



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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>	Full uniform  Miss Torr- Maths Lead training all day  Mrs Stanesby - Maths training in the morning.
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>	Full uniform plus hats, scarves, gloves and wellies.  10.00am - 2.00pm - Peak Wildlife Park trip
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>  Welly Wednesday  	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>	Full uniform
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>  Fitness Friday!	Children In Need Day - Come to school in fancy dress.

### Your lunch menu for the 15<sup>th</sup> November - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, dough balls, peas and carrots	Trip to Peak Wildlife Park	Roast gammon, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Cottage pie, sweetcorn and broccoli	Fish fingers, chips and beans or peas
Oatie biscuit		Strawberry ice cream	Chocolate sponge	Crispy snow bar

## Star Awards



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

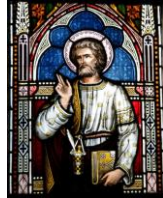
Headteacher award	Polly
Star of the Week Sparks	Jacob
Star of the Week Flickers	Nina
Star of the week Flames	Alice
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Eleanor
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Kallum
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Jack S
Reading award Flickers	Sophie, Annie, Kallum
Maths award Flickers	Harriet
Maths and writing award Flames	Molly
Cooks award	Rosanna and Nina
Mrs Amos award	Nina
PE stars	Olivia, Corah-Rae, Polly
PE stars-Listeners of the week	Emily and Megan

## House Team Awards

Last half term the children worked hard to earn buttons, acorns, conkers and gems for their house team

The rewards have all now been counted up and we can reveal that last terms House Team winners were....

**St Mark with 588 points**



So well done to Molly, Alice, Vienna, Ewan, Lili, Annie, Jack C, Megan and Charlie who earned 588 points.

In second place with 579 points are

St Luke



Well done to Brea, Joseph, Rosanna, Taya, Ursula, Corah-Rae, Kallum, Eva and Ezme.

In third place is St John with 566 points.



Well done to Hollie, Alfie, Nina, Toby, Dylan, Sophie, Jacob, James and Eleanor.

In fourth place is St Matthew with 366 points



Well Done to Polly, Oscar, Jack S, Harriet, Emily, Rosa Bella and Olivia

### Trip to Peak Wildlife Park

Please ensure that the children are wrapped up well for Tuesday's trip to see the meerkats and other animals at Peak Wildlife Park. They will need a packed lunch from home if you have not already ordered one from Mrs Barks.

The trip will take place during the school day - 10.00am - 2.00pm so we will be back in plenty of time for collection at the end of the day.



### Remembrance service

On Monday the children attended a remembrance service at St Leonard's cemetery to pay their respects to all the soldiers who fought in the war.

Their behaviour was amazing, especially considering we haven't done this sort of thing for so long and the Reception children not at all.

We were very proud of them. They sang their Remembrance song and Polly read out her poem beautifully.





## Christmas Performance

This year's Christmas performance is called "Prickly Hay", a nativity hoedown!

