



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


Friday 12th May 2023

'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)

Executive Headteacher of St Leonard's CE (A) First School / Executive Principal of 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 leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

Monday 15 th May 2023	Full uniform 16.30 - Gulliver's Kingdom residential trip meeting for parents
Tuesday 16 th May 2023	Full uniform
Wednesday 17 th May 2023 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit 10.00am - Full Governor's Meeting
Thursday 18 th May 2023	Full uniform Census Day
Friday 19 th May 2023	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 15th May 2023 - 19th May 2023

Monday 15 th May 2023	Tuesday 16 th May 2023	Wednesday 17 th May 2023	Thursday 18 th May 2023	Friday 19 th May 2023
Tomato pasta, sweetcorn and peas	Sausage, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots	Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	All day breakfast	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Sponge	Flapjack	Shortbread	Rice Krispie cake	Ice cream

Star Awards



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

Headteacher's Award	Kallum, Elise
Star of the Week Sparks	Darcy
Star of the Week Flickers	Tobias
Star of the week Flames	Ewan
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Zara
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Ursula
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Rosanna
Mrs Amos award	Sophie F
Cook's Award	Rosanna
Reading award	All of year 2
Writing award	Dottie
PE Award	Olivia, Corah-Rae, Harriet, Sam, Kallum, Megan, Dylan, Elise, Ewan, Taya

Coronation celebrations

On Friday the children had a fantastic day at Manifold taking part in lots of different activities including archery, treasure hunts, maypole dancing, planting sunflower seeds and crafting. They were, as usual, an absolute pleasure to take out and their behaviour was, of course, marvellous! We wouldn't expect anything else!

The children from all three schools created a triptych (three pieces of art placed together). They drew a royal themed picture on a small cardboard tile which will be collated and made in to one piece to save for years to come as a commemoration of the coronation of King Charles III.

They made lots of new friends from Manifold and Hollinsclough and performed their Coronation song in front of everyone with confidence and conviction!

We hope you managed to catch the video of the song on our facebook page.

The morning ended with a rousing chorus of "God save the king"

We were very proud!

Special thanks to Mrs Cluer who came with us to help out with the art work and to Mr Walker for organising and running the archery and treasure hunt.



Coronation celebrations



Coronation celebrations in the community

Thank you to the church community who donated a coronation decoration and brooch to each of the children and staff at St Leonard's. What a lovely thought!

Well done to Brownies, Rainbows, Guides and Scouts who represented their clubs over the coronation weekend.



Attendance

Attendance Ladder



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance-99%

Wearable tech is increasingly big business. More than 170 million smartwatches were sold globally in 2022, for example, with Apple biting off the largest chunk of the market (26% - some distance ahead of Samsung, in second with 9%). That's partly because they have more than 21,000 apps available for their devices, allowing users to customise their smartwatch experience.

Both Apple and Samsung's products, of course, lean towards the higher spec end of the market - usually with price tags to match. Sourcing a less expensive alternative, however, often also means inferior safety features to protect young wearers. That's just one of the potential hazards highlighted in our #WakeUpWednesday guide to smartwatches. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and the danger of theft.

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

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location; they can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

Meet Our Expert

Benny Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 23 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on BBC *Newsnight*, *Road to Nowhere* and the ITV *News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.

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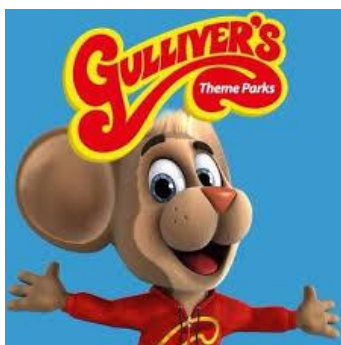
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Gulliver's Kingdom

Year 3 and year 4 parents are invited to attend a meeting on Monday 15th May at 16.30 to discuss Flames class residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom which takes place from Tuesday 6th June to Thursday 8th June 2023.

You will be able to ask any questions you may have about the trip and learn about the educational and social value of such trips and especially this year as the children will be joining Manifold Primary. This is an ideal opportunity for them to make new friends who they will move on to Churnet View Middle school with.

