



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


Friday 19th January 2024

'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

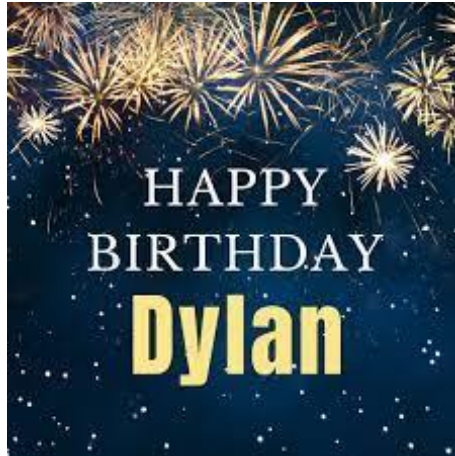
Monday 22 nd January 2024	Full uniform
Tuesday 23 rd January 2024	PE kit Mrs Stanesby and Mrs Appiah - RE training 3.30pm - English update
Wednesday 24 th January 2024 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit Mrs Goldstraw and Miss Milward - Maths training
Thursday 25 th January 2024	Full uniform 1.30pm - Mrs Amos and Mrs Stanesby - Finance meeting
Friday 26 th January 2023	PE kit 9.15am - Celebration worship at the chapel with Rev Julie. All invited.

Your lunch menu for the 22nd January 2024 - 26th January 2024

Monday 22 nd January 2024	Tuesday 23 rd January 2024	Wednesday 24 th January 2024	Thursday 25 th January 2024	Friday 26 th January 2024
Pizza and wedges	Sausage and mash	Roast of the day, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Mac and cheese	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Shortbread	Sponge	Chocolate mousse	Flapjack	Ice cream

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Dylan who celebrates his birthday this week. We hope you have a great day Dylan.



Well Done

A very big well done to Zara who gained her swimming award this week.

She and Eleanor F also attended an own your own pony day and got a certificate and rosette for riding and stable management.



A plea from Mrs Crooks!

Mrs Crooks says..."

"Please please please label your child's uniform. I can't find it if it is not labelled!"

Please encourage your children to take responsibility for their belongings in school also.

Thank you!

Star Awards



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

Headteacher's Award	Elijah, Elise
Star of the Week Sparks	Ava
Star of the Week Flickers	Darcy
Star of the week Flames	Corah-Rae
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Lily B
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Zara
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Ursula
Mrs Amos award	Eleanor B
Cook's Award	Nina
PE Award	Eleanor B, Darcy, Lilly E, Charlie, Eleanor F, Taya, Corah Rae, Rosa Bella, Sophie W

All are welcome to join us in our celebration assembly at the chapel on Friday 26th January at 9.15am

Gulliver's Kingdom

Friday 26TH January is the deadline for the deposit to secure your child's place at this year's year 3 and 4 residential at Gulliver's Kingdom.

This is payable on parentpay please.

The remaining amount of £120 needs to be paid by 14th June and the trip will take place from Monday 24th June to Wednesday 26th June.

If, for any reason, your child does not wish to attend please let Mrs Amos know.

Thank you.



Parent's consultation evening

The parent's consultation evening will be held on Wednesday 7th February from 3.30pm - 6.30pm.

Miss Torr's appointments will commence at the earlier time of 2.00pm.

Appointments can be made online on the school website;

<https://www.stleonardsfirstschoolipstones.com/book-online>

If you cannot make any of the appointments but would still like to talk to your child's teacher about their progress please contact the school office to arrange.



School uniform

Our school uniform providers, Something special, based in Cheadle now online!

So, you can now order items of uniform to be delivered. Orders over £50 receive free shipping.

<https://somethingspecialcheadle.co.uk/>



Attendance

As you have probably seen on the news there is a national drive to improve school attendance post Covid.

We understand that we have had a lot of winter bugs which have been shared around the school and this is unavoidable. We would actively encourage parents to keep their children at home if they are too ill to learn in school.

We also have the 48hour rule when a child has been sick or had diarrhoea and vomiting.

This cannot be helped.

However, we have noticed an increase in late arrivals in the morning.

The school is open from 8.45am to 9am to receive your children.

If they arrive after 9am they will receive a late mark and this impacts on their learning as all other children present have started their day's work. It also disrupts the class if children are arriving late into class.

We appreciate the weather may have impacted some of your journeys into school and sometimes there are just occasions when you find yourself running late. We've all been there but please make a concerted effort to get to school for 9am to enable your child to get the most out of their learning.

If you arrive after the bell has gone you will be asked to sign the late book. Consecutive late marks will lead to a discussion with the headteacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.



God's story

On Friday Rev Julie from the Methodist chapel visited to talk about the story of Abraham and Sarah.

God visited Abraham and told him to leave his house and go and discover a new land. In return God would bless Abraham and Sarah with a family.

One starry night God appeared to Abraham once again and told him to count the stars in the sky and that is how many descendants he would have.

They were visited by three messengers from the lord who told Sarah she would have a baby. Months later she went on to have a son and called him Isaac.

Rev Julie reenacted the story in sand as this is one of the sand stories from the bible.