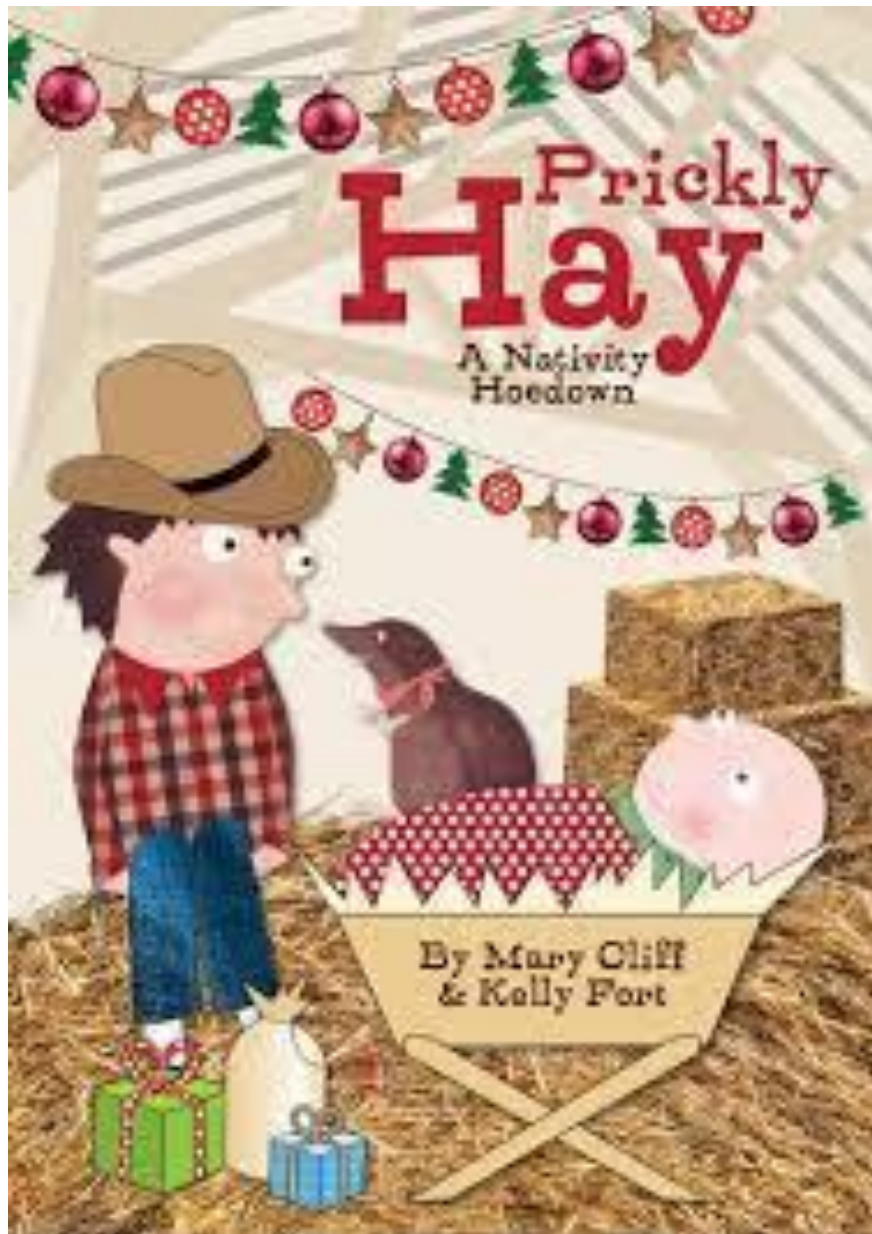
All children will take part in the one Nativity play this year.

Rehearsals will start in a couple of weeks time so we will advise of casts and costumes then.

We have taken the difficult decision not to invite guests in to watch the performance but we will record the show and publish it on the school website as we did last year. There will also be the option to purchase a DVD or USB.

We apologise that this is the case once again this year. We are following guidelines from the LEP (Leek Educational Partnership) but also we don't want to take any more of the children's learning time than is necessary as we feel enough has been lost since the pandemic began.

We appreciate you may feel disappointed but we hope you understand the cautious measures we are taking. We wouldn't want anyone to be poorly for Christmas.



### Christmas Parade

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Christmas jumper day, we will be parading around the village singing Christmas carols.

We will advise you of the time and route nearer the time in case you wanted to pop out to see the children singing.

We are inviting the children to make a Christmas hat to wear for the parade.

Please could these be brought in to school by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December if your child does wish to take part.

Many Thanks

**CHRISTMAS**  
**PARADE**

### Children in Need

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November is Children In Need Day.

To celebrate the children are invited to come to school in fancy dress!

Please make sure they are wearing suitable footwear for PE.

To make a donation to this worthy cause please follow the link below;

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



"Together we can change the lives of children and young people that need us most"

### E consent flu vaccination forms

The electronic consent forms for the flu vaccination were emailed out on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October to all parents.

Please could these be completed and returned by 9am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November if you wish for your child to receive the flu vaccination in school. If your child has or will be having their vaccination at their doctors there is no need to complete the form but please advise the school office so that they can pass on to the school immunisation team.

Thank you.

What have we been up to?

Sparks have been preparing for next week's trip to Peak Wildlife Park by building a meerkat habitat.

They have been learning fun facts about meerkats!

They learned that;

The "look out" meerkat is called a "Scout" and barks like a dog to warn others of danger.

