIVE

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeupWednesday

FURTHER SUPPORT
If you've been affected by any of the issues mentioned in this guide, there are some excellent resources that can offer further help and support.
NOS Mental Health Guides: nationalonlinesafety.com/guides
Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk
Stop Hate UK: stophateuk.org
Ditch the Label: www.ditchthelabel.org
Childline: www.childline.org.uk

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Ipstones Show - Saturday 27th 2022

Saturday 27th August 2022 sees the 70th Ipstones Show.

St Leonard's will be represented by Governor Mrs Jackie Worrall. Mrs Goldstraw has created a display board of the children's wonderful work. This will be in the hall.

The children have also been invited to take part in various horticultural competitions being held at the show. They can submit entries for the horticultural section (vegetables), flowers, floral art, cookery and crafts and art.

Entries to all should be staged by 12 noon and will be judged immediately. There will be prizes for first, second and third place.

Children can also take part in the fancy dress competition and parade. There are three categories, 0-5 years, 5-10 years and 10+ years.



Thank you

We would just like to say thank you for all you support this year. Yet again it's been a tough one but we've made it through!

Thank you so much for all your kind gifts. The staff really do appreciate it.

Another thank you also to everyone who has helped in and out of school.

We have missed having visitors and volunteers in school so it has been really nice getting back to some sort of normality.

It takes a
village to
raise a child....



Wraparound care

Thank you to all who have completed and returned the wraparound care forms. Just a reminder that if you would like your child to attend the free 3.15pm - 4.15pm session they do need to be booked in.

If your child isn't booked in they must be collected from school at 3.15pm promptly please.

St Leonard's Wrap Around Care.

Breakfast club is available 7.30am - 8.45am.

Fees: Arrival between 7.30am-8am: £3

Arrival 8am onwards: £2

After school club is available 3.15pm - 6pm.

A fixed school club activity will run 3.15pm-4.15pm and is free to all children. After school care beyond 4.15pm is available at the following cost to parents.

Fees: 4.15pm-5pm: £5.15

4.15pm-5.15pm: £6.87

4.15pm-5.30pm: £8.59

4.15pm-5.45pm: £10.30

4.15pm-6pm: £12

Light tea will be served at 4.30pm

All sessions must be booked at the start of each half term and fees paid monthly. Fees will be payable via ParentPay.

Sessions can be altered at the start of each half term if required.

If children aren't collected at the stated time there will be a £2 charge per 15 minutes, this includes any children not booked in from 4.15pm onwards.



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...

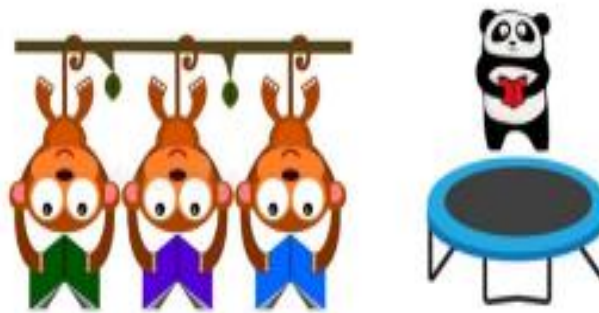
We're teaming up with **Science Museum Group** for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire you to use your imagination and creativity!

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



Don't forget to do some random reading over the holidays too and send in your fabulous pictures.

We absolutely love seeing them.



Parent Pay

Just a reminder to clear any outstanding debts please, especially our year 4's who are leaving us.

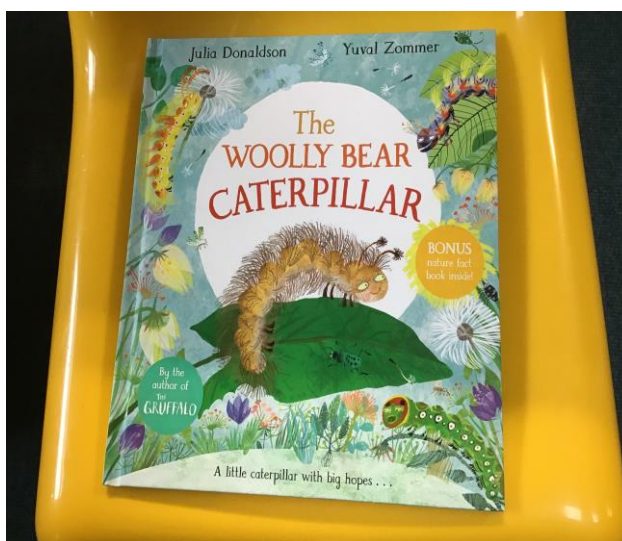
Thank you



Sparks

Sparks have been reading and learning about "The Woolly Bear Caterpillar" by Julia Donaldson. "The evergreen tale of the ugly duckling gets a minibeast spin." They made their own tiger moths and researched what the woolly bear caterpillar likes to eat.