The children will be taking part in many exciting activities including "Rigger's Revenge" (zipwire), "Crow's Nest Quest, (high ropes), a team challenge, adventure golf and lots more! The park is not fully open at this time of year so our children are lucky enough to have the whole theme park to themselves and they will open the rides especially for them!



Please note that the remaining balance should be cleared by Friday 26th May 2023 via parentpay.

Thank you.



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Time: **09:00-15:30**

Age: **6-11 years**

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Fun dog show

Please get involved raise funds for the school fund.

Bring along your handsome hounds on Sunday 25th June 10am - 2pm.

Rosettes will be awarded for the winners but overall it's just for fun!

We are hoping to hold a tombola stall representing the school so any donations would be greatly appreciated.

If you are free on the day and would like to help out by manning the stall please let Mrs Amos know.

Many thanks to Kelly Fowell for arranging the competition and for thinking about the school to raise money for the children.

Fun Dog Show
Raising funds for St Leonards CE
VA First School - Ipstones

Ipstones Memorial Hall
Sunday 25th June 2023
10am - 2pm

Classes
£2 per entry

- Most Handsome Dog
- Prettiest Bitch
- Best Rescue
- Golden Oldie (7 years & over)
- Odd Couple
- Cutest Puppy (upto 1 year)
- Dog that looks the most like its owner
- Best in Show (winner of each class)

1st, 2nd & 3rd place will receive a rosette.
Every pooch entered in the show will receive a small goodie bag.

To enter please message Kelly on 07511923887 or message Handsome Hounds - Ipstones over on Facebook.

There will also be a range of stalls set up in the memorial hall. So if you would like to browse please feel free to support local small businesses.

New reception class September 2023

After half term we are welcoming in our new reception class for their transition mornings so we would like to introduce our class of 2023

Welcome to;

Lily

Jaycee

Romily

Autumn

Lilly

Eleanor

Ava

Elijah

Bella

Maggie

Walk to school week - 15th - 19th May 2023

Get moving and encourage kids to be more active during Walk to School Week 2023. The 5-day challenge takes place from the 15th to the 19th of May and is designed to help children reach their minimum 60 minutes of exercise per day.

What are the benefits of Walk to School Week?

Being active and getting some exercise in the morning before arriving at school will help set kids up for a positive day; improving focus and concentration, and instilling a sense of physical and mental wellbeing.

Walk to School Week is also designed to extend beyond the week itself, by encouraging healthy habits for life with a focus on exercise, diet and wellbeing.

There are many health benefits to walking:

- Exercise helps develop strong bones and increase muscle strength. It also tones the whole body.
- Walking gets the heart pumping, which can help improve cognitive function for lessons throughout the school day.
- Walking helps to improve mood. Getting outdoors and making the most of natural daylight makes for a positive start to the day.
- When walking to school, children can relax and let off steam before they head into the classroom to learn.

Walking to school can help children to feel more independent, confident and in control of themselves too. They'll learn the route from home to school, which can boost their navigation skills, and they'll learn more about road safety. Once children are old enough to walk to school by themselves, they'll already have the confidence and the knowledge that they need to get there safely (and in time for their first lesson!).

Another great benefit of Walk to School Week is that it reduces the morning traffic. Instead of driving to school in the car and contributing to congestion, carbon emissions, and pollution, you can bypass this route completely by walking. In the long run, we'll all have cleaner air if there are fewer cars on the road. You can do your part by getting involved with Walk to School Week and leaving your car at home. You'll help to reduce carbon emissions and enjoy all the benefits of walking at the same time.

Walk to School Week also provides a great opportunity to build strong bonds in the community and enjoy increased social interaction. Walk in groups with friends and take a look at your surroundings and what you can see on your route to school. Parents and teachers are encouraged to get involved too.



