



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

Friday 6th September 2024



'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 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: Miss Aimee Torr

Monday 9th September 2024	School Uniform
Tuesday 10th September 2024	School Uniform
Wednesday 11 th September 2024 Welly Wednesday	PE Kit
Thursday 12th September 2024	School Uniform
Friday 13th September 2024	PE Kit

Your lunch menu for the 9th September - 13th September

Monday 9th Sept	Tuesday 10 th Sept	Wednesday 11th Sept	Thursday 12th Sept	Friday 13th Sept
Pizza and Wedges	Cottage Pie and Vegetables	Roast Gammon, potatoes and vegetables	Chicken Korma, rice and Vegetables	Fish fingers & Chips, Beans or Peas
Shortbread	Sponge	Jelly	Flapjack	Ice Cream



Welcome back to everyone for another school year! We hope everyone had a lovely summer.

We welcome into reception: Savannah, Maisie, Stanley, Seth, George, Theo, James.C and Jacob.G, we hope you enjoy every moment of your school journey at St Leonards!



Also, a big welcome to Mrs Hodgkins - class teacher for Flames.





Happy birthday to Ezme who will be celebrating this week!



Uniform Bank.

Please remember we do have the school uniform bank available with a various range of uniform. Please email the office if there is anything you are looking for and Mrs Crooks will have a look to see if we can help.

family **Warm welcome** *a warm space for all*

2pm–5pm every Friday

in the school holidays at
the Methodist Schoolroom,
Brookfields Road

drop in for:

- Food & Drinks
- Colouring & Crafts
- Jigsaws, Games, and Lego
- Company and Conversation

For more information about 'Warm Welcome' please contact:

Rev'd Jane Held on 01538 262116 or Rev'd Julie Hassall on 01538 751907

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term:

Term starts: Weds 4th Sept 2024
Half term: Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov
Inset: Mon 4th Nov
Pupils return: Tues 5th Nov
Term ends: Fri 20th Dec

Spring Term:

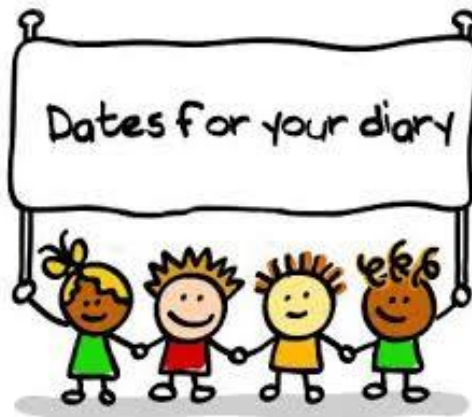
Term starts: Tues 7th Jan 2025
Half term: Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb
Pupils return: Mon 24th Feb
Term ends: Fri 11th April

Summer Term:

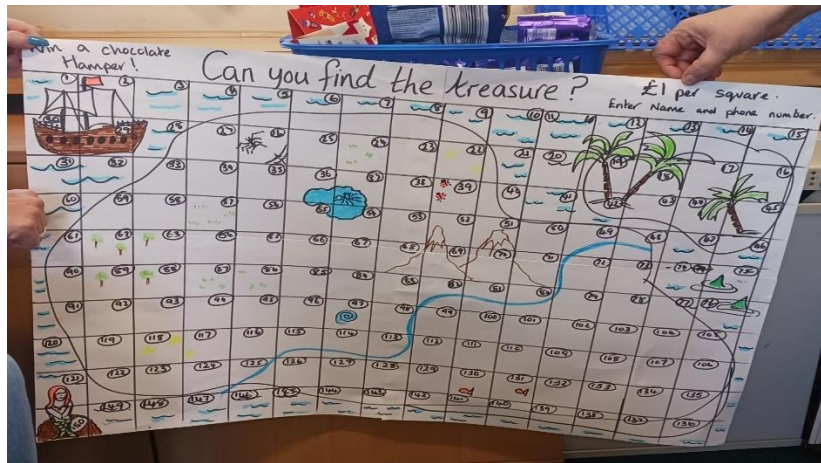
Term starts: Mon 28th April
May Day: Mon 5th May (school closed)
Half term: Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May
Pupils return: Mon 2nd June
Term ends: Fri 18th July

Dates for the diary

Please note that some dates may change.



