



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

Friday 21st July 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 4 th September 2023	Inset Day - Staff only
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Inset Day - Staff only
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	Full uniform
Thursday 7 th September 2023	Full uniform 8.30am - School photographs/Sibling photographs
Friday 8 th September 2023	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 4th September 2023 - 8th September 2023

Monday 4 th September 2023	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Wednesday 6 th September 2023	Thursday 7 th September 2023	Friday 8 th September 2023
		Roast of the day, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Tomato pasta, green beans and swede	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
		Jelly and peaches	Chocolate mousse with pears	Flapjack

Thank you

What a fantastic year we have had at St Leonard's!

From the "Good" Ofsted rating at the very beginning of the academic year to the children's amazing assessment results at year end. We would just like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication to motivating and helping your children to learn at home. It makes a huge difference to their learning in school.

Thank you for your support. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to their teachers for delivering an exciting and engaging curriculum which brings out the best in each child.

We would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers, Mr Brightman and Mrs Cluer, our Governors and mostly your children for their excellent behaviour, hard work and their positive attitudes towards their learning.

We love that they love school!

Apologies if we have missed anyone out!

Thank you also for all the lovely gifts.

You're very kind!



We would like to wish **Ewan, Jack and Oscar** all the very best at Churnet View . We know that they will succeed in anything they put their mind to.



In September we look forward to welcoming our new Reception children;

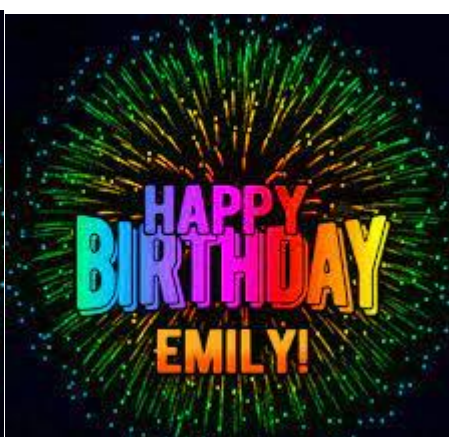
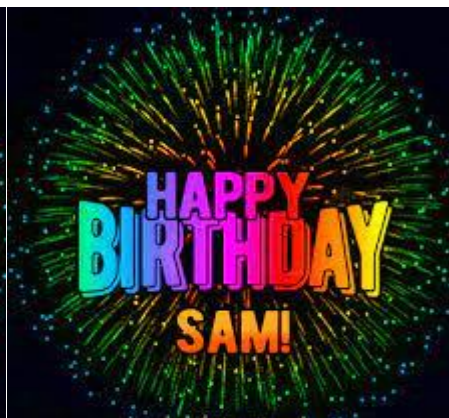
Lily, Jaycee, Bella, Ava, Autumn, Elijah, Lilly, Eleanor, Romily and Maggie.



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Darcy, Sophie, Sam, Bella, Lili G and Emily who all celebrate their birthdays over the Summer holidays.

We hope you all have an amazing time!



Special visitors

This week we had a lovely visit from Isla, Henry and their mum who are now back from the USA and popped in to see us. It is lovely to know that we had such an impression on the children that they wish to visit when they are in the area. Thanks for coming to see us.



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07739179722 or denise_rowe1@yahoo.co.uk

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Cancer Research & Ipstones 1st School

Friday September 15th 7.30pm

In the Memorial Hall

Butterton, Ipstones and Onecote
Serving Community, Serving God



6th August 2023

PET SERVICE

10.30am

ONECOTE @

**ST LUKE'S in the
field by church**

ALL WELCOME

Celebrating LAMMAS



Inflato and Leaver's treat

The children have had lots of fun this week at their end of year treats.

On Tuesday we went to Inflato and had the whole place to ourselves!

It was amazing and lots of fun was had by both the children and staff!

On Wednesday the year 4 boys went to the cinema to watch "Elemental". They were also treated to a McDonald's. They all enjoyed the film and their lunch!



School photographs

On Thursday 7th September AP photography are visiting to take the children's school photographs. He will be taking family photographs also, so siblings are invited. You will be able to come into school with your child and their brothers and sisters from 8.30am.



ParentPay

Please ensure that all outstanding debts are cleared before the start of the next academic year. It is imperative that no debts are carried forward.

Many Thanks

**PAYMENT
REQUEST**

Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance -96%

National Online Safety

Anonymous popularity polls + status-sensitive teens = potential problem. W App (also known as 'Slay') encourages young users to take part in secret surveys about their friends and classmates. For every vote-winner, though, there has to be a loser.

Possible lasting damage to a teenager's self-esteem, however, isn't the platform's only hazard - with catfishing, compulsive use and monthly subscription fees among the other risks. Check out this week's guide and help kids to avoid a mishap on W App.

