



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

Friday 23rd September 2022

'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

Weekly Diary

Monday 26 th September 2022	Full uniform
Tuesday 27 th September 2022	Full uniform 10.00am - Governor's meetings
Wednesday 28 th September 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday all day, all pupils - PE Kit
Thursday 29 th September 2022	Full uniform Phone lines down in the morning temporarily
Friday 30 th September 2022	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 23rd September 2022 - 30th September 2022

Monday 26 th September	Tuesday 27 th September	Wednesday 28 th September	Thursday 29 th September	Friday 30 th September
Macaroni cheese, peas and carrots	Sweet and sour chicken and rice, sweetcorn and broccoli	Roast chicken, roast and mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Beef meatballs, pasta, green beans and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Oaty biscuit	Muffin	Flapjack	Chocolate cake	Ice cream

Star Awards



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

Headteacher award	Jacob
Star of the Week Sparks	Zara
Star of the Week Flickers	Rosa Bella
Star of the week Flames	Lili
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Elise
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Megan
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Oscar
Cooks award	Sophie W
Mrs Amos award	Jacob
Maths Award Flames	Taya
PE Award	Annie, Jack C, Charlie, Megan

School Ambassadors and School Council

Our school ambassadors and school council play an important role in the school. They provide a meaningful way for the children to voice their thoughts and opinions about our school. It means they can have their views listened to and be involved in important decisions which impact upon them.

We have chosen our 2022-2023 school ambassadors and school council. This was done by way of a democratic vote by the children. They each have enamel bar badges for their ties to let the rest of the school know who they are.

	Flickers	Flames
Eco warrior Turning lights off etc	Megan	Lili
Digital Leaders Ensure technology is looked after and put away/stored properly. Support other children in the class with use of technology	Tobias	Jack
Health and Safety	Sophie	Nina, Rosanna
Sports ambassadors Help to set up/ put away and keep equipment tidy. Support staff members delivering activities at lunch times.	Dylan, Annie	Oscar, Taya, Ewan, Jack
Values ambassadors Looking out for other children displaying values around the school - reporting this/rewarding and praising. Report to the rest of the school in celebration assembly. Endeavour Love and respect Curiosity	Corah-Rae Eva Kallum	Nina, Lili, Oscar Lili Oscar
School council	Harriet, Ezme	TBC
Worship Council		Taya, Ewan, Lili, Rosanna

School ambassadors and school council

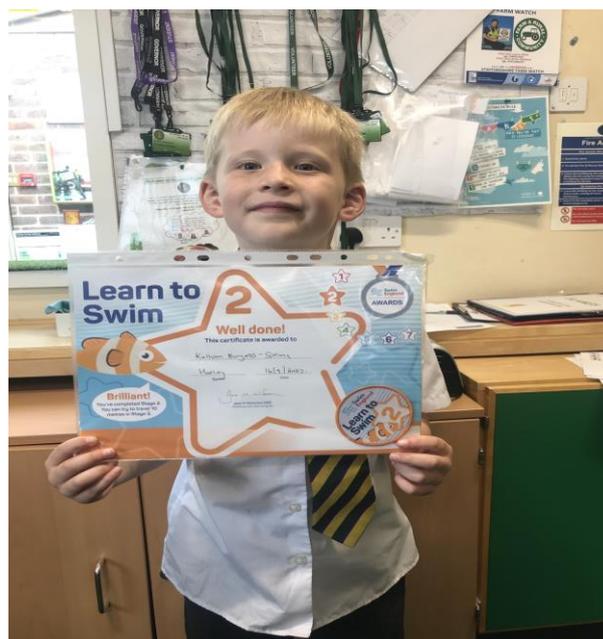
Here are some of our school ambassadors and school council sporting their new tie badges.



Well Done!

Well Done Kallum who has achieved his level 2 swimming certificate.

Good job Kallum!



Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Miss Torr who celebrates her birthday this weekend and to Harriet (Strawbs) and Miss Millward who celebrate their birthday next week.

We hope you all have a fabulous time celebrating.



Phone system upgrade

On Thursday 29th September we are having our phone system upgraded . Therefore the lines may be down for a short period of time in the morning.

If you need to contact the school please email the office on;

office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

Mrs Amos will be keeping an extra close eye on the mailbox whilst the phones are down.

We will let you know when the line is back up later on in the day.



Potatoes!

