



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


Friday 13th October 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 October 2023	Full uniform
Tuesday 17 th October 2023	Full uniform
Wednesday 18 th October 2023 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit
Thursday 19 th October 2023	Full uniform Mrs Appiah - Paediatric first aid training
Friday 20 th October 2023	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 16th October 2023 - 13th October 2023

Monday 16 th October 2023	Tuesday 17 th October 2023	Wednesday 18 th October 2023	Thursday 19 th October 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Macaroni cheese and rainbow vegetables	Chicken curry and rice, sweetcorn, peppers and cauliflower.	Roast of the day, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and broccoli	Tuna pasta bake, green beans and swede	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Ice cream	Shortbread	Jelly	Chocolate mousse	Flapjack

Star Awards



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

Headteacher Award	Harriet
Star of the Week Sparks	Elijah
Star of the Week Flickers	Sam
Star of the week Flames	Eva
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Lily B
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	All of Flickers
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Megan
Mrs Amos award	Lily B
Cook's Award	Elise
PE Award	Jaycee, Maggie, Ezme, Taya, Megan, Ursula, Lilly
Helpfulness Award	Nina, Eva, Rosanna

Admissions September 2024.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024 or is moving on to middle school the admissions applications will open on 1st November 2023.

You can apply online via the Staffordshire County Council website.

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

The deadline to apply for your child's place is 15th January 2024.

Please feel free to pass this information on to parents of children due to start school in September 2024.



The lonesome snood!

Does anybody recognise this lovely snood? It's a Hattie and Henry one.

It has been left at school and we can't seem to locate its owner. It is desperate to be reunited as it sits day by day on the shelf in Mrs Amos' office leading a very lonely life!



The Big Question

In this week's "Big Question" assembly Miss Torr asked the children to consider the statement

"Are the best things in life free?"

In their house teams the children discussed and decide that "Yes, the best things in life are free".

They sited Nature,trees and Earth as some of the best things that are free,

Nature because you don't need to pay to enjoy its beauty.

Earth and trees because they give us life.

They said that spending time with their families and friends was priceless as its about who you are with and what you do that is important.

They did say that money can make life easier as we need food to survive but we couldn't home grow enough to be sustainable.



Traffic at pick up time

We have received concern from several parents about the speed of traffic and parking at collection time at the end of the day.

Whilst we cannot enforce speed limits or parking restrictions we kindly ask for your consideration.

Reports have stated that there have been near misses with children stepping out in front of parent's cars that are travelling too fast down the lane or road.

Also, the lane has been totally clogged by cars parked there.

We are in touch with the local highways to help us maintain school site road safety but we ask that you drive cautiously and park mindfully.

Please could you pass this information on to any other family members who may pick up your child from school.

Thank you.



Dress in blue day - Friday 20th October 2023

On Friday 20th October the children are invited to come to school dressed in blue to support Eleanor F's sponsored bike ride in aid of Parkinson's UK charity and St Leonard's school fund.

As it's also a PE day please ensure wear suitable footwear and clothes for this.

Please could you bring in a £1 donation.

All funds received will be split between the charity and school.



Sponsored bike ride

Ipstones children Eleanor, Zara, James, Kallum, Jake, Ezme, Olivia and Oscar are taking part in an inspirational fundraising bike ride.



Together with their families they will be cycling the Manifold track a total of 16 miles! They are raising funds for Parkinson's UK and our brilliant village school St Leonard's CE (A) First School, both amazing causes!



If you are able, please give generously via the link or code below and support these special children in our community.

THANK YOU

In aid of

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
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<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicola-falder>

School Council

Thank you to all the children who completed their school council application forms.

We had lots of replies with some excellent reasoning as to why the children thought they'd be suitable for the positions they had applied for.

Without further ado we introduce to you;

Health and Safety Council

Harriet, Corah-Rae, Jack, Eva, Ursula

Sports Leaders

James, Lily, Dylan, Tobias, nAnnie, Charlie, Kallum

Community Carers

Eleanor F, Zara, Olivia, Sophie W

Eco Warriors

Elijah, Darcy, Sophie F

School Council

Rosa Bella, Ezme, Sam, Rosanna,

Worship Council

Taya, Eleanor B, Elise, Rosanna, Nina, Lili

Digital Leaders

Emily, Jacob

Reading Ambassador

Dottie

We look forward to seeing what each of the children bring to their new school council roles!



