



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

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024



*'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 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 lead: Miss Aimee Torr

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	<b>School Uniform</b> Sparks class weight and height checks for those with parental consent. Dental workshop for Sparks.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	<b>School Uniform</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 Welly Wednesday	<b>PE Kit</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	<b>School Uniform</b> Flu Vaccinations for those with parental consent.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	<b>Pyjama non uniform in exchange for chocolate</b>
Attendance this week 11/11 – 15/11	<b>98.3%</b>

### Your lunch menu for W/C: 18.11.2024

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov
Pizza, wedges and vegetables	Chicken pie, potatoes and vegetables	Roast chicken, potatoes and vegetables	Beef bolognaise, pasta and vegetables	Fish fingers & Chips, Beans or Peas
Shortbread	Sponge	Jelly	Flapjack	Ice Cream

**We are a NUT FREE school.**



# Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term:  
Term ends: Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Spring Term:  
**Inset: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children not in school**

Term starts: Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025  
Half term: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb  
Pupils return: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Term ends: Fri 11<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term:  
Term starts: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April  
May Day: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May (school closed)  
Half term: Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Pupils return: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Term ends: Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July

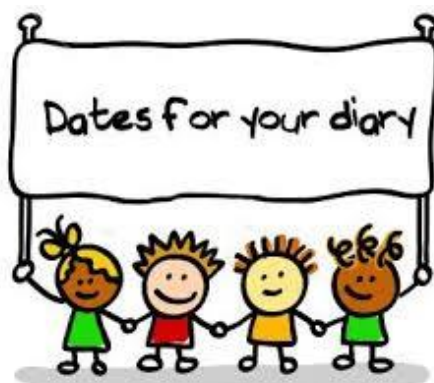
## Dates for the diary

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov: Reception children weight and height checks  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Flu Vaccinations  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Non uniform in exchange for chocolate  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Spiritual Development Day – Advent.  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Advent Service/Festival of Lights at St Leonard's Church – 2pm.

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec/Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Nativity at Ipstones Memorial Hall 6pm.  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Jumper Day  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Coffee Morning  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: School Christmas Lunch  
Christingle 2pm (At school)  
Disco 3.15pm – 4.15pm




Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Jack & The Beanstalk Pantomime

*Please note that some dates may change.*





## Celebration awards.

<p><b>Spark to a Flame</b></p> 	<p><b>James.C</b> <b>Harriet</b></p>
<p><b>Star of the Week</b></p> 	<p><b>Darcy</b> <b>All of Flames for baking</b> <b>Emily</b></p>
<p><b>Reading</b></p> 	<p><b>Dylan</b></p>

## SNOW

As the colder months are approaching and there is a likelihood of snow. This is a reminder of our procedure.

*If it snows first thing in the morning before school opens. We will decide whether the school is open, closed or opening later in the day. This also applies to breakfast club which may need to be cancelled. We will inform you of this decision by text message and social media. Should it snow whilst the school is open, we will contact parents when appropriate via text message, social media or telephone.*



# Uniform Bank.

Please remember we do have the school uniform bank available with a various range of uniform. Please email the office if there is anything you are looking for and Mrs Crooks will have a look to see if we can help.



## Label your child's uniform!



Please ensure all of your children's belongings are labelled – Mrs Crooks can not find and return uniform if it isn't labelled!



# National Online Safety.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform 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.



LIKEE (formally known as LIKE) is a free video creation and editing app similar to TikTok. It has a global community of over 200 million users who can create any type of video, add their own special effects and then upload and share them with the world. The app is largely used to create short music videos which users can star in and edit anyway they want using the "Magic Video Maker." Users share their videos on the platform as well as having the option to share across other social media outlets such as Facebook and Instagram. Due to the suggestive content that is available on the app, it has a recommended age of 16+, although the app store rate it as 17+.



## What parents need to know about

# LIKEE



### ALL VIDEOS ARE PUBLIC

All user profiles on LIKEE are public which means that every video that is uploaded can be viewed by anyone. This is a privacy setting which can't be changed. In addition, on creating an account, anybody who views your child's video can also download, save and share them, albeit this is a feature which can be turned off. Nonetheless, this places your child's privacy at risk given they can't control who is viewing their videos and potentially sharing them elsewhere.

### SEXUAL PREDATORS AND BULLYING

Once a video has been uploaded and shared on LIKEE, anybody can comment on it. There have been reports of sexually suggestive comments made towards children, opening the door to potential child grooming and/or child sexual exploitation risks. Similarly, children may be vulnerable to derogatory or abusive language which could escalate into harassment or bullying.

### ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

In a Facebook post from April 2019, LIKEE admitted to banning over 400 accounts during a 6 day period due to matters relating to harassment, fraud, pornographic material, violence, gambling and terrorism. There are no safe search features on the app which means there is a chance your child could potentially watch mature or inappropriate content with relative ease.

### EASY FOR MINORS TO SET-UP

Despite the recommended age limit of 16, there are no verification measures in place to help restrict access. Setting up a profile is extremely easy and all that is required is access to a mobile phone. This is a concern for young children who have limited knowledge of how to stay safe online.

### PRIVATE MESSAGING

As well as being able to comment publicly, LIKEE also allows users to private message one another. This again opens the door for strangers to contact your child online and build a relationship, this time without being seen. There have been reported cases of sexual grooming and children receiving requests to send inappropriate images via direct message.

### DESIGNS TO INCREASE APP USAGE

The more your child engages with the app, the more 'Exp.' they can earn. This in turn can help them achieve higher levels and unlock Privileges to enhance their videos. Similarly, the Leaderboard feature within the app rewards users that receive the most likes every day, again encouraging children to produce more content. Both of these features could contribute towards increased screen time for your child.

### ABILITY TO STREAM VIDEOS LIVE

Once a user has achieved a certain level, LIKEE grants them access to stream their videos live with viewers able to engage and post comments as the video is running. This means your child could receive harmful or upsetting comments during a live recording with no filter, as well as viewing other users live streams, which may contain inappropriate or disturbing content.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

LIKEE also has a Wallet feature in which users can earn beans during special LIVE events or during their own live streams. They can also purchase diamonds directly from the app for anything between 99p and £99.99, with one tap and one confirmation screen, potentially costing the bill payer a lot of money.

## Top Tips for Parents

### 1 DISABLE OR RESTRICT PRIVATE MESSAGING

The ability to private message one another on LIKEE means that your child could receive messages or media from complete strangers and potentially engage in conversations with people they don't know. In the privacy settings, this feature can be disabled or set to just friends allowing a degree of control over who can privately contact your child.

### 2 DISABLE ABILITY FOR OTHERS TO SAVE YOUR VIDEOS

Saving and sharing your child's videos to their own device means that anyone could upload and share those videos whenever and wherever they like, without your permission. You can disable this feature in your child's profile settings via the privacy tab.

### 3 TURN OFF COMMENTS IN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The public nature of LIKEE means that anybody can comment on your child's videos. Whilst many users may be positive and supportive of what your child is doing online, others may be critical or quite nasty. If you are worried about other users and what they may say, you can completely disable comments within the app's privacy settings.

### 4 BLOCK USERS WHO HARASS, BULLY AND OFFEND

If you are concerned about your child being harassed, bullied or receiving persistent offensive comments from specific users, you can 'block' these individuals. This can be done on the offenders users profile page. Once blocked, the ability to comment on your child's video or private message will be removed although videos will still remain visible.

### 5 TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Talking to your child about staying safe online will help them stay alert to any potential dangers and give them a more enjoyable experience. Learning how to report inappropriate content and discussing this with your child may ensure they recognise anything malicious and become more vigilant whilst using the app. Similarly, discussing what is acceptable and setting limits on what can and can't be posted online may help to ensure your child avoids any unwanted pitfalls.

### 6 STICK TO THE RECOMMENDED AGE LIMIT

LIKEE suggest that the recommended age limit for the app is 16+. Reviews of the app suggest that users may post mature or sexually provocative material which isn't tightly regulated and could be accessed or accidentally viewed by your child. Ensuring you adhere to the age limit and encouraging your child to be open about what they're viewing will help you keep an eye on what content your child is coming across on the app.



### Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



# Wraparound Care.



**Breakfast club:** Arrival 7.30am – 8am: £5  
Arrival 8am: £4

***Breakfast and a drink are available to all children.***

**After school:** 3.15pm – 4.15pm: £5  
3.15pm – 5.15pm: £10.25  
3.15pm – 6pm: £14.20

*(Fridays we close at 4.15pm)*

***Children which are in club after 4.15pm, prices reflect a light tea of sandwiches, fruit and vegetable sticks and drinks.***

## Wraparound Care – Online Bookings.



Bookings for Wraparound Care need to be made online and paid for at the time of booking – **thankyou** to all those who are using it and if you are still struggling with it please speak to Mrs Crooks.

They will appear on your ParentPay account as:

**St Leonard's Breakfast Club**  
**St Leonard's After School Club Monday-Thursday**  
**St Leonard's After School Club Friday**

Upon clicking onto any of the above you then need to click on the sessions you require and make your payment. This will then inform the office that you require a place for your child.



Last minute emergency sessions can still be booked on the day by contacting the office.

