



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

Friday 15th December 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

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| Monday 18 th December 2023 | Full uniform |
| Tuesday 19 th December 2023 | Full uniform 9am - 10.30am - Christmas Fayre |
| Wednesday 20 th December 2023 Welly Wednesday  | Welly Wednesday PE kit |
| Thursday 21 st December 2023 | Full uniform Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner Carol singing at the shop@9.15am for The Christingle Charity |
| Friday 22 nd December 2023 | Pyjama day! 9.15am - Christingle service at school - All welcome Break up for Christmas holidays |

Your lunch menu for the 18th December 2023 - 22nd December 2023

| Monday 18 th December 2023 | Tuesday 19 th December 2023 | Wednesday 20 th December 2023 | Thursday 21 st December 2023 | Friday 22 nd December 2023 |
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| Mac and cheese | Chicken curry and rice | Fish and chips | Christmas dinner | Party lunch - Burgers, sausage, chicken nuggets and chips |
| Ice cream | Shortbread | Jelly | Chocolate mousse | Ice cream |

Star Awards



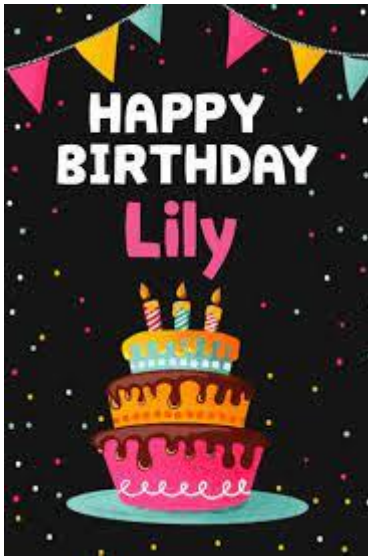
Congratulations are sent out to the following children who won Star Award's this week:

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| Headteacher Award | Romily |
| Star of the Week Sparks | Jaycee |
| Star of the Week Flickers | Eleanor F |
| Star of the week Flames | Dottie |
| Spark to a flame Sparks Class | Romily |
| Spark to a flame Flickers Class | Zara |
| Spark to a flame Flames Class | Eva |
| Cook's Award | Romily |
| PE Award | Rosa Bella, Rosanna, Kallum, Dylan, Taya, Annie, Ava, Eleanor G, Romily, Charlie, James |

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Lily, Elijah and Mrs Appiah who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We hope you have a fabulous time!



Well Done

Well done to Annie who won first prize in her Gymnastics competition at the weekend.

She did a floor routine, vault and somersaulted, flipped and tumbled her way to top place. Amazing job Annie.



The North Pole Adventure

On Thursday the children enjoyed a wonderful experience at The North Pole adventure. They went on a tractor ride, walked through the magical woods to The North Pole. On their way they saw The Northern Lights and Marty the polar bear. They saw Santa's letter sorting shop and toy shop then visited the big man himself. They could then choose a gift from the present room to bring home with them. A fantastic time was had by all!



Year 3 and 4 Gulliver's Kingdom 2024 residential trip

Next year's year 3 and 4 residential trip will take place from Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th June.

The item is live on Parentpay and we are asking for a £49 deposit to be paid by 26th January please.

If you require any financial assistance please contact the school office.

Last year the children (and staff) had an amazing time. We're sure this trip will be the same!



Thank you

We have received a thank you for Mrs Sue Evans, Lilly's Grandma, from The Royal British Legion for raising £23 for the poppy appeal.

Parkinson's UK have also sent in a certificate thanking Eleanor F and her fellow cyclists for raising £1100 for their charity.

Well done to all.



Christmas Show USB

Thank you for all your USB orders. They are being delivered on Monday 18th December by AP photography and will be given to you on the door by Mrs Crooks.

Thank you.



ASM holiday club



**2024
NEW YEAR
HOLIDAY CLUBS**

09:00-15:30 (Half-Day options available)
FREE Wrap-Around care for all children
08:00-09:00 & 15:30-17:00

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from January 02 - 05.
Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program.

