



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

Friday 26th November 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)

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Stanesby Chair of governors: Mr Matthew Welton

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 29 th November 2021	Full uniform Christmas tree blessing Mrs Appiah - Paediatric first aid training
Tuesday 30 th November 2021	Full uniform. Flu vaccination
Wednesday 1 st December 2021 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day
Thursday 2 nd December 2021	Full uniform
Friday 3 rd December 2021 Fitness Friday!	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 22nd November - 26th November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni cheese, carrots and sweetcorn	Sausage, mash, peas and broccoli	Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Beef lasagne, garlic bread with green beans and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Flapjack	Shortbread	Sponge	Chocolate brownie	Ice cream

Star Awards



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

Headteacher award	Annie
Star of the Week Sparks	Eleanor
Star of the Week Flickers	Taya
Star of the week Flames	Brea
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Olivia
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Ursula
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Vienna
Writing award Flickers	Eva
Cooks award	Olivia
Mrs Amos award	Polly
PE stars	Kallum, Ezme, Jack, James, Molly, Jack S, Ewan
PE stars-Listeners of the week	Rosa Bella and Rosanna

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Jack S celebrates his birthday this week.

We hope you have an amazing time Jack!



Shelter

To support the homelessness charity "Shelter" the children have decorated doors to hang on the Christmas tree in the church.

They thought about all the people without a roof over their head and also Mary, Joseph who baby Jesus who was born in a stable, in a manger, as there was no room at the inn.



Oh Christmas tree!

Thank you so much to Harriet's mum and dad for donating our lovely Christmas tree yet again and to Lottie's dad for helping to deliver it and set it up.

We don't know how we'd do it without you!

The tree will be decorated in time for Monday's Christmas tree blessing.



Shelter

We are challenging the children to have a sponsored sleepover (in their own front room) on the floor with just a sleeping bag and no luxuries (no popcorn, no movies) to understand what it may be like for someone who doesn't have a bed or a home.

The sponsored sleepover is on Friday 3rd December.

It doesn't matter if you have to go to bed at some point during the evening we are just trying to highlight the plight of the homeless whilst supporting the charity Shelter.

You can donate via the following link:

https://england.shelter.org.uk/donate?reserved_appeal_code=47&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI74Gmiduz9AIVEJBoCR3-dqHIEAAYASABEgIhfvD_BwE&qclsrc=aw.ds

If you do decide to give it a try please send in your photographs to Mrs Amos in the office or via Seesaw.



Christmas Parade

The date of the Christmas parade has changed. Mrs Harding, the music teacher, will be joining the children as she has been teaching the children Christmas hymns. Therefore it will now take place on Monday 6th December in the afternoon.

If your child wishes to make a Christmas hat for the parade please bring it in to school for Monday 6th December. There will be a prize for the best creation!

It is also Christmas jumper day so don't forget your festive fluffy jumpers!

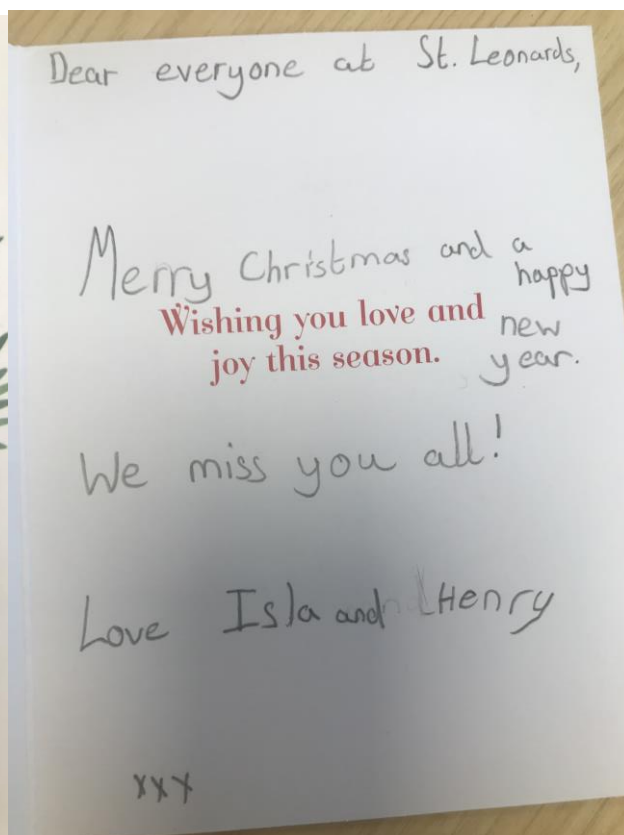
We will advise you nearer the time of the route we will take but all arrangements are at present weather dependant.



