



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

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 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

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	Full uniform
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	Full uniform  AM - Mrs Amos and Mrs Crooks training  10.30am - Reception weight and height checks
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2022  Welly Wednesday  	9.00am - 11.00am - Miss Torr training  AP photography filming promotional video - <b>Please can all pupils wear full school uniform instead of Welly Wednesday clothes but bring trainers for PE.</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Full uniform
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	PE kit  10am - Advent service  Ipstones' Lights night

### Your lunch menu for the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Macaroni cheese, peas and carrots	Chicken pie, mashed potatoes sweetcorn and broccoli	Roast gammon, roast and mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Beef bolognaise with carrots and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Ice cream	Chocolate sponge	Oatie biscuit	Secret brownie	Ice cream

## Christmas coffee morning

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December we will be hosting a Christmas coffee morning at St Leonard's 10am - 11.30am.

Parents are invited to help us celebrate our "Good" Ofsted outcome with a hot drink and a mince pie.

We are also opening up the invite to potential parents of our September 2023 intake so that they can have a look around our lovely little school. There will be a promotional video and new parents will be able to talk to our existing parents.

Feel free to bring your little ones who may be joining us next year and if you cannot make Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 01538 266292 to arrange an appointment to view the school.



## Open Morning



Thursday 1st December



10am–11.30am

St Leonard's First School proudly welcome parents,  
**both existing and new**, to come and help us to  
celebrate our "**Good**" Ofsted with a hot drink and a mince  
pie!

If you have a child who is eligible to start school in  
**September 2023**, please join us for a tour of our school and  
to talk to our friendly staff team.

If you are unable to attend the coffee morning, please call or  
email to book an alternative appointment to view the school.

**Telephone:** 01538 266292

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

## Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Corah-Rae who celebrates her birthday this week.

Have a great time celebrating Corah-Rae.



## Remembrance service

Thank you for joining us at the Remembrance service on Friday. The children met a real soldier, Colonel Toby, who explained all about the medals he was wearing and why he had earned them, and they sang their song wonderfully acapella!

The children were wonderfully behaved and respectful. We hope you'll agree.

Reverend Jane said she was immensely proud of them all.



## Children In Need

The children started the day with a workout with Joe Wicks. They watched a short film about why Children In Need takes place and the children who benefit.

They then coloured in Pudsey pictures.



## Managing wellbeing online

There are sites and apps which are specifically designed to help children with their online wellbeing:

- BBC Own it which gives advice as they chat to their friends online.
- Headspace for Kids is an app to teach children the basics of mindfulness in a fun way. It's aimed at 3-12 year olds, with different content for the different age groups. It is free for Headspace subscribers and has limited access for non-subscribers.
- JoyPoP is an app designed to help users find their inner resilience to deal with the highs and lows in their day to day lives. By rating mood for the day, users are directed to complete different activities to help switch to positive emotions. The app costs £6.99.

You can also find out what apps your child uses the most and have a look to see if there are wellbeing guides which explain their settings to help support children's wellbeing.



## National Online Safety

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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 apps 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 SENDIT

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**Age rating:**  
12+ App Store  
Teen Google Play  
However, Sendit's own terms and conditions state that it was developed for the 17+ age group.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

Anonymous online encourages people to say things and act in ways that they normally wouldn't. They're less accountable, and it's harder to track who sent a message. Research has highlighted that children perceive anonymous messages as being more severe than if the same message had come from a friend. Any app that lets children communicate anonymously should be treated with caution.

#### MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Categories of questions such as "Ask me anything" or "Rate me" - coupled with the app's anonymity - mean there is a likelihood of some friends or strangers (if the account is set to 'public') responding in a negative manner. These critical comments (especially if there are several) could ruin a young person's self-esteem - heightening their insecurities and affecting their mental health.

#### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Currently costing £8.49 per week, Sendit's Diamond Membership offers clues about who sent a particular message, such as their approximate location, the type of phone used and any mutual friends. Membership also provides exclusive games and an ad-free experience. Young people may well be curious to find out who certain messages are from and therefore sign up for membership.

#### BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Open-ended questions which relate personally to the sender are an opportunity for malicious people to make offensive remarks, which can lead to full-blown bullying and harassment. Additionally, bulies and trolls can hide behind the anonymity that Sendit offers, feeling more powerful and able to intimidate their target - who, by contrast, feels hurt, victimised and helpless.

#### POSSIBLE GROOMING

If your child doesn't have their Snapchat account set to private, or they have previously added strangers as friends, there is a possibility of predators responding to their Sendit questions. They do this in an attempt to gather information about your child - or to initiate a conversation with them, seeking ultimately to form an online 'friendship' and gain the young person's trust.

#### REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

On Sendit, users receive trophies for reaching a particular number of responses, for answering friends' questions and for posting their own. This sense of achievement could incentivise a young person to be active on Sendit more frequently - spending more time on their phone or tablet as they may naturally want to collect all of the trophies or might be competing with their peers.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

If your child has already downloaded Sendit, it might be wise to have a discussion with them about the impact that saying something anonymously online could have on others. Encourage them to think about how they would feel if they were on the receiving end of a particular comment. Reminding them to stop and re-read messages before sending could reduce the number of regrettable situations.

#### TALK IT OVER

Before allowing a young person onto a social networking app, it's a good idea to chat with them about the possibility of receiving hurtful comments. Explain that not everyone online is nice; that people often say things they don't mean; and that posts get misinterpreted. Teach your child not to reply to any offensive users on Sendit and simply block instead them (via the three dots in the top right of the screen).

#### BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Even if you do allow your child to use Sendit, you might want to consider talking to them in advance about whether they really need a membership subscription. Either way, it's probably safest to make sure that in-app purchases are blocked in the settings, or that you have configured your child's device to ask for your approval before making a purchase online.

#### ONLY PLAY WITH FRIENDS

Stress the importance of your child playing Sendit games only with their close friends and not having strangers on their contacts list. This should help to keep the nature of the questions light-hearted - and if the games are being played among a small group, it will be easier for the members to figure out who gave certain answers if someone's been left feeling hurt or uncomfortable by any responses.

#### 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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## Well Done!

A very well done to Jacob who passed his stage one swimming this week.

Good job Jacob!



## Christmas raffle

The children have brought home a book of raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle. The tickets are £1 a strip.

There are many lovely prizes to be won including a Sprinks Deer Park Farm ticket for four, an AP photography voucher, a Hartington cheese shop voucher, a Hetty's tea shop voucher, a Goldfish bowl chip shop voucher for £20 and a gallon of beer from The Sea Lion!

Please bring the tickets back in to school by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at The Christmas dinner. All proceeds will go towards the school fund.



Term dates 2022-2023

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*Autumn Term 2022*

Inset day: Monday 5 September, Tuesday 6 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 7 September

Half Term: Monday 24 October - Friday 28 October

School opens - Monday 31 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December - Monday 2 January

*Spring Term 2023*

Inset Day: Tuesday 3 January

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 20 February - Friday 24 February

School opens - 27 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April - Friday 14 April

*Summer Term 2023*

Term starts: Monday 17 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Half Term: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Term ends: Friday 21 July

Holiday: Monday 24 July - Friday 1 September

Key Dates

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 - Admissions open for Reception September 2023 and Year 4 transfer to middle school

15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Admissions close

17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - National offers day

## School trips

Thank you for the payments for the school Christmas trips to Peak Wildlife Park on 30<sup>th</sup> November and the Peter Pan pantomime at the Regent theatre on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

We would be very grateful for any remaining payments to be made at your earliest convenience.

Both trips are during the school day so drop off and collection times will remain as normal.

If you require a school packed lunch for your child please complete the forms via the following links;

<https://forms.office.com/r/gCeAkSQWnt> - Peak Wildlife Park (Deadline to request Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November)

<https://forms.office.com/r/K1F35fy1ga> - Peter Pan pantomime (Deadline to request 1<sup>st</sup> December)

If you do not wish for your child to have a school packed lunch please send one in from home.

