



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

Friday 15th October 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)

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

Weekly Diary

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Monday 18 th October 2021	Full uniform
Tuesday 19 th October 2021	Full uniform
Wednesday 20 th October 2021 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day
Thursday 21 st October 2021 Census Day	Full uniform
Friday 22 nd October 2021 Fitness Friday!	PE kit Last day of term. Children return to school on Monday 1 st November 2021.

Your lunch menu for the 18th October - 22nd October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, dough balls, carrots and sweetcorn	Sausage, mash, peas and broccoli	Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Beef lasagne, garlic bread, green beans and sweetcorn	Halloween menu! Sausage and chips, peas or beans 
Flapjack	Shortbread	Sponge cake	Chocolate brownie	Chocolate crispy cake

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Alice who celebrates her birthday this week.

We hope you have an amazing time.



Food shortages

We are experiencing some disruption with the kitchen orders due to the supply chain.

Mrs Barks is doing her very best to provide the usual tasty school dinners however there may be occasions where the menu will change at the last minute if ingredients haven't been delivered.

We apologise in advance if this does happen. Please bear with us.



Boiler issues

Unfortunately the boiler issue will not be resolved this week.

The temperature in school this week has been fine. The children are used to the building being well ventilated as this is a Covid measure and at this time of year the heating would not be on constant as the temperature outside isn't cold enough. However, if you would like to send in additional layers please feel free to do so.

It is being dealt with as a matter of urgency, we are just awaiting parts at this stage.



Little fingers can wreak all sorts of unintentional havoc when given access to a parent's iPhone or iPad. The deletion of valued pics or videos that haven't been backed up yet, inadvertent calls or messages to your contacts or exposure to your camera roll's evidence of a night on the tiles are just moderate consequences of lending your device to your child. Far worse can - and does - happen.

Guided Access, however, can negate the threat of accidental tinkering. This valuable feature keeps children on a specific app and away from anything they shouldn't see.

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 for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about APPLE GUIDED ACCESS

Phones and iPads don't offer separate user accounts. So when you hand your Apple device to a child to play a game or watch a video, you're also handing them access to your email, the web, messaging and numerous other apps through which they could accidentally do something regrettable.

Apple Guided Access solves this potential problem by letting you restrict the iPhone or iPad to one particular app whenever your child uses the device. If they try and leave that app, they will be asked for a password or Face ID, meaning they can't access anything they shouldn't elsewhere on the device. Here, we show you how to find and set up the Guided Access feature, so you can confidently let your child borrow your iPhone or iPad.

How to set it up...

Step 1
To switch on Guided Access, open your Apple device's Settings - that's the one with the cog icon, normally found on the first of your home screens.

Step 2
In the Settings menu, scroll down and select Accessibility, then scroll down and select Guided Access.

Step 3
Enable Guided Access by tapping the toggle at the top. It should turn green, and a new series of options will appear.

Step 4
You can now customise Guided Access. Under Passcode Settings, for example, you can set a six-digit passcode that must be entered to turn Guided Access back off. You'll also find an option to quit Guided Access using Face ID if your device has that feature.

Step 5
There are audio options, such as scheduling an alert if you decide to set a time limit on Guided Access - to restrict gaming sessions to an hour, say. You can also set an alarm or spoken warning for when the time is almost up, so your child isn't suddenly kicked out of the app. It's a good way to avoid tantrums!

Step 6
Finally, you can alter the length of time before the device auto-locks. If your child is reading on the device's Kindle app, for example, you might want to stop the screen locking after only two minutes of nobody touching it - so they can read happily without interruption. You can select from pre-set time periods or disable the lock function altogether.

How to switch it on...

Step 1
When you need to start a Guided Access session, open the app your child wishes to use and then press the home/power button or side button on your device three times in quick succession.

Step 2
You can now select parts of the screen that you'd like to lock. If your child's reading on your Kindle app, for example, you could disable the icon that takes them to the main Kindle library - so they don't stumble across books written for an adult audience.

Step 3
The Options menu in the bottom right allows you to set a time limit for the session. Use the scrollable menu to specify the time limit in minutes or hours.

Step 4
Other options in this menu let you control access to settings such as the volume. So if your child's listening to music, you could lock the volume buttons (once it's set to a suitable level) so they can't damage their hearing by playing it too loud.

Step 5
When everything is set up how you want it, click Start. Your child will now not be able to leave that app. If they press the home button to exit, as usual, it will do nothing.

Step 6
The only way to leave Guided Access is to triple-click the home/power or side button (or double-click, if you set up the option to exit via Face ID). Without Face ID, you'll need the six-digit passcode to return to your home screen. Obviously, don't forget that code or let your child find out what it is!

Meet Our Expert
Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 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 *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.

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Churnet View Tours

Churnet View are now inviting year 4 pupils and parents in to school to take a look around.

They have allocated St Leonard's a slot on Saturday 16th October 2021 at 10.25am.