Festive greetings from the USA!

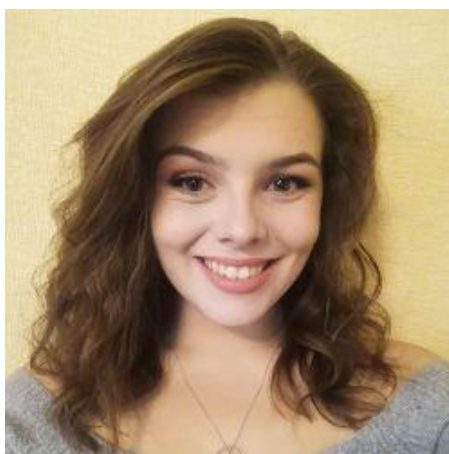
We have received a Christmas card to everyone at St Leonards from Isla and Henry in America.

They are missing their friends at St Leonard's but we believe they will be home for Christmas so you may see them around.



New student

On Monday 13th December we are welcoming a new student in to St Leonards. Miss Nettel is currently in her second year of teaching at Derby university and will be joining Miss Torr in Flames class until March.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy.

Becoming a Governor is a very rewarding experience. As a Parent Governor you will be working with the Governing body to ensure it effectively carries out its duties. You will also play a vital role in ensuring that the Governing Body is connected with, and is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

Parent Governors serve a four year term of office. Parent governors may continue to hold the office until the end of their term even if their child leaves the school.

As a Governor you will be expected to

Prepare for meetings by reading all paper work before hand.

Attend the Full Governing body meetings (one per term) and a non clerked meeting (one perm term). Six meetings a year in total.

Actively fulfil duties assigned to you.

Attend new governor training (mostly virtual at the moment)

Abide by the Code of Conduct, eg. Confidentiality, social media use

Undertake an enhance DBS and section 28 management check

Show a commitment to promoting British Values.

If you feel you may be interested please contact Mrs Amos in the school office.

Thankyou.



Save The Date



Ipstones Village Christmas Fair



Friday 26th November 2021
4pm to 7pm

We are hoping to hold the Christmas Fair again this year, hopefully post Covid-19 Government guidelines will allow, so wanted to let everyone know the potential date so that we can have something to look forward to and keep the date free.

Ipstones needs something to look forward to, it will be a predominantly outdoor event. We would love to get it back to how it used to be but the stalls are very expensive to hire. We need volunteers to help plan and promote it so we can make it a success.

Proposed Times

4-7pm Lantern lit outdoor Christmas Market. Children's Games, Santa's Grotto, Raffle, Refreshments, Cake and Craft Stalls, plus much, much more...

7pm - Lantern lit parade to St Leonards Church.

7.15pm Carol singing at St Leonards Church, Church Lane

Please contact Zoë Johnson on 07858 747 344, Linda Malyon or email zoewoodford@hotmail.co.uk to book a stall or volunteer help and advice.



Christmas fair

St Leonard's will have a stall outside on Friday at the Christmas fair so please keep an eye out for us.

Here is a sneaky peek at some of our hand made products available to buy.

There are Christmas cards, mugs decorated with the children's work and desk calendars displaying Flames class pop art inspired by our Peak Wildlife visit.

The children (and teachers) have worked really hard to get these lovely pieces ready for you to buy!



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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as complex technology, scams and risky investments.

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 & Carers Need to Know about CRYPTOCURRENCY

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COMPLEX TECHNOLOGY

Like any new software, cryptocurrency comes with bugs, flaws and limitations. Broadly, it hasn't yet evolved to be as user friendly as web browsing or social media. Using it safely means spending time learning about the complicated technology it uses. We would strongly suggest anyone considering getting involved in cryptocurrency should consult specialised tutorials to learn about it properly in advance.

WIDESPREAD EXAMPLES

Cryptocurrency software for smartphones is often free to download from app stores. Emails with links to cryptocurrency services can land in any inbox. Cryptocurrency is also advertised on search engines, on social media and in online games (for example to buy add-ons which help players level up). It can't be purchased easily without a credit card or bank account, but young people will still be exposed to cryptocurrency in various settings.