Combat Sports **Multi-Sports** **Alternative Sports** **Arts & Crafts**

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.

Search for your venue: asmports.co.uk

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD Children eligible for Free School Meals can access up to 4 days of Funded Places, including a daily lunch.

Call: 01782 366332
Visit: www.asmports.co.uk
Email: info@asmports.co.uk

**From
£10.00
per day**



PJ Day!

On Friday 22nd December children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas as a special treat!

Please make sure they are wearing suitable footwear for PE but apart from that the cosier the better on the last day of school before Christmas!



Thank you

An absolutely massive thank you to Toby who, instead of sending Christmas cards this year, brought every child a Christmas party bag to school.

Thank you so much for your generosity Toby.

Your friends loved them!



Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance - 91%

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 to offer any assistance if required.

Thank you.

Treats!

Thank you so much for the treats sent in for Lucky from Santa! (Bella)

He really is very lucky!

I'm sure he will enjoy them immensely.



Christmas fayre

We are looking forward to inviting parents and relatives to our Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 19th December - 9am - 10.30am.

Thank you all so much for the donations so far, you are all very generous.

We hope you can join us for games, coffee, cake and a bit of singing too!

If you feel you may have time to help on the stalls this will be much appreciated.

If you are not able to make it you can send your child in with a small amount of pocket money in case they want to buy anything from the stalls.



Christmas jumper day

Thursday 21st December is Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day.

Normal uniform should be worn with a festive jumper instead of the school uniform jumper/ cardigan.

Mrs Barks will be serving up a traditional turkey Christmas lunch including pigs in blankets and stuffing. There will be no other lunch option on this day.

On Friday there will be a party lunch and fish fingers and chips on Wednesday.



**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



Dates for the diary

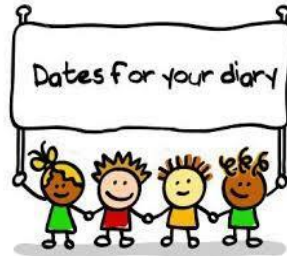
Tuesday 19th December - Christmas coffee morning

Thursday 21st December - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Friday 22nd December - 9.15am - Christingle service

Friday 22nd December - Pyjama Day

Dates may change.



2023 - 2024 Term dates

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

Sparks class have made their own "Gingerbread houses" this week only using malted milk!

They stuck the "walls" together using icing and decorated with jelly tots and sprinkles. They looked so cute!

Once built they then devoured them and they were thoroughly enjoyed!

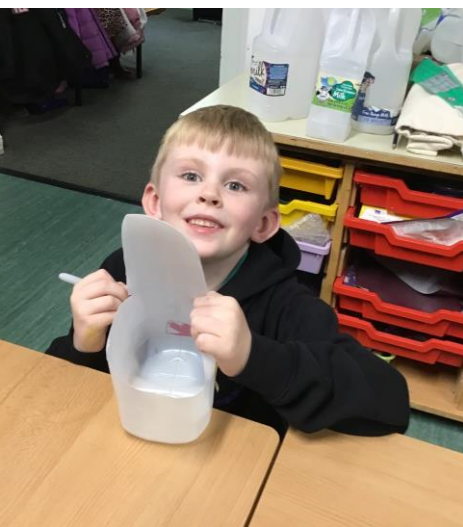
Jaycee and Bella have been busy at home too!

Jaycee created a beautiful Christmas scene with her nanna that she brought in to school to show everyone and Bella brought in a real planted Christmas tree with homemade decorations and twinkly lights. We will plant the tree on the school field after the festive season and watch it grow for years to come!



Flickers

Flickers class have been learning tennis skills in PE with Mr Walker. They have been making their planters to sell at the school fayre and have been creating their mats for wild worship.



Flames

Flames class have finished their prayer mats adorning them with beautiful drawings of doves, trees, rainbows and more.

