



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

Friday 6th 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 9th January 2023

Full uniform

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Full uniform

Wednesday 11th January 2023

Welly Wednesday PE kit

Welly Wednesday

Pm - Mrs Appiah Maths Mastery training



Thursday 12th January 2023

Full uniform

Friday 13th January 2023

PE kit

PM - Miss Milward training at Painsley High School.

Your lunch menu for the 9th January 2023 - 12th January 2023

Monday 9 th January	Tuesday 10 th January	Wednesday 4 th January	Thursday 5 th January	Friday 6 th January
Pizza, potato wedges, carrots and peas	Sausage, mashed potatoes, peas and green beans	Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Chicken curry, sweetcorn and broccoli	Fish fingers, chips, beans and peas
Sponge	Flapjack	Ice cream	Raspberry ripple cake	Strawberry milkshake and fresh fruit

Welcome back!

Welcome back to school!

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Last term had many highlights with the "Good" Ofsted outcome and our Nativity production being our stand out favourites!

We have lots of fun things planned this term, which we know that the children will love. We endeavour each day to make the learning fun and provide a creative curriculum which is both broad and balanced.

We welcome back Mrs Barks on Monday who has been sorely missed.

A massive well done to Dottie also who has had a fabulous first week at St Leonard's.

This term's learning quest is "Stone Scavengers"

This curiosity quest puts 'Ip-stones' at its heart. Rocks and stones are an important physical feature in the

Staffordshire Moorlands landscape. Pupils will learn about the Earth's natural materials through their science study of rocks and soils whilst developing a curiosity about the first people and how they lived.

They will explore what humans need to survive and how the natural world can be used for survival.

Pupils will develop a chronological knowledge of British History and the significant changes during the stone age period making links with the ice age studied previously. They will gain hands on experience of stone age life.

Pupils will gain knowledge of the significant geographical features in the locality and worldwide.

Pupils will appreciate how nature can be used in art, design and stories. They will gain a fascination for famous fossil discoveries of the past and what we have learnt from them. They will use these fossil discoveries as inspiration for drawing and clay models. They will gain a deeper knowledge of their local area, of the interesting geography and curious places to visit and find on maps.



Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Stanesby who celebrates her birthday this week. We hope you have a lovely time.



Random reading spot

A very well done to James who went back to school on New Year's Eve and attended a 1912 school lesson taking his reading book with him.



Missing PE hoodie

Please could parents check to home to see if their child has accidentally brought home Jacob's PE hoodie. It's age 7-8 and has his name in it.

Thank you.



September intake 2023

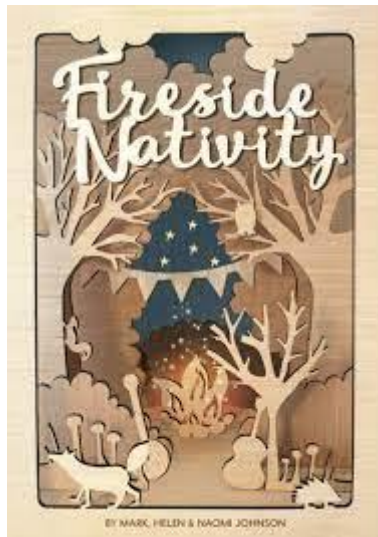
If you have a child that is due to start school next September (born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) the on line application is now open on the Staffordshire County Council's Website <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>. Applications should be made by 15th January 2023. Please spread the word amongst the community for parents who have children of school age next year. Any queries please contact Mrs Amos in the Office.



Christmas Nativity DVD's and USB's

Thank you to all who ordered the Nativity DVD's and USB's from AP photography.

They are being collected this weekend and will be distributed on Monday to parents at the door at drop off and collection time.



Labelling uniforms

Please could you ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled. We have many lost items reported that are impossible to track down with no names!

Also please don't forget to use our free uniform bank if you need additional items of uniform.

Thank you.



Dates for the diary

Spring Term 2023

Inset day - Tuesday 3rd January

Term starts - Wednesday 4th January

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 3rd April - Friday 14th April

Summer Term

Term starts - Monday 17th April

May Day - 1st May

Coronation celebration at Manifold Primary School - Friday 5th May

Kind's Coronation bank holiday - Monday 8th May

Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Standon Bowers - Wednesday 10th May - Friday 12th 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.



Stay Safe on New Devices

Obviously, many children will have delightedly torn the wrapping paper off various smartphones, consoles, tablets and other internet-enabled devices over the past couple of weeks - and probably couldn't wait to start their exciting journeys into previously undiscovered corners of the online universe.