Things to do over October half term

Zog Activity Trail at Cannock Chase Forest

Join Zog and his dragon friends on this brand new forest adventure. Collect the golden stars along the free trail, or download the free Zog

Cannock Chase Forest, Birches Valley, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 2UQ

Frightful Folklore Trail

Be inspired by local legends and stories and create your own frightful folklore as you explore Ilam Park this October half term.

National Trust Ilam Park, Ilam Moor Lane, Ilam, Nr Leek, Staffordshire, DE6 2AZ

Wild about Brampton

Wild about Brampton is an indoor and outdoor parent/carer and children's group run by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Each session has a different theme; we could be bug hunting, marvelling at magic or exploring a story

Brampton Museum, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 0QP

Halloween Hunt

Grab a sheet from Stall 1 (The Rug Hut), Stall 7 (Sweet About Me) or our Trestle Market. Find our hidden Halloween items and then return your sheet to Sweet About Me for a Halloween Treat (no tricks we promise).

Leek Butter & Trestle Market, Market Place, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 5HH

Pumpkins & Alpacas @ Tunstall Farm Park

Join Tunstall Farm Park to pick a pumpkin with the added bonus of Alpacas! Meet the baby alpacas, listen to one of the alpaca talks, join the alpacas for a mini trek, meet the farm animals in the petting shed or make use of the outdoor play areas.

Tunstall Farm Park, Woodseaves, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST20 0NH

Gandeys Circus SPOOKTACULAR

A specially selected international cast of skeletons, vampires, Jack o'lanterns and not forgetting Circus Artistes, have been brought together for this year's sensational extravaganza.

Trentham Estate, Stone Road, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST4 8JG



The Open Centre - Faith Trail

The children will be visiting the Faith Trail at The Open Centre in Derby on Thursday 26th October.

The trip is payable on Parentpay and costs £6.70. Please could all trips be paid by Friday 20th October.

If you would like to order a school packed lunch please complete the link below;

The deadline for ordering is Monday 16th October.

<https://forms.office.com/e/dBahvGBifa>



Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance -98%

Please remember to let the school know before 9.00am if your child will be absent from school.

If your child has suffered from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must remain absent from school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick or had diarrhoea.

Wherever possible please try to arrange dentist and doctors' appointments out of school hours. We appreciate this is not always possible but it does affect your child's attendance.

Weekly attendance reports are produced and any persistent absences or a low attendance rate will result in communication from the school to ensure all is well and offer any assistance if required.

Thank you.

Thank you

Sam's Mum, Julie, Would like to thank everyone who sponsored her on her fundraising efforts for Dementia UK. She raised walked thirty miles throughout September and raised £470! Well done Julie.



Parentpay

Please could you ensure that your wraparound care bills are paid timely and regularly.

The club simply cannot run without payment and we are finding we are having to frequently chase payments from parents. This leaves us "out of pocket" and takes admin time also.

Please help us to keep the club running.

Your cooperation is appreciated.



Parent's Consultation Evening

The date for the parent's consultation evening has been changed to Tuesday 7th November 2023 from 3.30pm until 6.30pm.

Fifteen minute appointment slots are available to book online via the school website,

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

This is under the "Parents" tab on the front page and "Book online" in the drop down list.





OCTOBER SportFest

Bishop Rawle CofE Primary School

Royal Walk, Cheadle, ST10 1QA

09:00-15:30

| Half-Day & Wrap-Around options available

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from October 30 - November 03.

Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program.



We are inclusive!

We value the importance of accommodating children who have come to us from different backgrounds. We aim to provide an environment where everyone is challenged and given an enjoyable experience.

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The concept of influencers is hardly a new one. Through newspaper columns and TV spots, we've long been accustomed to hearing informed opinion from, say, Martin Lewis on money, Nigella Lawson on food or Mark Kermode on cinema. How the digital revolution has changed the game, however, is by providing a plethora of platforms from which literally anyone can have their say.

