



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

Friday 9th September 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 12 th September 2022	Full uniform
Tuesday 13 th September 2022	Full uniform
Wednesday 14 th September 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday all day, all pupils - Clothing suitable for PE
Thursday 15 th September 2022	Full uniform
Friday 16 th September 2022	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 12th September 2022 - 16th September 2022

Monday 12 th September	Tuesday 13 th September	Wednesday 14 th September	Thursday 15 th September	Friday 16 th September
Macaroni cheese, green beans and sweetcorn	Chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas and broccoli	Roast chicken, roast and mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Beef Bolognese broccoli and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Chocolate cake	Secret brownie	Shortbread	Flapjack	Ice cream

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely summer holidays and are ready for lots more fun learning this year.

All children have settled in exceptionally well to their new environments and a special well done to our new reception class who all started on Wednesday with no tears. They were very brave. They are relaxed, happy and enthusiastic to learn with their new teacher Miss Millward.

After this week terribly sad news about the passing of our dear Queen the children will be looking at her life and what she achieved. Please rest assured that any questions from your children about the Queen's passing will be dealt with delicately and appropriately if they do find themselves upset about her death.

Reverend Jane Held has advised that St Leonard's church will be open for mourners and there is a book of condolences. She is also available for anyone in the community who feels like they need to talk through their feelings of this sad event and she will be visiting the children in school to conduct a special assembly.



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Ezme who celebrated her birthday this week.

We hope you had a wonderful day Ezme!



Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Jacob and his family who welcomed a baby girl over the holidays. She is beautiful.

Welcome to the world Matilda.



Wellies

Please could all children bring in a pair of wellies to leave at school. The children do a lot of outdoor learning and every Wednesday is Welly Wednesday when the children take part in forest schools, nature walks, and gardening to name a few activities. Please make sure that they are labelled.

Also please ensure all uniform items have your child's name in them.

Thank you.



School meal price increase

We are sorry to inform you that the school meal price will increase to £2.60 from 19th September.

This cost has been passed on to schools from our catering providers who are incurring regular price hikes in stock.

You can always check to see if you are eligible for free school meals vis the following link;

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

If you need assistance, please contact Mrs Amos in the school office.

School photographs

AP photography visited school on Thursday to take sibling and individual photographs.

Your child will ring home a pack containing a QR code to scan to access the photo proof online.

This will also contain all necessary details to place your orders directly with ap-photography.

Your orders will be returned to school and distributed to your child to bring home.

The deadline for orders is Friday 23rd September 2022.



AP PHOTOGRAPHY

Wraparound care

Thank you for supporting the wraparound care clubs. We hope your children are enjoying them.

Mrs Crooks has entered all dates requested by yourselves for breakfast and after school club on parent pay and sent out electronic bills for the whole term. (Reception children brought home their parent pay logins on Wednesday)

Please direct any wraparound care club queries to Mrs Crooks;

Crooks.E@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk



Seesaw

All children will be bringing home new Seesaw codes. They will be sharing the work they do in school and parents can upload any work they do at home.

This is also a channel of communication for parents to contact their child's teacher with any queries about their learning.

If you have any issues accessing the system please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Amos.



Summer Reading Challenge

Olivia and Oscar did really well and completed this year's summer reading challenge.

This year's theme was The Gadgeteers and they completed the challenge and received certificates.

Well done to them both.



Getting back into the swing of things after the summer isn't always the easiest process and, unfortunately, whilst many of us might have been making the most of the sunshine, online risks don't do holidays.

That's why we've created this guide so you can share it with parents, stick it up in corridors and reference it during lessons to help remind kids about being positive, safe and responsible digital citizens online.

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.



Random Reading spots

We've received some fabulous pictures of children reading in random places over the holidays.

Here is Jack reading in his Grandma's greenhouse.



James has also been reading at Biddulph Grange Gardens and The New Forest



Dylan has done lots of reading this Summer. His favourite place to read was inside an old tree.



Sparks

This week Sparks class have been very busy, not only settling in to class beautifully, but also they have made Space monsters using shapes and colours, they have been practising their writing on the whiteboard table, they have played in the mud kitchen and they have been reading in the bath.



Flickers

Flickers class have been making moon buggies this week.

They used Meccano to build their vehicles.



They have also been reminding each other of the school rules according to Mr Potato Head.

The school rules are Listening ears, walking feet, kind mouth, loving hearts, looking eyes, thinking caps and helpful hands.



Flames

Flames class have been learning about the solar system and are making their own solar system model using polystyrene balls.

They learned how to remember all the planets names by using mnemonics. So for the planets names, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

The rhyme they used is "My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Naming planets".

They did really well and were able to name all planets after the second attempt using this method.