One in three 8-year-olds in Britain own a smartphone and that proportion rises to more than 90% by the time children reach 12. This concerted increase - driven by factors both personal (blossoming independence) and practical (the transition to secondary school) - makes it all the more valuable for young people to know how to use such devices safely.

Indeed, more than half of parents (52%) surveyed by Ofcom admitted to worrying about their child being bullied via their mobile phone - and with hazards like scams, screen addiction and inappropriate content to consider, that's far from the only risk around. This guide this week pulls together some simple but solid smartphone safety tips.

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 nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself - and your valuable personal info - safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends - after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around if a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device - not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings - or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed - which means not staring at a screen late at night - can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation, likewise, if you're scrolling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone - and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



The National College

NOS National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

Dates for the diary

Friday 26th January 2024 - £49 deposit due for Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom

Friday 26th January 2024 - Parents invited to celebration assembly at the chapel - 9.15am

Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Safer internet day

Wednesday 7th February 2024 - Parent's consultation evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm (Miss Torr from 2.00pm)

Friday 9th February - Break up for half term

Monday 19th February 2024 - Back to school

Thursday 7th March 2024 - World book day

Thursday 7th March - Mother's Day treat - Mum's invited in to school - 9am - 11.30am

Thursday 15th March 2024 - Dress down for Red Nose Day

Thursday 21st March 2024 - Easter lunch

Friday 22nd March 2024 - Break up for Easter

2023 - 2024 Term dates

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

Sparks class have been roasting marshmallows and made smores on the campfire. They wrote down what they would like to get better at this year. Some of the children wanted to get better at riding their bike, swimming and playing with their siblings.

They have also been making ice pictures outside and designing their castles which they will be building next week. Cardboard boxes welcome please!

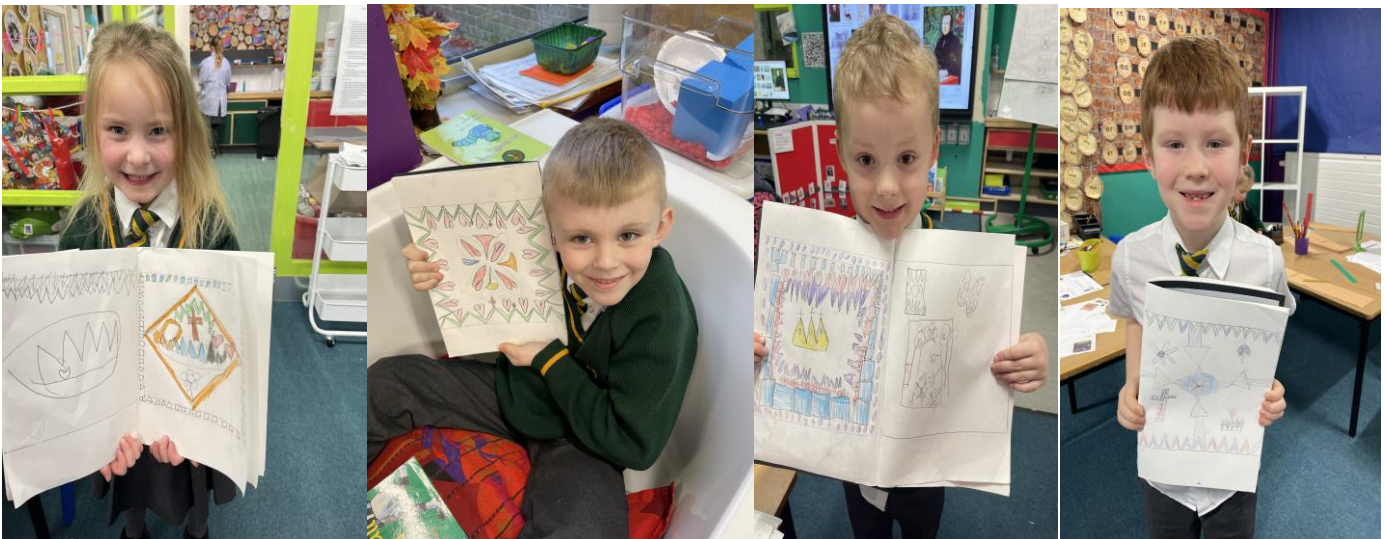


Flickers

This week Flickers had the surprise of their life when they were summoned to the school field to investigate a plume of smoke!

At first, they believed that the campfire had not been extinguished properly from last week's campfire until they stumbled across A dragon's egg! It was at this point that they realised we had been visited by a fire breathing dragon. It was nowhere to be seen but had left behind dragon foot prints! They wrote about their dragon hunt when they got back to their classroom, leaving the egg behind. What will become of that!!!???

They have been creating their own designs for Pugin inspired tiles and learned about the artist's work.



Flames

Flames class have been learning about Ancient Egypt and the art of mummification.

They learned the step by step process about how the organs are removed, how bodies are prepared with oils and how they are wrapped. They made their own canopic jars which the Ancient Egyptians used to store the organs in. They used mod rock wrapped around plastic cups. For the lids they sculpted a jackal or an owl which are two of the sons of Horus believed to protect the deceased in the afterlife. They have also been writing in hieroglyphics.

