



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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

'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: Mr Matthew Wilton

Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

### Weekly Diary

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	Full uniform  3.15pm - 4.15pm - Muddy Monday after school club
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	Full uniform  3.15pm - 4.15pm - STEM club
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>  <b>Welly Wednesday</b>  	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day  3.15pm - 4.15pm - Sports club
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	Full uniform  3.15pm - 4.15pm - Sports club  Leavers service - 6.00pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021</b>  <b>Fitness Friday!</b>	PE kit all day, all pupils  Harvest festival service

### Your lunch menu for the 27<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, carrots and peas and dough balls	Sausage, mash, peas and broccoli	Roast chicken roast and mashed potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Beef bolognese, green beans and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Flapjack	Shortbread	Sponge and custard	Chocolate brownie	Ice cream

## Star Awards



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

Headteacher award	Hollie
Star of the Week Sparks	Charlie
Star of the Week Flickers	Annie
Star of the week Flames	Polly
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Ezme
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Rosa Bella
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Hollie
Reading award Flickers	Jack C
Reading award Flames	Brea
Maths award Flickers	Corah-Rae
Cooks award	Brea
Mrs Amos award	Charlie

### Covid Update

Thankfully we now seem to be getting through the latest covid situation with no new cases reported and children returning to school.

Therefore we can now hopefully continue in the same vein as we started the term, with a little more normality, whilst still maintaining vigilance.

After school clubs will resume on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September and we can start to carefully welcome visitors back in to school.

The year 4 leaver's service will now take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm.

Mask wearing when dropping off or picking up is advisable but not mandatory.

Please could we remind you also that children should not be bringing in toys or pencil cases from home.

Thank you once again for supporting us.



### New vicar

We would like to welcome the new vicar of St Leonard's Church to our community.

Jane Held starts her new role on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and we very much look forward to meeting her and collaborating with her in the near future.



### Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Harriet who celebrates her birthday this week.

We hope you have the best birthday Harriet, aka Strawberry!



## Uniform

We currently have 1 tie, 1 cardigan, 1 PE hoodie and 1 jumper all unclaimed and unnamed in the school office.

Please let us know if your child is missing any item of uniform.

Also we would be very grateful if you could ensure that all items of uniform are labelled so that if it goes missing it makes its way back to the correct child.

Thank you for your support with this.



## Sparks hedgehogs

On Monday our Sparks class had a fun outdoor lesson which consisted of them making hedgehogs out of natural materials, clay and twigs. The children collected the twigs then snapped them down to the desired length. They rolled the air dry clay in to an egg shape and added the spikes! The finishing touch was googly eyes. They left them to dry overnight and they were ready to play with the following day.

They also read the book "Hedgehog Howdedo" and learned where they live and how they hibernate for the winter and wake up in Spring.

Here they are nestled amongst fir cones, conkers and leaves which then children also collected.



## How to start Mothing!

On Monday a moth trap was set up outside Mrs Stanesby's office to collect Moths for studying the following day. Miss Harding visited on Tuesday and the children in Sparks class looked at all the different types of moths that had been caught overnight. The children painted pictures of the moths and then they were set free.

## How to start mothing!

Moths far outnumber butterflies and are much more varied, and learning about the many species in your own area is a fascinating and enjoyable hobby.

Moths have also received far less attention than butterflies and, as a result, less is known about them and where they occur. This means that the information you collect about your local moths can make a real contribution to knowledge and can directly help conservation.

Since moths are so diverse and numerous, information about them is also valuable because, like the canary in the coalmine, they tell us how healthy our environment is. That's one of the reasons why Butterfly Conservation wants people of all ages, all over the country, to take an interest in the many types of moths around them, so that we can all be "citizen scientists" helping to build a better understanding of wildlife and the environment.

### Where can you find moths?

You can find moths almost anywhere, not just in the countryside but in gardens, urban parks and patches of waste-ground, even in the busiest cities. Some species are only found in certain habitats or near certain types of plant, but many are widespread. More than a hundred species could be living in your own back garden or local park, so those are the best places to start looking.

### When can you find moths?

Moths are around all through the year, though different species are found in different seasons, with the greatest variety in summer. If you want to see every type of moth that lives in your garden, you will need to look throughout the year. Moths are more active, and so more likely to be seen, on mild, cloudy, still nights. They don't like cold nights, heavy rain or strong winds. If you use light to attract moths, it will work best on moonless nights.

### Who can find moths?

One of the wonderful things about moths is that, unlike most other wildlife, they can be seen close up by almost anyone, young or old. There's no need for expensive equipment or travel; you don't need to live in the countryside or have a large garden; you don't have to be fit or particularly active; you don't have to go far from your own back door, and some moths will even come to you if you leave the curtains or window open!