Thank you for all the lovely feedback about our home grown organic potatoes. It really is appreciated that you have taken the time to share with us how delicious they were!

We're so glad you enjoyed them.

Here is Eleanor enjoying the potatoes roasted with her Sunday lunch.



Flu vaccination

Just a reminder that the school immunisation team are visiting on Tuesday 11th October to deliver the flu vaccinations to all children.

The link to send consent is;

<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

St Leonards C of E First School - 11 October 2022 - Flu Vaccine

Your school code is: SS124381-22

The deadline date is Friday 7th October 2022.



National Online Safety

Most exchanges on Reddit are interesting and entertaining discussions of technology, sport, health or pop culture. The site has attracted controversy and criticism, however, for communities sharing depictions of violence against women, leaked or stolen explicit images (including those of minors) and online hate (particularly racism). Because of its popularity, links to Reddit frequently turn up among search engine results - so young people may be exposed to the site's content even without purposely looking for it. The relative lack of moderation - especially given the aforementioned subject matter - is just one of the potential issues raised in this guide.

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about REDDIT

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users - or 'redditors' - can vote posts 'up' or 'down' so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MINIMAL MODERATION
As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots does occur, but can't cover every community - so Reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW (not safe for work) can contain anything from profanity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

HARASSMENT AND TROLLING
If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so - in no uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

FAKE NEWS
Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they are facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news - and disregard it rather than sharing it.

GIFTING AND SPENDING
Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS
By definition, Reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community - but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS
Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 28 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of usernames. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by incoming notifications rather than being present in the moment.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Meat Our Expert
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at ECU/berkware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

SORT THE SETTINGS
Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult Content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blurs out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.

RISE ABOVE IT
If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction; instead, report the comment to Reddit Support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING
It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake - particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Remind them to consider what motives might be in the message - and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.

AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING
Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately - with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.

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#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <https://www.reddit.com/help/faq/parental-guardianship>; september-12-2021-8EA | <https://www.reddit.com/policies/content-policy>

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Harvest Supper



St Leonards Church

HARVEST SUPPER

Pie, Peas & Pud & Promises (Auction)

~ EVERYONE is WELCOME ~

Monday 3rd October 2022

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm

Ipstones' Memorial Hall

Adults £8.00

Children £4.00

Ticket only event

(Please order your tickets before Wednesday 29th September 2022)

**Please bring your own cutlery
plus, glass & drink of your choice**

Available from Jane Held: 01538 262116

Any offers of help or food hampers/ food donations would be appreciated ~ Please contact The Friends of St Leonards & leave donations at the back of St Leonards Church before the Harvest Service on Sunday 2nd September 2022 - ~ See you there for a fun evening ~



Stay and Play

Thank you to parents for coming to the "Stay and Play" session on Thursday.

The children loved having their Mum's and Grandma's in and showing them around their classroom and the work that they have been doing.



"Toys in Space"

Please could Flickers class bring in a toy from home next week. They need to be in school for the whole week as the children will be reading the book "Toys in Space". The children will be creating their own space adventures for their toys and writing all about them.

"What happens when you leave your toys out in the garden at night? They get beamed up into space, that's what! Meet the Cowboy, the WonderDoll, the Dinosaur and all the gang as they travel the stars and help out one lonely alien along the way..."



Attendance

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Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week - 99.2%

Please don't forget to call or email the school before 9.00am if your child is ill.

You must inform the school every day of your child's absence.

If we don't hear from you we will have to chase you up as this scenario in schools is considered a "Child missing in education" case until we are made aware their reason for absence.

Please note we have vigilant procedures to follow in line with our safeguarding duties to your children and Ofsted requirements.

Attendance Matters



A visit to see The Queen

On Friday evening Mrs Goldstraw travelled to London to queue up to see The Queen lying in state.

She waited overnight and queued for a total of fourteen hours until she finally got to pay her respects. She also appeared on the television! If you look closely at the bottom left hand corner of the last picture you will see her!

She said it was a totally surreal experience and she was glad that she had done it.

On Wednesday she shared her experience with the children during worship.

She had photographs to show them of many famous landmarks she passed, including The Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and The Globe Theatre.

The children recognised the landmarks and remembered from their learning last year about The Shakespeare Globe Theatre on The Southbank of London and they also remembered that Pugin designed the interior of The Houses of Parliament. Very well done to the children for remembering this information from last year.

And well done to Mrs Goldstraw for her perseverance and patience.