They eat scorpions and beetles

A group of meerkats is called a "mob"



Flickers have been building their own bird houses in DT.

They built them out of thin ply, designed and decorated them.





Sparks made some poppy bunting for Remembrance Day.



Here are all the completed firework pictures that Flickers painted;

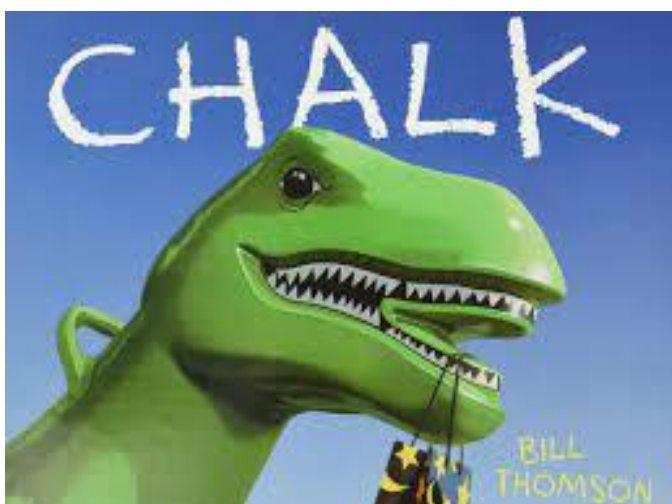


Flickers have also been learning from the book *Chalk*!

The story is about three children who visit the park one day and find a bag of magic chalk.

The children start to draw pictures of the sun, butterflies and dinosaurs with the chalk and then the pictures come to life!

The book is a wordless book so the children have been doing a lot of work to make up their own stories to go with the pictures in the book. They have also drawn their own magical chalk drawings and are hoping they will come to life too!





## Road Safety Week

This year's road safety week runs from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November and the theme is Road Safety Heroes, celebrating the heroic work of road safety professionals, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safe for everyone.

Road safety week highlights is an opportunity to teach the children the highway code or safety when crossing roads, cycling proficiency tests and the importance of cycle helmets and high visibility when cycling.

Have a think about who is your Road Safety Hero.

Is it the emergency services, medical teams and support services that care for people after a crash? It could be designers and engineers who strive to create safe vehicles and safe spaces for people to travel.

It could even be a lollipop lady or man.

If you want to learn more and get free resources you can via this website;

<https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>



## Climate Change

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

### Tumble drying clothes

When it comes to laundry it's the drying method thatr does the most damage.

A load washed at 30 or 40 degrees and then line dried generates 330g and 520g of CO<sub>2</sub> respectively. Wash at 40 degrees and tumble dry and it's 2kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### Make a difference

Treat the dryer as an emergency backup rather than the automatic option.

Get an additional clothes airer.

At the very least stop putting wet items straight in to the dryer - let them dry naturally for a while first.



## Parent consultations

You can book your appointment by following the link below;

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

Appointments are available for 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November, however please note Miss Torr is out all day on Monday so will not be able to approve any appointments for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs Stanesby is also unavailable on Monday morning but back in in the afternoon.

It is important that you make an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. If you have any issues please let us know and we will assist wherever we can.



## Nut free school

Can we please remind you we are a nut free school.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.

So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check but we know that you will recognise the importance of it.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.





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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as screen addiction, inappropriate content and hacking attempts.

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 platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about NETFLIX

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### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Netflix produces and curates an extensive catalogue of content that can provide hours of entertainment. If they share the same user account as an adult, this can potentially lead to children accidentally viewing all manner of inappropriate content, including nudity, profanity and extreme violence. This can happen easily on shared accounts, as Netflix cannot establish who's watching.

### BINGE-WATCHING

Netflix allows users to view shows and movies quickly and easily without adverts or interruptions, making excessive screen time a concern. Binge-watching has become more common during the pandemic, due to Netflix's regularly updated content and algorithms which recommend content very similar to what's previously been enjoyed. Marathon viewing sessions can lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the next day.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

From TVs and phones to consoles and tablets, Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection - making it extremely difficult to manage children's screen time. The service is now adding games to its mobile app, tempting users to spend even more time on the platform. Screen addiction can distract children from important activities like schoolwork and socialising, and can impact their health by reducing their exercise and sleep.