Dates for the diary

Summer Term

May Day - 1st May

Coronation celebration at Manifold Primary School - Friday 5th May

King's Coronation bank holiday - Monday 8th May

Whole school trip to The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery - Thursday 25th May

Term ends - Friday 26th May

Term starts - Monday 5th June

New reception transition morning - Friday 9th June

Tuesday 6th June - Thursday 8th June - Year 3/4 Residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom

Thursday 15th June - Father's Day afternoon

New reception transition morning - Friday 16th June

Thursday 22nd June - Victoria Hall concert

New reception transition morning - Friday 23rd June

Wednesday 28th June - 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Sports Day

New reception transition morning - Friday 30th June

Churnet View transition days for year 4s - Tuesday 4th July, Wednesday 5th July

New reception transition morning - Friday 7th July

New reception transition morning - Friday 18th July

Tuesday 18th July - Whole school trip to the seaside.

Thursday 20th July - Leaver's service

Term ends - Friday 21st July

The list of dates is not exhaustive at this time of the year . We will, of course, keep you up to date.



2023 - 2024 Term dates

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September and Tuesday 5 September

Term starts: Wednesday 6 September

Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Inset day: Monday 6th November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Inset Day : Monday 8 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 9 January

Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August



Sparks

This week Sparks class have been reading the book "The crunching munching caterpillar". This is as part of their minibeast studies.

"Caterpillar longs to be able to fly. He envied Bumblebee's wings, and he wishes he could soar through the air like a bird. But all he can do is crunch and munch his way through a blackberry bush. When Butterfly comes along she smiles a secret smile because she knows something Caterpillar doesn't!"

They have also been brushing their teeth!

They have been learning the importance of looking after your teeth and making sure you brush them twice a day.

They have also been working hard on their Maths and really impressing Miss Milward with some excellent working out!

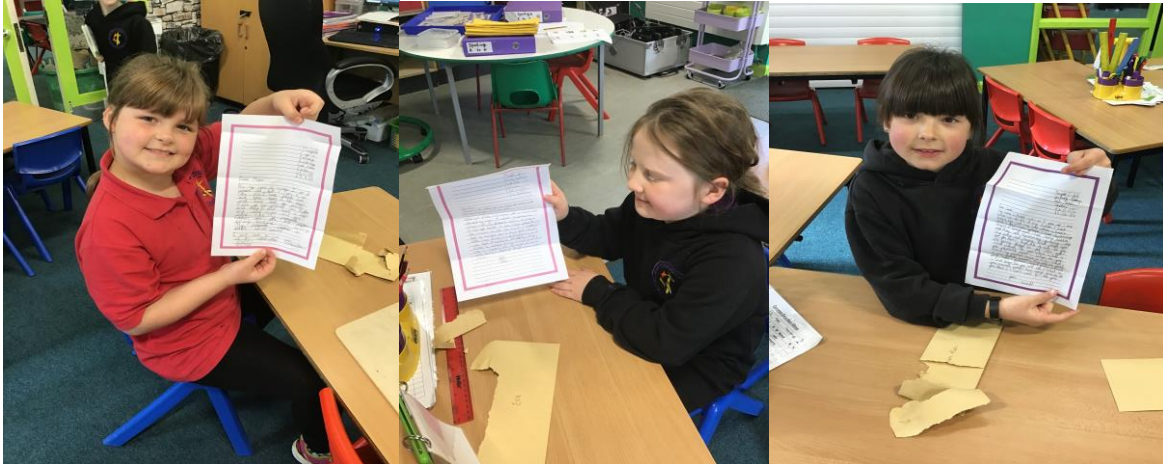


Flickers

This week Flickers class received their pen pal letters from the children at Manifold. They were super excited to receive them and will be writing back soon.

We were sent pictures of some of the children completing their Coronation spotting sheets on Saturday. Well done to those that managed to tick off their spotting sheets whilst watching the coronation on the TV. Thank you for sharing your pictures too!

Flickers have been completing their natural weaving and made a wonderful job!



Flames

In Geography this week Flames class have been looking at symbols used on an ordnance survey maps and why they are there and how they can be useful. They then created their own key for a local map.

In History they looked at old photographs and maps of Ipstones to see how it was different on the past. They noticed that Ipstones used to have lots more shops and services. They discussed that this was because it was harder for people to travel so everything, they needed had to be close.

They also looked at and read some of the local book to tell us about Ipstones in the past.

