

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

Friday 13th January 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 16 th January 2023	Full uniform	
Tuesday 17 th January 2023	Full uniform	
Wednesday 18 th January 2023	Welly Wednesday PE kit	
Welly Wednesday	Mrs Crooks - 9.30 - 1.00pm - Safeguarding training	
Thursday 19 th January 2023	Full uniform	
	Census day	
Friday 20 th January 2023	PE kit	

Your lunch menu for the 16th January 2023 - 20th January 2023

Monday 16 th January	Tuesday 17 th January	Wednesday 18 th January	Thursday 19 th January	Friday 20 th January
Pizza, potato wedges, carrots and peas	Chicken Korma peas and green beans	Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	American theme day Burger and chips, sweetcorn and beans	Fish fingers, chips, beans and peas
Ice cream	Flapjack	Jelly and custard	Ice cream	Chocolate biscuit

Star Awards



 ${\it C} ongratulations \ are \ sent \ out \ to \ the \ following \ children \ who \ won \ Star \ {\it Award's \ this \ week:}$

Headteacher's Award	Charlie, Sophie F
Star of the Week Sparks	Darcy
Star of the Week Flickers	Charlie
Star of the week Flames	Eva
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Zara
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Sophie W
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Nina
Mrs Amos award	Darcy
Cook's Award	Dottie
Pe Award	Eleanor F, Eleanor B, Harriet, Sophie W, Kallum, Dylan

Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

As pupils have now all returned to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks.

High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported. Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

"It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved. Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading. Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent. Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late."

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
 - all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children You can get more information getting your child vaccinated against fluon NHS.UK.



September 2023 admissions

If you have a child who is due to start in Reception class in September 2023 please note that the admissions process will close on 15th January 2023.

School Admissions do not issue application forms as the service is keen to provide a paperless system in all its admissions processes wherever possible.

All applications should be made on-line via the Staffordshire County Council website. Staffordshire County Council will offer places on 17th April 2023.



Thank you

We would like to say thank you to the elderly community of Ipstones who have kindly donated their Froth Blowers gifts to the school. With these generous donations Mr Brightman can continue to provide a fabulous STEM after school club with the resources he needs.

We hope to hold an auction hosted by Mr Gene Goldstraw, froth blower auctioneer extraordinaire, in the near future.

More information will follow when a date has been set.

Another thank you goes out to the trustees who very kindly paid for the hire of the Memorial Hall where we held our Nativity in December.



School website survey

Thank you to all who have completed the school website survey. Your feedback is important to us and we will endeavour to adapt any necessary changes. If you haven't already and would like to complete the questionaire follow this link:

https://forms.office.com/e/8ZNWdZCXn2



Christmas trees

Thank you so much to Harriet's mum and dad who have donated ten Christmas trees to the school to use on Welly Wednesdays. We have received trees also from other families so many thanks to them too!

The children use the branches and foliage for all sorts of activities including making dens, making stick figures and setting up camps.





After school club

This week in after school club Mr Walker taught the children how to play crazy golf.

He set up an obstacle course for them to tackle which they found challenging but enjoyable!





A special commendation!

A special commendation this week for Charlie whose pencil sketch of a sheep's skull was absolutely amazing!

Mrs Goldstraw was so impressed with the detail and the shading that she took Charlie round to each class to show off his fabulous art work!

Well done Charlie!



Dates for the diary

Spring Term 2023

Census Day - Thursday 19th January

Term ends - Friday 17th February

Term starts - Monday 27th February

Year 3 and 4 - Bikeability - Thursday 2nd March

Mother's Day activity and tea afternoon Thursday 16th March

Term ends - Friday 31st March

Easter holidays - Monday $3^{\rm rd}$ April - Friday $14^{\rm th}$ April

Summer Term

Term starts - Monday 17th April

May Day - 1st May

Coronation celebration at Manifold Primary School - Friday 5th May

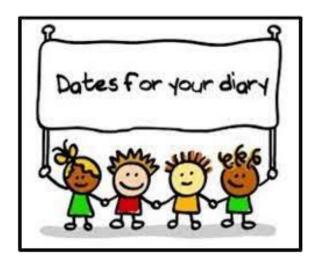
King's Coronation bank holiday - Monday 8th May

Term ends - Friday 26th May

Term starts - Monday 5th June

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.



National Online Safety

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation ... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as the potential for online addiction, in-game purchases and simulated violence.



Online Safety

It has recently been in the news about an eleven year old girl being groomed despite having parental controls set up, regularly read messages and their apps checked regularly.

It happened through Spotify, an app without direct messaging but this is how the communication is happening.

People are creating empty playlists with the title being the message they want to send.

They can then share the playlist with the intended recipient.

The recipient replies by doing the same.

You can set up your own photographs as the play list as artwork and thumbnail.

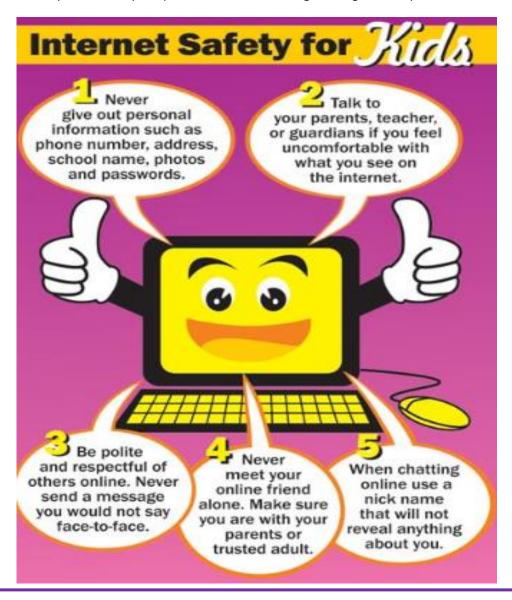
This is all public. This is not private messages.

Through this very public channel a child has been asked to share some very explicit photographs of herself.

She was also asked for her phone number and email.

Thankfully Spotify deleted the account for breaching policy which is how the parents were notified. The police have been involved and a specialised team are involved. Spotify have been alerted to the fact that this is happening.

Both the police and Spotify had not come across grooming on this platform before.



Sparks

Sparks class have been reading the book "The Cave".

"There is a cave.

A cave that is home to a creature.

A creature that never leaves its cave...

Because of a wolf!"

The wolf tries everything to get the creature to leave the cave, to no avail. But what will happen when he's finally successful?

Sparks have made caves with googly eyes to recreate the cave in the book. They have decorated salt dough doughnuts with paint and sprinkles. This is the surprise that finally lured out the creature from the cave.







Flickers

This week in RE the children have been learning about forgiveness.

They learned that when people forgive, they are kind to those who are not kind to them. When people forgive, they try to show respect to those who have not shown respect to them. When people forgive, they try to be generous to those who have not been generous to them.

They learned "Why is it important to forgive?"

Forgiving others can help us to move on and feel at peace within ourselves. Forgiving someone doesn't always mean that we keep the person in our lives after they've wronged us; you can decide that they are not someone you want to be close to you and forgive them, but let them go. In other situations, you may forgive a person and want to keep a friendship with them. This has to be decided on a case by case basis and whatever is best for you.

The drew their own forgiving fingers pictures;





<u>Flames</u>

Here are Flames Ice Age versions of hunters in the snow. They used a mixture of paints, watercolour, acrylic and poster paint to achieve the different effects for different parts of the picture.

In Maths they measured parts of their bodies and recorded them in cm and mm.