They discovered they had actually found a real one during Welly Wednesday on the school field.



Flickers

Flickers class have painted and decorated their Hundertwasser house.

It look amazing!



In Music on Monday they made musical instruments with Mrs Harding.

They made thunder drums, flutes, string and percussion instruments out of old junk.



Flames

Flames had an amazing time at Laches Wood this week. They well and truly got stuck in with the many activities

They took part in archery, caving, den building, wall climbing, bush craft, orienteering, and had a water balloon fight to cool down.

They were all very brave taking part in new activities, meeting new friends and for some spending time away from home for the first time.



So Long, Farewell

So today we have said "Adios" to Joseph, Molly, Polly, Hollie, Alice, Brea and Vienna.

We wish them the very best of luck in the new schools, we will miss them lots.

Here is our class of 2022 looking very dapper in their graduation cap and gown.

Alfie is also leaving to go to a different school, good luck Alfie.





11 A.M.

• ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH •

Sunday 4th September, 2022

Followed by a

Bring your Own Picnic

This is a very informal service lasting a maximum of 30 minutes, followed by an activity, & refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you.

A message from Mrs Stanesby



Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy and full year I would like to thank all of you for your support. Your children have worked incredibly hard post pandemic and have achieved great things this academic year.

This would not have been achieved without the hard work of our fantastic staff team, and of working in partnership with yourselves. Testament to that has been to the leaps we have seen some children take in their reading, following our reading workshop, which many of you gave up your time to attend.

We have had some emotional moments this year when we have done things that we were not able to do for the last two years. Face to face parents meetings, Early years stay and play morning, a glorious sunny sports day and our Key stage 2 children being able to go on their residential to Laches Wood. And we finish this year off with our Leavers Service next Tuesday. The pandemic has ensured that we value these things even more and have savoured them this year. The improvements school staff have made to our curriculum this year, have allowed us to witness pupils flourishing in all areas of the curriculum, with some becoming talented geographers, scientists and artists. And we know from our parent meetings that you have noticed this too.

May I congratulate our Year 3 and 4 children who were incredibly brave this week and had no tears at Laches Wood. They got thoroughly involved and made us proud. We hope you will keep those memories forever. We wish our Year 4's all the best as they continue their learning journey at their next schools.

We thank them for all they have contributed whilst at St Leonard's and they will be greatly missed.

I will be carrying out the role of Executive Headteacher at both St Leonard's and Manifold Primary Academy next year. This is a very exciting opportunity for all of the staff and pupils at St Leonards and will mean that our pupils will gain lots more friends along the way supporting their transition to Middle school. They will also gain lots of other opportunities which we will share with you in our weekly newsletter as the year progresses. As a result of my secondment we have successfully appointed a new full time Early years Teacher Miss Lauren Milward who will be joining us in September.

I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday full of memories with your children.

Kind regards

Mrs Stanesby



Happy Holidays from the Governors

Well, we have all reached the end of yet another busy academic year for everyone! Unfortunately, Covid 19 has continued to have an impact again on everyone but we would like to thank both the parents and staff for managing the various situations that have arisen so well.

We want to wish all the Year 4 children every success in their new schools and hope that they settle quickly, making lots of new friends ... but please don't forget about St Leonard's, we know that you'll be very welcome to pop back in to say hello. You'll be very much missed!

On behalf of all of the governing body, Jane and Sue would like to thank all of the staff for their continued hard work throughout the year and wish all pupils, parents, staff and governors a lovely summer holiday. Take care, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Jane and Sue

Co-Chairs of the Governors

Happy holidays

From all the staff at St Leonard's we wish you a fabulous relaxing summer holiday.

God Bless.