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about W APP

Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay' in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as "Who is the nicest person?") and shown four people from their school to choose from. All users from a school can appear in the poll; not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous - but does offer clues to reveal who selected you for each question.

on the App Store; 'Everyone' on Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FAKE ACCOUNTS

There is no verification when signing up to W App. Once someone joins, they can see all users at their school and add them if they wish. Users provide their name, gender, school and grade - but are also able to change these (aside from their name) as often as they like. This concerned our expert: predators could potentially keep attempting to build connections with children at different schools.

PROFILE OVERSHARING

Young people tend to have multiple social media accounts, so it's vital their identity is protected online. By default, W App shares someone's school and grade, while users choose whether to share their full name, photo and other social accounts. Most people appear to select this - making it easier for someone to build up a picture of who they are, what they enjoy and where they go to school.

SPAMMING CONTACTS

The app's activity feed notifies a user when they have been put forward for a poll. They're then given the option to reveal the initial of the person who nominated them, by inviting a friend to join the app. The friend doesn't have to sign up, but they will receive a 'get the app now' text, followed by a link. This process could result in texts being continually sent to a child's contacts.

CATFISHING RISKS

As well as invented fake accounts, users could also sign up and pretend to be someone else from their school. By joining under another person's name (possibly with their photo), they can take part in polls while masquerading as that other person. Some polls hint at an attraction or crush, which - if deliberately misused by imposters - could result in misunderstandings and embarrassment for teens.

SUBSCRIPTION COSTS

W App is free to download and use, but there is also a 'gold membership' package (costing £4.99 per week) available. Subscribing allows users to reveal the names of people who selected them in polls (slightly defeating the point of it being an anonymous app), gives unlimited hints and offers exclusive play modes - all of which may tempt a curious young user into spending their money.

REPEATED USE

Like most other social media platforms, W App wants users to log in regularly. Every time someone completes a set of 12 polls, they earn virtual coins. These can be cashed in for perks such as being included in random polls (so that more users will see them) or adding their name to their crush's poll. This may not seem much of an incentive currency, but that may alter as the app evolves.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS FRIEND REQUESTS

Talk to your child about the risk of sharing their other social accounts, especially on anonymous platforms where there is no verification - so a user could be anyone. If someone they don't normally talk to at school approaches your child via W App and suggests connecting on TikTok, Snapchat or Instagram, emphasise that it's safest to confirm it with that person face to face before accepting or replying.

BE MINDFUL OF REJECTION

The polls in W App are designed to be complimentary rather than negative. However, never being nominated or picked by their peers could leave a child - especially a status-conscious teen - feeling ignored and isolated. If you think that W App is having this effect on your child, it might be time for a supportive reminder that social media doesn't reflect someone's true worth or popularity.

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

It's crucial that trusted adults regularly remind children about the importance of not sharing too much of their personal information online (and demonstrate it on their own social accounts, where possible). W App automatically displays the user's school on their profile - but if your child does want to use the app, you can advise them to only enter their first name and not to upload an image of their face.

DO SOME 'APP ADMIN'

Before letting your child download W App, you may want to (via their device's settings) disable the option to make in-app purchases: £4.99 per week for the subscription can soon mount up. Likewise, if a friend's use of W App is causing your child to be inundated with texts inviting them to sign up too, you could suggest asking that friend to stop selecting your child's name from their contacts list.

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.

Source: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/w-app-anonymous-polls/id1645858841> | <https://www.slay.co/>
<https://techcrunch.com/2023/01/19/german-teens-went-crazy-for-this-compliments-app-and-now-vcs-are-backing-its-next-phase/>

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WED 9th AUG - STOURBRIDGE

Crystal Leisure Centre - DY8 1AE

THURS 10th AUG - CANNOCK

Chase Leisure Centre - WS11 4AL

FRI 11th & 25th AUG - WALSALL WOOD

Oak Park Active Living Centre - WS9 9BH

WED 23rd AUG - BIDDULPH

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Parent questionnaire

At St Leonard's we strive to do the best for our pupils and therefore value any feedback you can give us with regards to how you feel about the education they receive. We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete the below questionnaire.

Your feedback is important to us.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fpOoAuWkjOqBxyLAM1bjJ096QR2Mek9ApETi6KxmpatUQIkzUjVQSKFHSEJQMFFTNUIQME0ySKITUS4u>



Random reading spot

Please send in your pictures of any random reading you do over the summer holidays. We have had some amazing pictures sent in after each holiday. Keep them coming!

It is important for children to rest during the holidays but by reading it provides them with mental stimulation, exercises their brain and can also serve as a wonderful source of entertainment!



SCHOLASTIC
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE

Well Done!