Sparks

This week, apart from enjoying having their parents in, Sparks class have been using Disco Dough to make sausages, goldfish, gingerbread men. By playing with play dough the children develop eye-hand coordination. They also gain strength and improve dexterity in their hands and fingers, critical areas of physical development for writing, drawing, and other purposes.



They have also been feeding the very hungry Space monster and practising their counting to see how many bugs it would take to fill his tummy!



They have enjoyed painting, writing and reading in the reading bath.

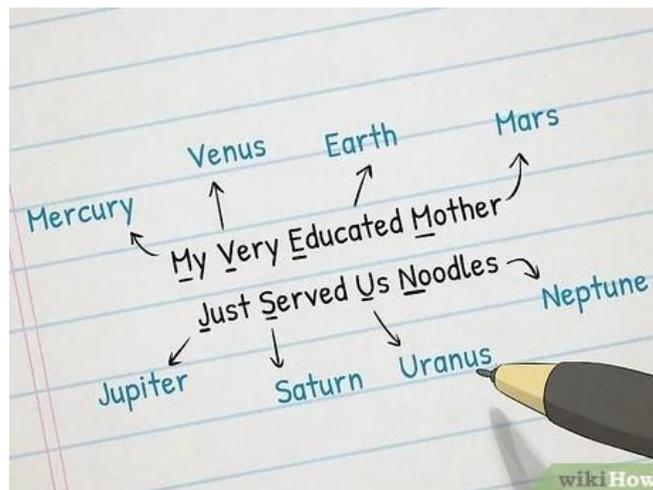
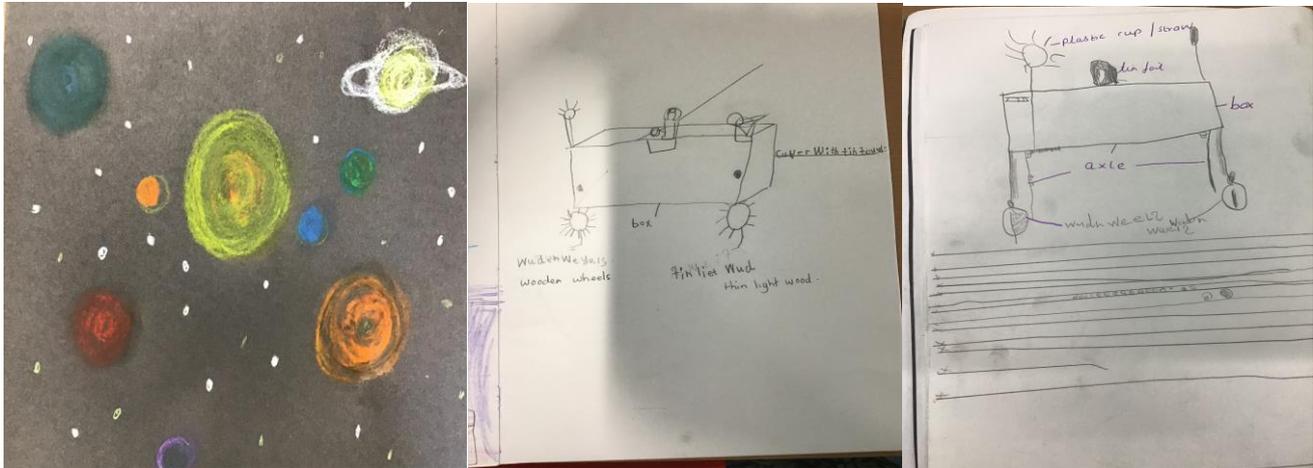


Flickers

Flickers class have been perfecting their moon buggy designs by drawing and labelling them.

They have been drawing Space pictures too in the style of Kandinsky's "Concentric circles".

Flickers class have also been learning all the names of the planets in the solar system but they used a different mnemonic to Flames class.



On Welly Wednesday they took part in a tree identification run around to name as many trees on the school field as possible.



Flames

Flames have been learning about magnets this week.

They learned that Every magnet has both a north and a south pole. When you place the north pole of one magnet near the south pole of another magnet, they are attracted to one another. When you place like poles of two magnets near each other (north to north or south to south), they will repel each other.

They used bar magnets to see which surfaces the magnets were attracted to and which they repelled against.



Year 4 were researching the relationship between the moon and magnetism and learned how Earth's magnetotail extends well beyond the orbit of the Moon and, once a month, the Moon orbits through it.