CHANCE OF SCAMS

Cryptocurrency provides another opportunity for scammers to extract personal data and money from unwary web users. Unlike credit card transactions or wire transfers, a bank can't reverse cryptocurrency transactions after a suspected fraud - making it an appealing channel for online extortion. These transactions do leave evidence in the blockchain, however, which means that cryptocurrency scammers can and do get caught.

BEING LOCKED OUT

If you forget your online banking password, you can reset it by proving your identity in another way. In the world of 'crypto', however, the private key to access your funds can't be reset. Cryptocurrency operates without intermediaries like banks - so no-one stores a copy of users' private keys. This has security benefits, but also presents the huge risk of permanently losing access to your account. Learn how to store private keys securely before purchasing any significant amounts of cryptocurrency.

RISKY INVESTMENT

Prices can be very volatile, so cryptocurrencies are considered high-risk investments. If you might need your savings soon, don't hold them in cryptocurrency as their value could drop suddenly and sharply. Sometimes, cryptocurrency may be a profitable investment - but note that any gains are taxable. You may even have to pay tax when exchanging one cryptocurrency for another if the currency you're exchanging is priced higher than it was when you bought it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

AVOID IF UNSURE

In the UK, cryptocurrency is considered risky, because users aren't well protected if something goes wrong. Most cryptocurrencies use software developed by decentralised communities, so there's no customer service and no support if your funds get stolen or you lose access to your mobile cryptocurrency wallet. Unless you understand cryptocurrency, it's probably best not to use it. After all, if you couldn't comprehend the highway code, it wouldn't be safe for you to drive.

CHECK CREDENTIALS

Buying cryptocurrency for the first time involves wiring funds from your bank to a cryptocurrency exchange - a business that converts your money into cryptocurrency. They can also store cryptocurrency for you, though this could present a security risk. Cryptocurrency businesses in the UK must now comply with money laundering regulations: the Financial Conduct Authority's Website has a list of all business that are approved, and it's best to avoid dealing with any that aren't.

EXPECT EXPOSURE


If your child plays online games that involve some form of virtual currency, and has access to some kind of payment method, they may find themselves in a position to buy and use cryptocurrency. There's probably no immediate danger, but discussing the potential risks with them could be useful. If your child is old enough to understand the concepts of spending and saving or to grasp the basics of programming, then they're old enough to learn about cryptocurrency.

STAY CAUTIOUS, STAY INFORMED

Approach cryptocurrency with caution as well as curiosity. Don't click on links in unexpected emails referring to cryptocurrency and beware of promotions promising free cryptocurrency in exchange for personal information. Avoid mentioning on social media that you own cryptocurrency, as this can attract scammers. Stay informed of potential new risks and regulations by regularly checking specialised sources (such as CoinDesk).

Meet Our Expert

JP Vergne is an educator and associate professor at University College London's School of Management. His award-winning research on technology and organisation has been published in leading academic journals as well as in two books. JP is also a speaker and adviser on startups. He tweets at @PirateOrg.



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Stoke City 7's assembly

On Tuesday afternoon we had a whole school assembly from Matthew Cecil who works for Stoke City Football club.

Matthew spoke to the children about the Stoke City players, the club and the mascots.

He asked the children if they knew any players and Jack S was very knowledgeable with the names of the players of SCFC.

He told us that Stoke City was the second oldest football club, established in 1862, just one year after the oldest football club, Notts county and the name of their mascots are Pottermus and Miss Pottermus.

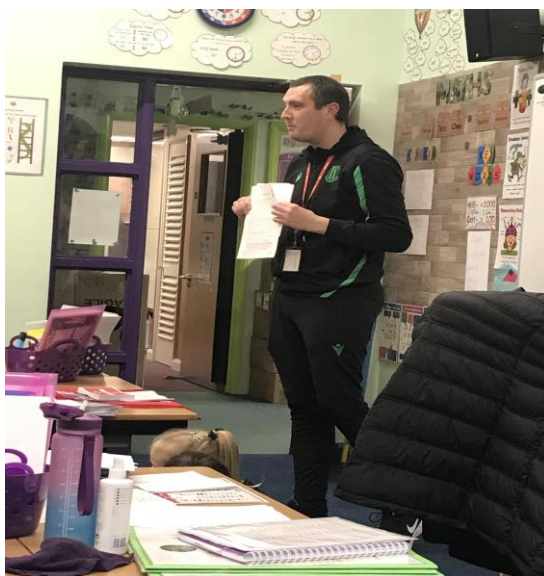


Matthew handed out complimentary tickets to the year 2 and year 3 children and discounted tickets offers to everyone else.