Ipstones Agricultural Show.



We raised a grand total of £94 and the winner was Nicki Mosley!



Thankyou to Mrs Worrall, Miss Stennings and Mrs Goldstraw for organising this.



National Online Safety

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She 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.



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Charity Bike Ride!

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER.



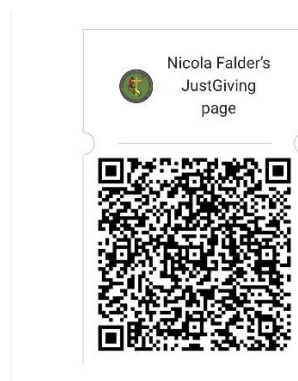
The (*now annual!*) charity bike ride will happen this year on **Sunday 29th September.**

For those who weren't involved last time (but might be keen to this time!), the plan is to do a sponsored bike ride this time heading to the Tissington Trail.



We will again be raising funds for the school and will also raising money for the Oxford University Development Trust (funding vital research into encephalitis autoimmune disease at the Nuffield department of clinical neuroscience). This is in memory of Ezme's grandfather...a worthy cause I'm sure you'll all agree.

Participants can do as much or as little cycling as they like on the Tissington Trail but please can all who are keen bring a responsible adult along with them.



Scan the above QR code to donate.

Please let Eleanor Falder's mum (Nicola) know if you're interested on 07734448231 - let's see if we can raise over £2000 again!!

Thankyou!



There are still outstanding accounts on ParentPay from Summer Term 2 2024, please pay these at your earliest convenience, if you are having trouble paying these bills please contact the office to discuss further...we are here to help.



Wraparound Care.

Wraparound Care September 2024.

Wraparound care will be continuing in September. Due to the cost of living we have had to increase fees to reflect the running costs of both clubs. As always, we will try to be as flexible as possible to fit in with your family's needs. As of September, sessions will be charged at the following:

Breakfast club: Arrival 7.30am - 8am: £5

Arrival 8am: £4

Breakfast and a drink are available to all children.

After school: 3.15pm - 4.15pm: £5

3.15pm - 5.15pm: £10.25

3.15pm - 6pm: £14.20

Children which are in club after 4.15pm, prices reflect a light tea of sandwiches, fruit and vegetable sticks and drinks.

If any of the above sessions are required these need to be booked with myself through email:

Crooks.E@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

Fees are payable via ParentPay, alternatively we accept payment through the following voucher schemes:

KiddiVouchers, Sodexo and Tax Free Childcare.

If you use a different scheme it is most likely we will be able to accept payment through them once registered.

Please speak to Mrs Crooks regarding this.

MMR Immunisations



Children are offered vaccinations in school to reduce their risk of becoming seriously ill from common illnesses like measles, polio, tetanus and more.

A series of pop-up, walk-in MMR vaccination clinics will be taking place across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent over the coming weeks. The clinics are open to anyone (children and adults) who haven't had their second, or any, dose of MMR vaccine.

You need 2 doses for life-long protection from measles, mumps and rubella. You don't need to make an appointment at any of the below clinics:

Stoke:

Saturday 8th September 11am-3pm - Stepping Stones Community Organisation 77
Raymond Street Hanley ST1 4DP

Celebration awards.

Spark to a Flame	James.C Eleanor.B Charlie
Star of the Week	All of Sparks All of Flickers Sophie.W
Reading	Eleanor.G Olivia James.R
Lunchtime	Stanley
Headteacher's	James.C Eleanor.G Lily.B