## How can you find moths?

You can use several methods to attract adult moths, none of which will kill or harm them.

**Flowers and fruit** - Most flowers that attract butterflies also attract moths, which come to feed on nectar both at night and by day.

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**Light** - It is well known that moths are attracted to lights at night, though the reason for this remains unclear. Try leaving an outside or porch light on after dark, and look for moths on lighted windows or lit walls and fences. Some moths will settle on window panes if curtains are left open, or will come into light through an open window - but to make sure only moths come in, close it before you go to bed!

**Light traps** - The best way to see lots of moths is to use specifically designed moth traps. A moth trap is basically a box with a special lamp inside and something for the moths to perch on or hide in.

## Moth Welfare

- Avoid touching moths' wings directly as you can easily damage them.
- Put moths in dry clear plastic or glass containers for close inspection.
- Only put one moth into each container and check that it can move around freely.
- If moths are very active in containers, put them in a fridge or cool box for a short time to calm them.
- Moths can be kept for a day or two in a container in the fridge while you identify them.
- Release moths out of the sight of birds in thick or long vegetation, ideally at dusk.
  - Regularly change your moth release site.



## Churnet View open evening

Unfortunately Churnet View have had to postpone their open evening until after the October half term.

Year 4 parents have been sent the following link so you can register your interest for when the event can safely go ahead;

<https://forms.office.com/r/j5ZS2tcqfG>



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We have been advised that the open evening for St Edward's Academy is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We are awaiting further details and will pass on once received.



## National Online Safety

Most smartphones allow parents to choose which apps and features appear on their child's device and which ones don't - also preventing young people from buying and downloading anything that's unsuitable for their age.

This guide will help reduce the chance of your child using a game or app that might not be appropriate for their age. You will find tips such as how to restrict built in apps, the game centre and app store purchases.

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 issue of many 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.

# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.

**How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features**

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

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- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

**How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases**

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

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## New playground!

The work has started on our new playground!

We are very excited as it will be amazing for the children once completed.

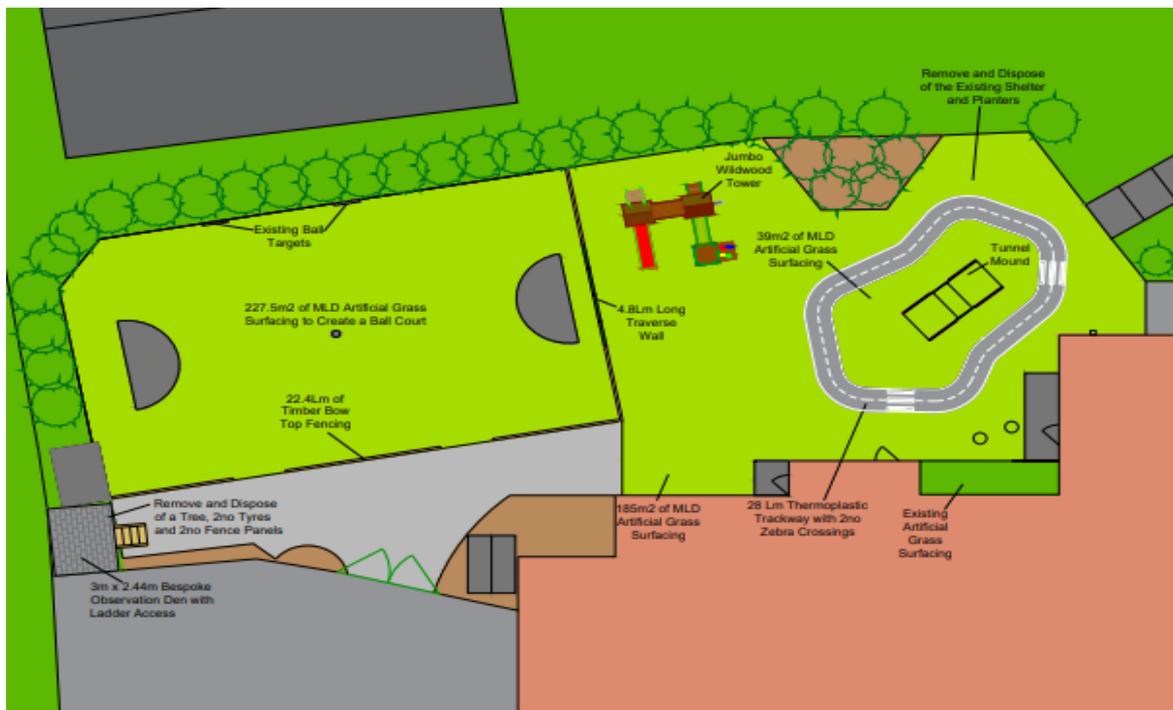
The contractors estimate the work will take approximately two weeks to complete so in the meantime the children will spend their playtime on the school field, weather permitting.

