



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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 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 Wilton

Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

### Weekly Diary

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	Full uniform  3.15pm - 4.15pm - Muddy Monday - Please could children bring old clothes for this club
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	Full uniform  3.15pm - 4.15pm - STEM club
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>  <b>Welly Wednesday</b>  	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day  3.15pm - 4.15pm - After School Sports club
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	Full uniform  3.15pm - 4.15pm - After school sports club (Bring PE kit)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	PE kit all day, all pupils

### Your lunch menu for the 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

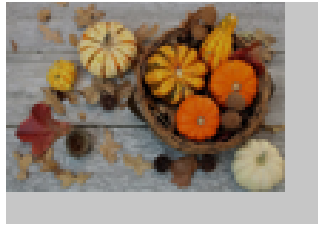
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetable pizza, carrots and peas and dough balls	Garlic chicken with Spanish spuds, sweetcorn and broccoli	Roast gammon roast and mashed potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Beef meatballs pasta, broccoli and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Oatie biscuit	Carrot cake	Strawberry ice cream	Chocolate sponge	Rice pudding

## Star Awards



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

Headteacher award	Lili
Star of the Week Sparks	All Reception Class
Star of the Week Flickers	Ursula, Tobias
Star of the week Flames	Joseph
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	James
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Harriet
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Alfie
Reading award Sparks	Eleanor
Maths award Sparks	Ezme
Phonics award Flickers	Lili
Writing award Flames	Oscar
Cooks award	James and Molly
Mrs Amos award	Emily



## **HARVEST SUPPER 2021**

**A FRIENDLY NOTE: - JUST TO LET EVERYONE KNOW  
ST LEONARDS CHURCH HAVE DECIDED NOT TO HAVE  
A HARVEST SUPPER THIS YEAR**

**~ THIS IS DUE TO CONCERNS OF CLOSE CONTACT~**

**If you would like to make any food hampers/ food  
donations, please can they be non-perishable  
and left at the back of**

**St Leonards Church**

**before the Harvest Service**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

**This year we will be donating these to the  
local Food Bank**

**Many thanks**



Children can also bring non-perishables in to school for our Harvest service on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Thank you.

Rocket League is what's known as a free-to-play title. That is, theoretically, users can download and play the game without ever thinking about it costing any money. However, like many free-to-play offerings, Rocket League contains in-game purchases which can accelerate a player's progress - a particular temptation for eager young gamers.

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide explains that - although Rocket League's relative mildness is reflected by its PEGI 3 certificate - in-game purchases are not the only potential risk. Parents and carers also need to be mindful of their children spending extra hours online honing their skills, plus a competitive community of other players who may occasionally turn aggressive.

**What Parents and Carers Need to Know About**  
**ROCKET LEAGUE**  
Age Restriction **PEGI 3**

Rocket League is a free-to-play multiplayer vehicle football game. It was developed by Psyonix, now part of the Epic Games Family (which also includes Fortnite and Gears of War). Rocket League is essentially a football game where, instead of running, the players drive rocket-powered cars. The game was a surprise hit that took the world by storm when it first released in 2015. Rocket League is available for the Xbox One, Xbox Series X, PlayStation 4 & PlayStation 5, Nintendo Switch, Windows PC, MacOS and Linux.

**Fiercely Competitive Community**  
Competitive gaming isn't necessarily toxic. However, playing games for long periods of time, especially for free-to-play titles, can result in aggressive behaviour among some players. It may be not necessarily in the game. Carers should be aware that some players can become hostile or "toxic" towards other players. Consider why playing this game may be important to your child. It is important to ensure that playing this game does not lead to anger issues while playing.

**Unsuitable Online Interactions**  
A child's game's age rating cannot take player-generated interactions into account. Rocket League is rated PEGI 3, but it could be that only means that the game is suitable for children aged 3 and over. Player-generated interactions, player-to-player hostility, and other user-generated content may not be suitable for young players. The game is multiplayer, and meeting everything can be difficult.

**Grinding and Increased Screen-time**  
There are lots of different ways to win the game. Grinding is a term that refers to playing the same game over and over again. This means players need to spend a lot of time on the game's progress through levels and ranked matches. Grinding is a common regular play strategy. Carers should be aware that the technology tracking time spent on games (such as Xbox's Sensei) may result in missing crucial moments.