The tickets are for Stoke City v Middleborough on Saturday 11th December, kick off at 3pm.

There will be activities going on before the match, such as face painting, football and Fifa gaming.

Please return all ticket request to the office by Wednesday 1st December and they will be collected on Thursday 2nd December by Stoke City.



Welly Wednesday

On Welly Wednesday this week the children made "boggots".

A boggot is a mythical creature in English folklore, although some of ours were fashioned in to owls and reindeers!

The children made their boggots out of clay and natural materials, twigs, feathers and fir cones stuck on the trees.

The clay will set leaving the boggarts looking out over the school field for many years to come.

There was a bit of tree climbing too!

They had such a fun time!

Last week our Flames class made Pudsey leaf faces too!



December diary

With a busy month ahead here's a little reminder of what's happening leading up to the festive season;

Monday 6th December - Christmas jumper day and Christmas parade around the village

Thursday 9th December - Trip to The Snowdome

Friday 10th December - Phonics screening assessments for KS1.

Tuesday 14th December - Trip to the pantomime at Buxton Opera House

Wednesday 15th December - Making Christingles

Thursday 16th December - Christmas service and Christmas lunch

Friday 17th December - Party lunch and break up for Christmas

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Children return to school (Monday 3rd January 2022 - Bank holiday, Tuesday 4th January 2022 Inset day for staff only)



Climate Change

Here is this week's top tip on ways to reduce our carbon footprint

Your food shop

It's probably a shock that some foods require far more environmental resources to manufacture than others, but the cumulative impact of what we eat is surprisingly high.

The amount of CO₂e created by the typical UK diet, including meat and items transported by air, amounts to 88kg per week. In comparison, a Vegan diet with no airfreighted produce or waste averages 17kg of CO₂e per week.

Make a difference

Eat plant based at breakfast and lunch

Waste less by utilising your freezer

Get familiar with when British fruit and veg is in season—find a handy guide at lovebritishfood.co.uk



Christmas cards

As part of our ongoing efforts around looking after our planet, we are asking that, rather than sending cards individually, children send one to their own class. These cards can be either homemade or bought and will be displayed in the classroom for everyone to see.



Festival of lights



St Leonard's were asked to choose a charity for the festival of lights.

We have chosen SHELTER - The housing and homelessness charity.

This was spurred by some of the children's recent visits out and about where they saw lots of homelessness and wanted to help.





11 A.M.

• ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH •

Sunday 5th December, 2021

Christingles

This is a very informal service lasting a maximum of 30 minutes, followed by an activity, & refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you.

Prickly Hay - Cast List

The Christmas play rehearsals have started!

The children are already learning the songs and the parts have been allocated so here is the cast list below;

Innkeepers - Dylan, Kallum (Shepherd costume)

Donkey - Rosanna

Mary - Annie

Joseph - Jack C

Three wise men - Charlie, James, Jacob

Three camels - Rosa Bella, Ursula, Toby

Star - Eleanor

Angels - Eva, Sophie, Harriet, Emily, Ezme and Olivia

Sam - Brea (cowboy costume)

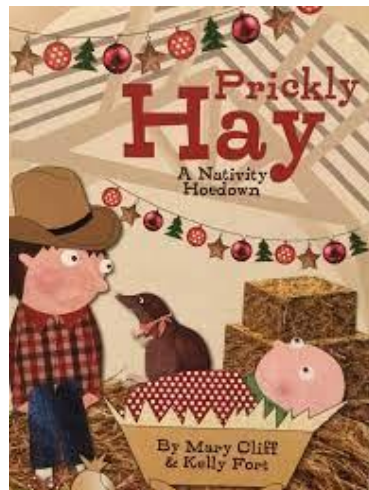
Pam - Alice (cowboy costume)

Shrew - Polly

Gabriel - Hollie (Angel)

Four shepherds - Joseph, Jack, Oscar and Ewan

Narrators - Vienna, Molly, Alfie, Corah, Nina, Taya, Lili and Megan (cowboy costumes)



If you do have a costume at home that fits your child's part in the Nativity please bring it in to school on a coat hanger with their names on. Don't worry if you haven't as we do have some costumes in school.

Please could all costumes be in by the end of next week, Friday 3rd December.

Many Thanks