Likewise, the next 12 months will also see lots of young people who *already* go online entering a different phase of their relationship with the digital world: perhaps getting more interested in online gaming or social media, for example. This guide will refresh their knowledge of online safety with some core tips for avoiding common hazards.



After school club

This week Mr Walker has been teaching the children boxing at after school club.

This has many benefits for the children which include;

- Expending Energy.
- Improving Self-Confidence.
- Learning about Non-violence.
- Learning More About Your Body.
 - Pushing their Limits.
- Mastering their Strength.
- Respecting One Another.
- Respecting the Rules.

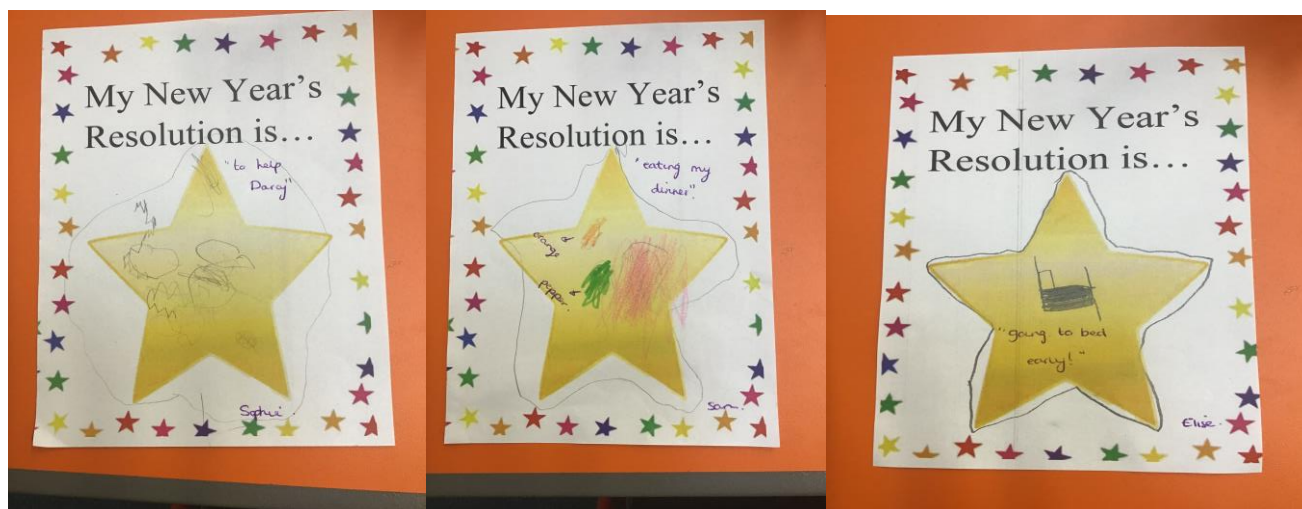
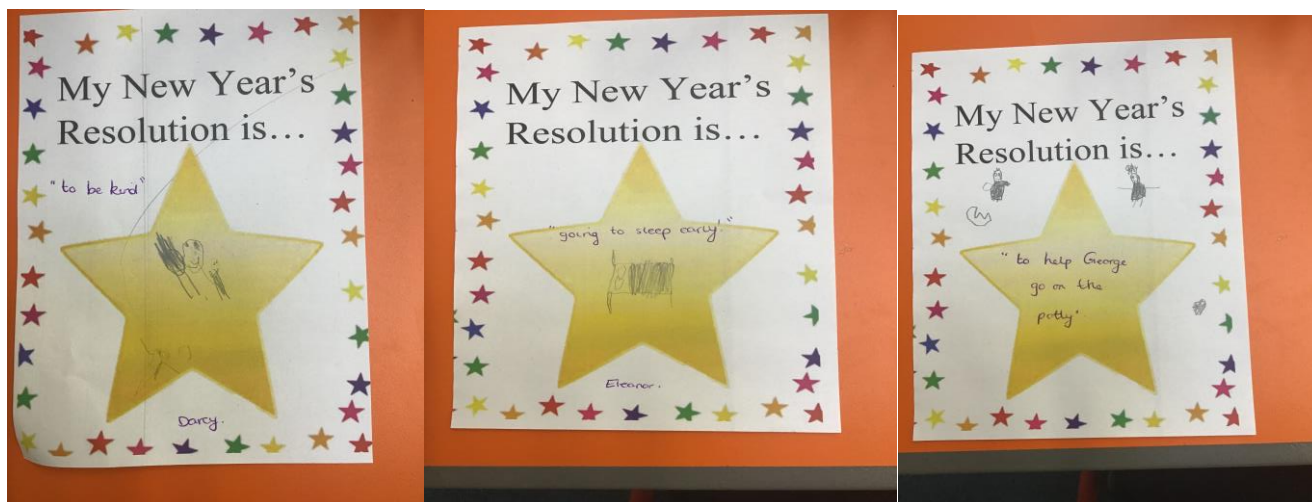