Well done to Harriet who achieved her Stage 4 swimming certificate, Ezme who jumped into the pool to gain her "I can" certificate and to Zara who achieved her Rainbow bronze award.



Ipstones Show - Saturday 26th August 2023

The school will be present at the show displaying the children's wonderful work and raising funds for St Leonard's. There will also be lots of other activities happening including cattle, sheep, goats, horse, poultry and dog shows, trades stalls, classic cars and horticultural competitions.

Please support the local community and our school by dropping in if you can!



Leaver's assembly

On Thursday it was time for the most emotional part of the year, the leaver's assembly!

The children performed "Reach for the stars" and "Green green grass", they played "Ignition" on their glockenspeils and Miss Torr put together a tear jerking video showing the boys journey throughout their time at St Leonard's.

They sat at the Golden Table for their lunch and had two extra special visitors.

Two tawny owls were set wild to spread their wings signifying the boys next step in their life journey!

We wish Ewan, Jack and Oscar all the very best and we are sure they will continue to thrive at their new school.



Summer Reading Challenge

Ready, Set, Read! Join the team this summer.

The Summer Reading Challenge is back in Inspire libraries this summer. This year's challenge is **Ready, Set, Read!** Themed around the power of play, sport and games, children will help our fictional superstar team (and their marvellous mascots!) weave their way through a summer obstacle course.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Big Bounce raffle

Thank you to all who purchased a raffle ticket to win the £15 Big Bounce voucher.

We raised £19 for our school fund.

The winners of the vouchers were;

Kallum and Harriet!

Well done to them both. We hope you enjoy bouncing around!

BIG BOUNCE

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



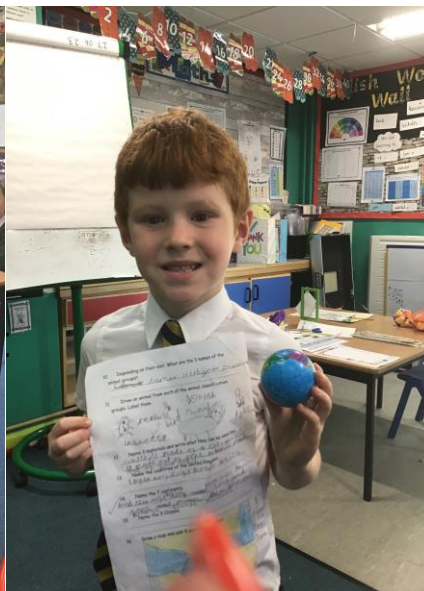
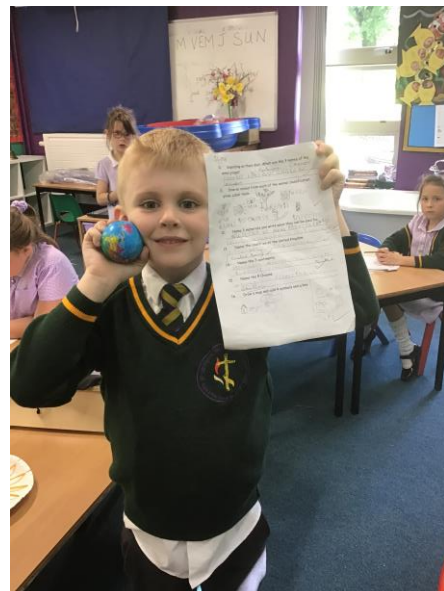
Sparks

This week Sparks class have made beautiful posy vases. At the bottom of their vases there was their portrait from their first day in Reception. They have been drawing beaches, they finished their lighthouse and they also had a little classroom disco!



Flickers

This week Flickers class have been doing some plate weaving. They have also been testing their knowledge by doing History, Science and Geography quizzes for which they all won a prize of a squeeze globe ball. They have been looking at what the seaside was like in times gone by, what it is like now and writing seaside poems.



Flames

Flames class have had a busy week practising for their leaver's assembly but they have also been making Greek temples using cardboard and toilet roll holders.



A message from the Governors



Happy Holidays from the Governors

Well, we have all reached the end of yet another busy and very successful academic year for everyone! At the start of the academic year the school was inspected by Ofsted when it received its judgement of 'Good' and we would like to offer our congratulations again to all involved.

We want to wish all the Year 4 children every success in their new school and hope that they settle quickly, making lots of new friends ... but please don't forget about St Leonard's, we know that you'll be very welcome to pop back in to say hello. You'll be very much missed!

On behalf of all of the governing body, we would like to thank all of the staff for their continued hard work throughout the year and wish all pupils, parents, staff, trustees and governors a lovely summer holiday. Take care, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Sue and Jane

Co-Chairs of the Governors

Happy holidays!

From all the staff at St Leonard's have a lovely Summer holiday!

See you in September!