### HACKING ATTEMPTS

With millions of users worldwide, Netflix is often targeted by hackers who try to steal usernames and passwords to gain access to people's accounts. If successful, they can then steal payment details or try to sell stolen personal data on the dark web, providing other criminals with a profitable opportunity. Netflix also doesn't provide two-factor authentication, making the hackers' task that little bit easier.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Netflix's Teleparty feature became popular during lockdown periods as it allows users from different households (friends and relatives, for example) to synchronise when they watch content. It requires an access link to be sent to the people you wish to invite; the link, however, can also be distributed to people you don't know. A text chat feature enables interaction with the other users in real-time; this represents a risk to children if a stranger gains access to the Teleparty.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP ACCOUNTS SECURE

Netflix doesn't use two-factor authentication, so a strong password is vital. Your child's Netflix password should be unique (not one they've used elsewhere) and a minimum of eight characters with a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Emphasise not to share their login details with anyone and remind them to always log out after using the app - so their account remains inaccessible, even if their device is lost or stolen.

### SET UP PROFILE PINS

Netflix account holders can lock profiles using a four-digit PIN. Doing this can prevent your child from accessing the wrong account and viewing content that isn't appropriate for their age. Try setting a PIN for each account on your Netflix app - ideally avoiding numbers that would be easily guessed, such as dates of birth. Remember not to share these PINs with anyone, including family.

### CHECK MATURITY RATING

Netflix warns about content that includes violence, sex, profanity and nudity. These warnings form part of the show or movie's maturity rating. Users can restrict age ratings to avoid children viewing age-inappropriate content. On their profile, open the Profile and Parental Control settings and choose the maturity level for the shows and movies you want to allow.

### CREATE A KIDS' PROFILE

Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means your child can only access content which is suitable for children aged up to 12 years. All other content is automatically blocked. This rating can be further restricted via the child's profile settings. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile will help to prevent your child from viewing age-inappropriate content.

### SWITCH OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a show or movie concludes, Netflix's algorithms select content with similar themes that it thinks your child will enjoy next. This new content starts automatically after a 10-second countdown. Disabling this auto-play feature reduces the possibility of your child being shown something inappropriate and provides a natural break to help prevent them becoming too immersed in Netflix.

### CHECK VIEWING HABITS

Netflix has tools which enable parents and carers to monitor what their child has been watching. Selecting 'Viewing Activity' in each profile's account settings displays a list of what content has been viewed (and when). This can reassure parents that their child is watching age-appropriate content and can open avenues for discussing your child's favourite shows and movies, and why they like them.

### 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.

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## Welly Wednesday

This week's Welly Wednesday was another exciting one!

As the children have been learning about William Shakespeare they attempted to make their own ink to fill their feather quills!

This is the same ink that William Shakespeare used to write his many famous plays. It was also used to write the Magna Carta!

The ingredients to make the ink consists of;

Old rusty nails (ours are over 400 years old from a house in the village built in the 1600's)

Oak wasp galls. These are like a little shell that grow around eggs that wasps have laid to protect them, They appear on oak trees between May and June.

and

Vinegar

The oak wasp galls were crushed in a pestle and mortar and the rest of the ingredients were mixed. They have now been left for one week to mature.

In next week's Welly Wednesday , when the ink is ready, they will make the feather quills!