Sparks

Sparks started this week by making New Year's resolutions! These included;

"Going to bed early"

"Eating all their tea" and "To be kind"



They have also been learning about dinosaurs and drawing their own versions based on the play figures in class.

Miss Milward has even learnt some interesting facts about dinosaurs and fossils from Eleanor who knows lots about the subject!



Flickers

Flickers class have been learning about different types of stone. They studied the pebbles and stones on the school field and looked at surrounding buildings to see what type of stone they were made of.



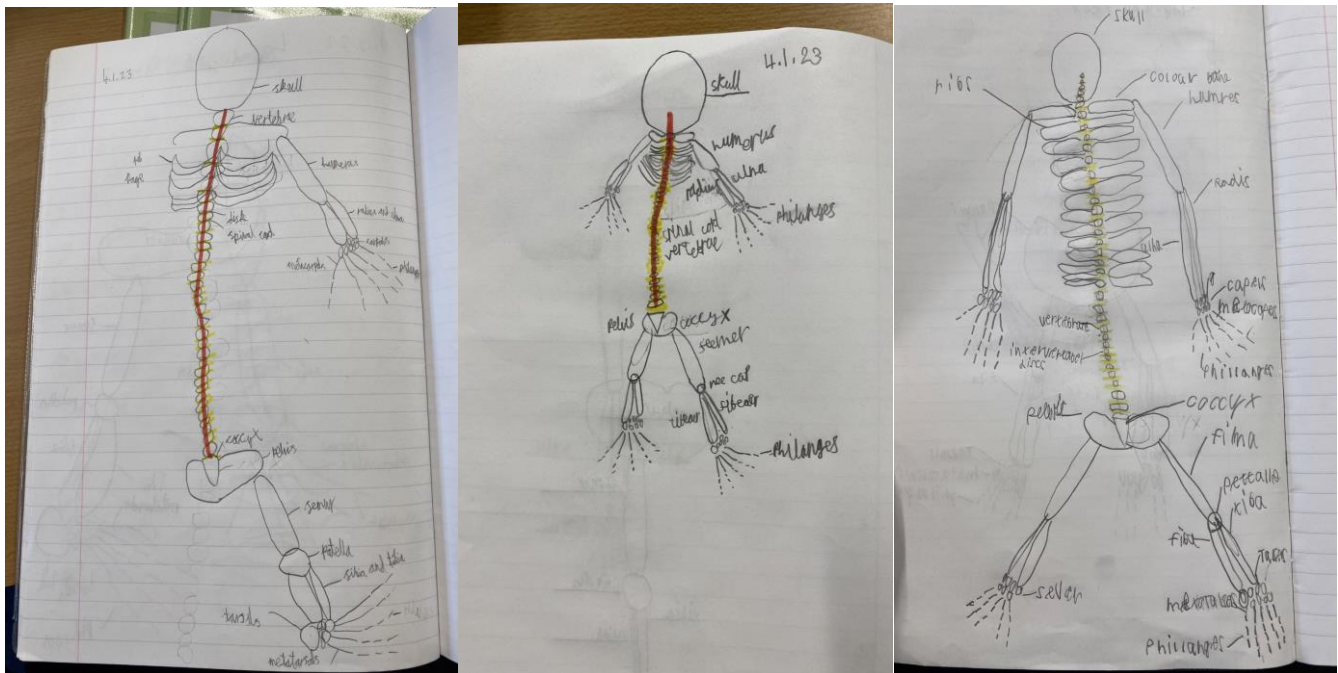
They have also been learning about fossils. Annie brought in a fossil to show her class which she found on her farm.

They all drew their own fossils which were brilliant!



Flames

Flames class have been finishing off their learning of the human skeleton with some incredibly impressive labelled diagrams that they did completely from memory.



They invented their own Artic/Antarctic animals. They drew them first before creating them digitally using the keynote drawing tool. They then added a background. They are now writing non-chronological reports about their animals.



Flames