You will need to complete the form below to book you place;

<https://forms.office.com/r/HbrV8bDiw5>

Further information can be found on the Churnet View website;

<https://cvm.ttlit.org.uk/>

under the tab "Admissions 2022".

The admissions system opens on 1st November 2021 and closes on 15th January 2022.

Apply online via the Staffordshire County Council Admissions link;

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

We are also offering tours of our lovely little school to prospective Reception 2022 pupils and parents.

Please feel free to spread the word.

We will be holding the tours during the school day.

Interested parties can email

office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

or

call 01538 266292 to make an appointment.



Fascinating Fungi walk

On Welly Wednesday our Flickers class embarked on an Autumnal fungi walk.

They discovered lots of different mushrooms, toadstools and other fungi variations on the school field alone.

They found them in the ground, on trees, under the leaves and on deadwood.

As you can see from the pictures below their fungi foraging was a success;



Rev Jane!

St Leonard's Church new vicar, or Rev Jane, as she likes to be called, contacted us to introduce herself and also to arrange a visit in to school.

Rev Jane will be working part time. She was based in Suffolk and was the vicar of five schools in that area. She said she absolutely loves being with the children.

Rev Jane also responds to the title "The God Lady" as named by the children in her schools!

We look forward to meeting her and for her to conduct services and worships in school which we have missed immensely.



Covid Update

Covid rates in Staffordshire, and particularly in the Staffordshire Moorlands are now some of the highest in the UK and Staffordshire County Council has asked us to do what we can to reduce these rates and stop the spread of the virus in our communities.

As a parent you can help by:

- Continuing to LFT test your household twice a week.
- Getting a PCR test if you receive a positive LFT.
- Keep your child at home if they are showing any Covid symptoms and get a PCR test as soon as possible
- If a member of the household has a positive PCR please test all members of the household and stay at home until the result is received.

The measures that have been in place this term will remain until we receive further guidance from the local authority. This means that there will unfortunately be no after school clubs until further notice.

Please be assured that we try to make school feel as normal as possible for the children during these challenging times.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Covid-19
Update**

Well Done!

The children each have their own storage trays in class to keep their stationery in.

On Friday Mrs Stanesby and her Sparks class did a tray tidy spot check.

Mrs Stanesby was so impressed with James as there wasn't a pen lid out of place!

Keep it up James, Well done!



Attendance

Throughout the pandemic we have still been monitoring and reporting on attendance.

We appreciate that a lot of absences have been in line with Government and school guidelines which cannot be helped and we are very grateful for parents cooperation.

As the children have missed a lot of school over the past eighteen months please may we ask that, wherever possible, you make appointments for the children out of school hours. We know a lot of establishments are still catching up, for example dentists, doctors, hospitals, so this may not always be possible. May we please ask that parents are mindful about taking their child out of school and them missing valuable learning time.

Many Thanks

Attendance Matters



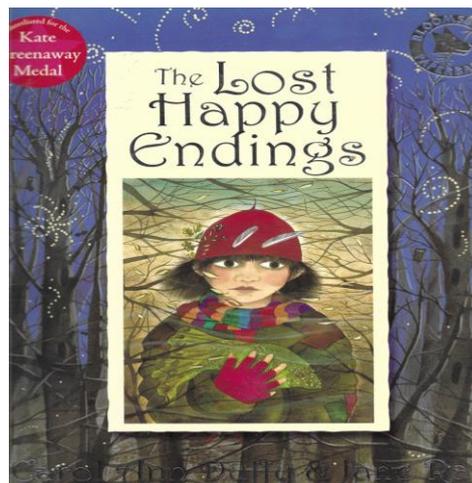
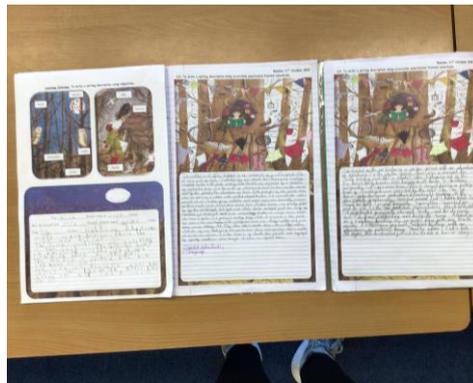
Shout out!

Miss Torr would like to give a special shout out this week to Polly, Alice and Alfie who created some amazing work in English.

They all wrote some fantastic setting descriptions from the book "The Lost Happy Endings".

Well done to you all.

Miss Torr is super proud of you.



Dates for the diary

Thursday 11th November - Remembrance service

Friday 12th November - Children in need day

Tuesday 16th November - Stoke city city 7's assembly

Friday 26th November - Advent service

Friday 26th November - Christmas market 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Monday 29th December - Christmas tree blessing

Tuesday 30th November - Flu vaccination

Thursday 9th December - Trip to the winter wonderland at the Snow Dome

Friday 10th December - Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 14th December - Aladdin at Buxton opera house

Thursday 16th December - Christmas service and Christmas lunch

Friday 17th 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.