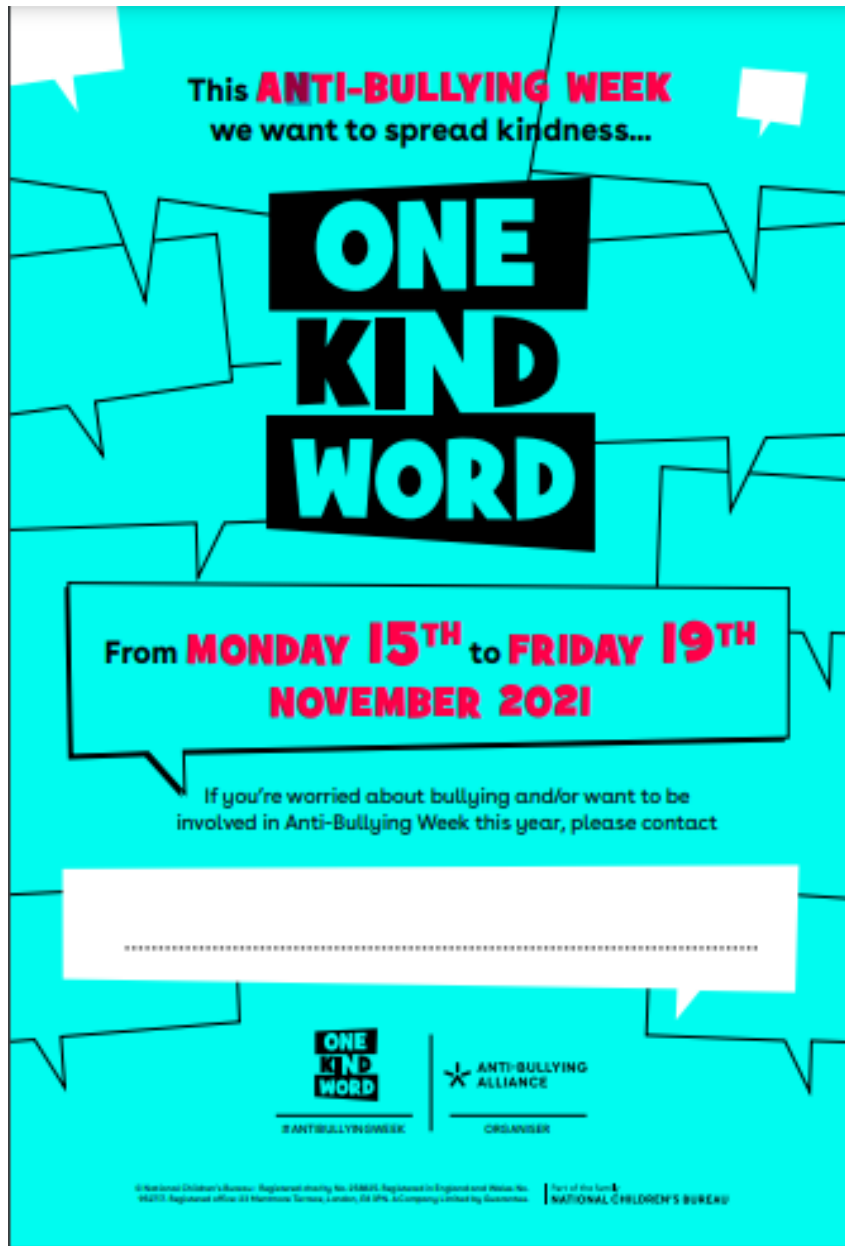
Thanks once again to Miss Goldstraw for a very enjoyable forest school lesson.



## Anti bullying week

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

This is the reason that "One kind word" has been chosen as the theme of anti -bullying week from 15-19 November 2021.



If you are worried about bullying or want to be involved please contact Mrs Amos in the school office.

[office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk)

01538 266292

Our kindness ambassadors Eva, Lili, Hollie, Dylan, Jack, Oscar, Vienna and Alfie will be promoting Anti-Bullying week and giving out buttons on the playground for acts of kindness.



### Autumn raffle

And the winner is....

Mrs Jackie Worrall

Thanks to all who organised the raffle and all who took part.

Congratulations to Mrs Jackie Worrall. We hope you enjoy your hamper.



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### Tea and cake

On Friday our top readers were treated to tea and cake with Mrs Stanesby.

These children have excelled with their reading at home and reading at school this week so they enjoyed a cup cake and a cup of tea with the headteacher as a reward!



## Remembrance poppy trail

On Friday Alice, Brea and Mrs Stanesby set up a trail around the village. The trail was decorated with remembrance stones made by our Sparks class and Flames class Remembrance poems.

In Flames Geography class they have been drawing maps of the village. Vienna's map was chosen and it was indicated on there where to find the trail.

At each stop there are photos and facts of soldiers who fought in the war and a remembrance poem written by Flames class.

Follow the map to find out find the facts about Ipstones during the war.