Please ensure the children have suitable footwear and coats for this.

The playground redevelopment will provide the following for the children;

A trackway area with two zebra crossings, a tunnel mound, soft artificial grass, a wildwood tower, a traverse wall, a ball play area and an observation reading den. The reading den is dedicated to Nanny Norma.

Here is a 2D image of what it will look like;



If you would like a 3D tour follow the link below;

[[Youtube.com/watch?v=mlUhcP8VbJU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlUhcP8VbJU)][Youtube.com/watch?v=mlUhcP8VbJU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlUhcP8VbJU)

Please collect children from the main reception door until further notice.

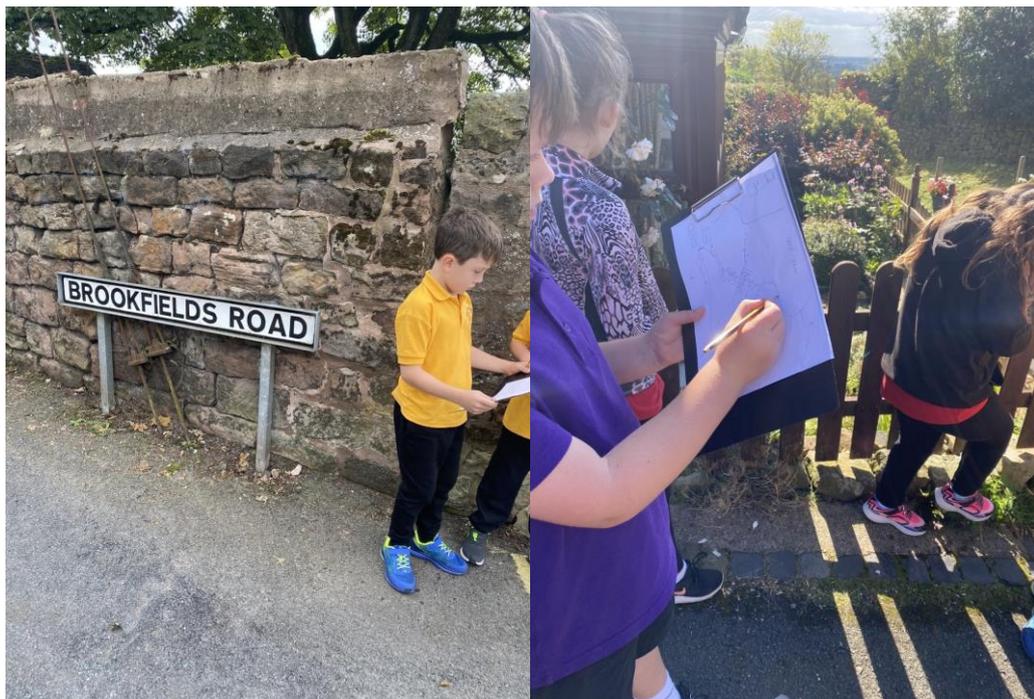
## Village walk

As part of their Geography lesson Flames class went on a village walk this week.

The aim was to draw a map of the village.

The children started their cartography in class by drawing what they thought the village looked like, then they looked it up on Google Earth, then on their walk they investigated the roads and buildings were actually situated.

They then drew their maps again based on their discoveries.



## Times Table Rock Stars

The children looked spectacular on Friday when they dressed up for Times Tables Rocks Stars day!

Look out for the picture in The Cheadle and Tean Times over the next few weeks.



## Dates for the diary

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Harvest Service

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance service

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Children in need day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Stoke city city 7's assembly

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Advent service

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas market 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas tree blessing

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Flu vaccination

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Trip to the winter wonderland at the Snow Dome

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Aladdin at Buxton opera house

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas service and Christmas lunch

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas



Term dates

## **Autumn Term 2021**

**Inset day:** Wednesday 1 September

**Term Starts:** Thursday 2 September

**Half Term:** Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October

**Term ends:** Friday 17 December

**Holiday:** Monday 20 December - Monday 3 January

## **Spring Term 2022**

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 4 January

**Half Term:** Monday 21 February - Friday 25 February

**Term ends:** Friday 8 April

**Holiday:** Monday 11 April - Friday 22 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 17 April

## **Summer Term 2022**

**Term starts:** Monday 25 April

**May Day:** Monday 2 May

**Half Term:** Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

**Term ends:** Wednesday 20 July

**Holiday:** Thursday 21 July - Friday 2 September

The previously published last day of term for 2022 was 21 July 2022. This has been altered to 20 July 2022 to take into account the celebrations for the Queens Jubilee.