Online, you'll find hordes of people holding forth on any number of topics: gaming, beauty, travel, fashion, fitness ... virtually anything you can think of. What qualifies them as 'experts', however? Is it safe for young people to consume the oceans of content that they generate? This guide brings you the essential info on the influencer phenomenon.

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 issues 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 INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising; this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Trevor on Lewis's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experiences of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.

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Dates for the diary

Friday 20th October - Dress down day (dress in blue)

Tuesday 24th October - Reception Height and Weight checks

Thursday 26th October - The Derby Faith Trail

Friday 27th October - 9.15am - Parents invited to Celebration Assembly at Ipstones Methodist chapel.

Tuesday 7th November - Parents' Evening

Friday 10th November 10.00am - Remembrance service

Friday 17th November - Dress down for Children In Need

Friday 24th November - 2.00pm - Advent service

Friday 24th November - Ipstones Lights Night

Friday 1st December - Christmas trip to The New Vic Theatre to watch The Nutcracker

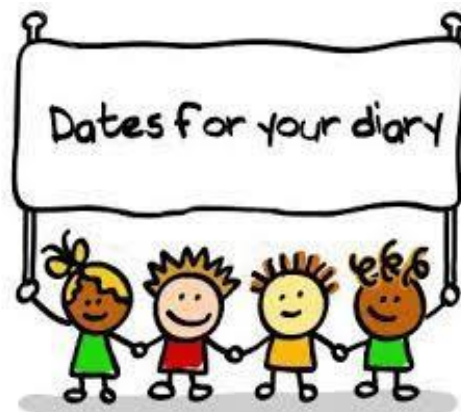
Thursday 7th December - Christmas show at The Memorial Hall

Thursday 14th December - Christmas trip to the National Adventure Farm

Friday 22nd December - 9.15am - Christingle service

More dates and confirmation to follow.

Dates may change.



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

What a busy week Sparks class have had! They've been working really hard on their Maths, practising "four". They played a game where they had four sheep, then Miss Milward hid them and they had to see whether some had been removed and count what was left.

They have made animal faces and painted pictures of hens and chicks using their hands and fingers.

They have also been building using mecano. Elijah made a monster truck, Lily made a car and Romily was building like her Daddy does!



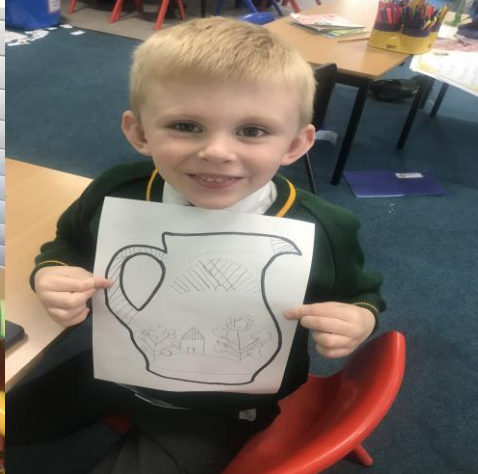
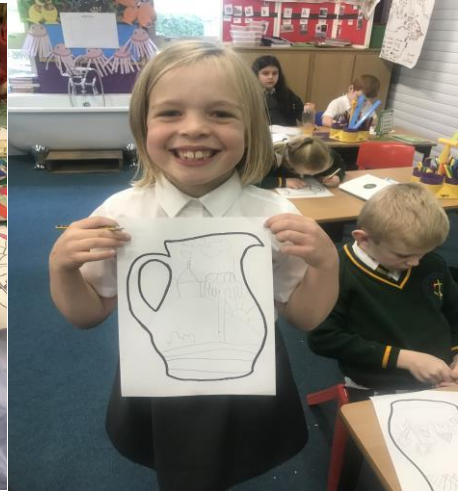
Flickers

Flickers class have been recreating the wonderful work of the artist Clarice Cliff.

They drew in the pattern and painted pictures of vases.

They have also been depicting "God's creation".

On the first day, there was light; on the second day, the sky and the air; on the third day, there was land and plants; on the fourth day, there was the sun and moon; on the fifth day, there were birds and aquatic animals; and on the sixth day, there were animals and man.



Flames

In PE Flames class were practising their basketball skills. Lucky joined in too!