# Trips.



**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**Cost: £13 - payable on ParentPay due 9<sup>th</sup> December.**  
**Thankyou to those who already have.**



Year 3 and 4's residential trip will be taking place at Gullivers Rother Valley, South Yorkshire on 23rd June – 25th June 2025.

**Payments can be made on Parent Pay.**

**Advent Service – 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

The Advent service will be taking place at St Leonard's Church at 2pm, all are welcome to join us.



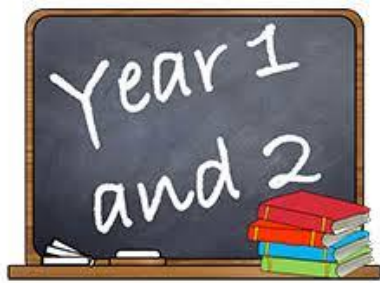
**Christingle Service – 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

The Christingle service will take place at school – 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm, all are welcome.



# Spellings.

Children in year 1 and 2 will be coming home with spelling books with spellings in to practice – these books need to be returned to school on a Monday to be updated.



Mrs Hodgkins will be putting spellings into reading diaries on a Friday after the children have been tested on the previous week's spellings.



Mrs Hodgkins also asks if Year 3 and 4 children could practice numer bonds to 20 where possible:



Thankyou for your continued support.

# St Leonard's Nativity 2024. –

## 'THE ANGEL WHO NEARLY MISSED IT ALL'



This year's nativity will be taking place at Ipstones Memorial Hall on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.**

Tickets are now on sale on ParentPay – currently each family is allocated 2 tickets per night, please purchase online and Mrs Crooks can then allocate seats.

If you require more, let Mrs Crooks know which night and how many, these will be released on 02.12.24.

If you have nativity costumes which are no longer of any use at home please send them into school to be reused where possible.

Refreshments will be sold on the night and any donations will be greatly received.



**If you are providing your child's costume these need to be in school for 29.11.24 please.**



## PTA



Thankyou to those who have already offered help with refreshments for the Nativity.

The next event is a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the 'Christmas Chocolate Hamper' raffle. Non-uniform day will be **FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER**, any donations big or small will be fantastic!

THANKYOU



## Christmas Disco – at school!



- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Children can come to school in their disco clothes for the day!
- 3.15pm-4.15pm – (wraparound care still available if required)
- £3 per ticket (purchase on ParentPay) includes juice and sweets – all profits to the school fund for the children.

## Collection time at the end of the school day.

To ease congestion at the pedestrian gate please could parents ensure that they DO NOT congregate around the gate and please move forward towards the school, whilst waiting for their child to leave the building.



If bringing dogs please wait on the right hand side of the school drive (as you look at the school) to ensure there is enough room for children to safely pass as they exit.



This is to keep EVERYONE safe.

Thankyou for your cooperation.

## Children In Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November



**We raised: £50 – thankyou!**

### Outside of school:



Well done to James on achieving the Bronze award at Beavers!

The Bronze award is the top award for Beavers Scouts, after he has completed all of the challenge awards and a lot of the activity badges.



Lilly, Eleanor, Lily, Ava and Zara represented rainbows at the remembrance service on Sunday at the memorial hall – well done girls!

## D and T Week – Smoothies and Bread.

The children have had a great week tasting, designing and making their own smoothies and bread.

### FLAMES

Flames started the week off with trying a range of breads, they then did research into where ingredients came from, how bread is made and how bread is different in different parts of the world.



They moved onto 'Data Handling' to find out which bread people prefer. All children made a plain white bread together to show they could measure and weigh ingredients, use cookery skills and cook hygienically!

After the first run of bread making the children designed their own recipes which included 'Garlic Bread' 'Sugar Bread' and 'Fruity Bread'.

They then followed their own recipes and made the bread – all were successful and smelled delicious!



## Sparks and Flickers

Sparks and Flickers enjoyed trying new fruit and vegetables including watermelon, kiwi and beetroot!

Children then looked into how smoothies are made and tried all ready made smoothies. The children then researched 'Richard Reed' the owner of 'Innocent Drinks'.

Children practised the skills of chopping, mashing, blending, grating and pouring.

After gathering all of these skills the children worked in teams to create their own smoothie recipes. They followed their recipes and made their smoothies...some recipes tasted delicious, some not so delicious!





A big thankyou to you all for keeping Parent Pay accounts clear or minimal. This really helps us keep the school finances balanced.

To help everyone balance their books, Mrs Crooks will be doing a weekly report and if a balance is more than -£10, a quick email will be sent to remind you of where your account is at and asking you for payment as soon as possible.

*Thankyou again for your continued support.*