**Scams and Bad Trades**  
Players may experience trading in Rocket League. The game has in-game currency, and players can trade items. Items can be very valuable. Players can trade items among themselves, but some players may use others in the game to get an item without a fair price. This can lead to scamming, where players are tricked into trading items for less than they are worth.

**In-App Purchasing**  
Free-to-play games are called "free" because they don't cost anything to download. Items played in-game may be purchased for game purchases to earn a profit. Rocket League's in-game currency, called credits, are used to buy items in the game. Credits can be earned by playing the game or can be bought with real money - which could prove expensive if it's used to buy items that the game can't be purchased for free.

**Advise for Parents & Carers**

**Use Parental Controls**  
Psyonix has added some safety measures into the game. The best way to control what your child can do is to use parental controls. However, it's not necessarily possible to block content from other players unless carers do a good job of monitoring their child's play. The possibility of online and local matches will be before they discovered the game or early in their Rocket League career.

**Stay Aware of Spending**  
Free-to-play games can be addictive, especially when they offer in-game purchases. For parents and carers, it's important to have some parental controls in place to limit your child's spending. It's important to control in-game purchases. Some items can be earned through gameplay, but many items are bought with real money. Carers should be aware that some items can be bought with real money, which may lead to spending more than you can afford.

**Monitor Gaming Time**  
It's important to set limits on how long your child can play the game. The best way to do this is to use parental controls. However, it's not necessarily possible to block content from other players unless carers do a good job of monitoring their child's play. The possibility of online and local matches will be before they discovered the game or early in their Rocket League career.

**Encourage Regular Breaks**  
Sitting in front of a screen for long periods of time can be harmful to your child's health. It's important to encourage your child to take regular breaks from gaming. Encourage your child to take regular breaks from gaming. Encourage your child to take regular breaks from gaming. Encourage your child to take regular breaks from gaming. Encourage your child to take regular breaks from gaming.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Chris Clarke is a former professional player and now a community manager for Rocket League. He has over 10 years of experience in the gaming industry and is a frequent speaker at gaming events. He has also written several books on gaming and is a regular contributor to gaming websites. He has a passion for helping other players and is always happy to share his knowledge and experience.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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### Reception class

The new Reception class photograph will feature in the Cheadle and Tean Times on 6<sup>th</sup> October so keep an eye out for this lovely picture of your little superstars!



### Christmas trips

We know it's early but!!!

We have booked this years Christmas trips!

The children will be visiting the Winter Wonderland at the Snow Dome on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December and the pantomime, Aladdin, at Buxton Opera House on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

We thought they deserved a special treat after the tough last year and a half.

Both trips are now live on Parentpay and are £20 each.

We have published them early to give you plenty of time to pay as we know it's a very expensive time of year.

Normally we would subsidise the trips but due to the pandemic the fund raising has had to cease for a while.

More details will follow nearer the time.



Christmas Fair

Save The Date



***Ipstones Village  
Christmas Fair***



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:zoewoodford@hotmail.co.uk) to book a stall or volunteer help and advice.



## Dates for the diary

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 6.00pm - Leavers presentation service.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Times Table Rock Stars Day . Dress up as a rock star.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Harvest Service

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance service

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Children in need day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Stoke city city 7's assembly

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Advent service

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas market 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas tree blessing

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Flu vaccination

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Trip to the winter wonderland at the Snow Dome

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Aladdin at Buxton opera house

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas service and Christmas lunch

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas



Term dates

## **Autumn Term 2021**

**Inset day:** Wednesday 1 September

**Term Starts:** Thursday 2 September

**Half Term:** Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October

**Term ends:** Friday 17 December

**Holiday:** Monday 20 December - Monday 3 January

## **Spring Term 2022**

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 4 January

**Half Term:** Monday 21 February - Friday 25 February

**Term ends:** Friday 8 April

**Holiday:** Monday 11 April - Friday 22 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 17 April

## **Summer Term 2022**

**Term starts:** Monday 25 April

**May Day:** Monday 2 May

**Half Term:** Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

**Term ends:** Wednesday 20 July

**Holiday:** Thursday 21 July - Friday 2 September

The previously published last day of term for 2022 was 21 July 2022. This has been altered to 20 July 2022 to take into account the celebrations for the Queens Jubilee.