Children can bring in snacks for the pantomime to eat during the performance.



## The Fireside Nativity

Ticket orders need to be in by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November so that we can allocate additional tickets to parents that are on the waiting list and out to the community.

With regards to costumes there has been a slight change to the campers' costume requirements.

They will need to wear winter camping gear, ie, bob hats, coats, and ruck sacks.

The team leaders decided amongst themselves that they would wear their Scout and Brownie uniforms.

Please ask if you are struggling to provide a costume and we will check what we have in school.

Please could you bring all costumes into school by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November on a named coat hanger as the children have a dress rehearsal that week.

A P photography will be recording the show and USB's and DVD's will be available to purchase for £10 each.



### Dates for the diary

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022- Children invited to St Leonard's Church service at 10.50am. Please let us know if you are attending as Reverend Jane would like some of the children to say a prayer.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Reception height and weight checks

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - Advent service in school

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - Ipstones lights night

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Whole school trip to Peak Wildlife Park

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Open morning

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Dress rehearsal for school nativity

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Nativity play at The Memorial Hall

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Christmas jumper day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Party lunch

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Ipstones entertains

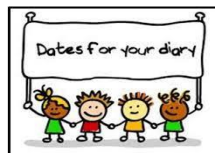
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle service

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Whole school trip to the Peter Pan pantomime at The Regent Theatre

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Christmas dinner

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - A visit from Santa and break up for the holidays.

Please note that some of these dates may be subject to change.



### Promotional video

On Wednesday afternoon AP photography are filming a promotional video about St Leonard's.

This will be shown at our Christmas coffee/open morning on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Whilst we have previously requested your permission to take photographs and videos of your child to share on various platforms, and we keep accurate GDPR records, please let us know if you have any objections to your child appearing on the video. This will be shown to parents and potentially may appear on social media.

Please send children in full uniform on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

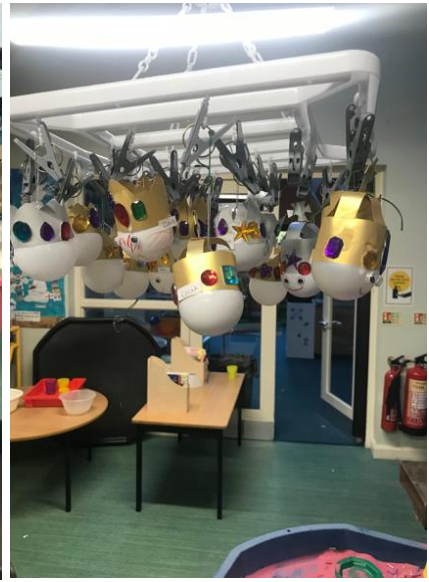
Thank you.



## Christmas Baubles

On Wednesday the children made Royal baubles! They used Christmas baubles and Mrs Goldstraw had made golden and silver crowns to stick on. The children then decorated them with gems and googly eyes to look like the late Queen.

These will be hung on the Christmas tree in the church on lights night.



## Ipstones Entertains - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

We are still hoping for volunteers to "do a turn" at "Ipstones Entertains" on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
7.00pm - 7.45pm.

St Leonard's children have been allocated this slot in the show but at present we have only one volunteer  
to fill it and we know we have a talented bunch so why not show it off?

If your child would like to perform please let us know and we can pass on to the organiser, Mrs Geraldine  
Shuttleworth.

Thank you.



## Lateness

- It is a parent's responsibility to ensure their children arrive at school on time. Lateness can disrupt the learning of others and can result in a pupil feeling greater stress and achieving poorer outcomes.
- 90 per cent attendance means that your child is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half day every week.
  - Over five years this is the equivalent of about one half of a school year.
- Research shows a close link between attendance at school and a child's achievement. Being late adds up to a loss of learning.
- All time out of school affects both learning and achievement for pupils. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time.
  - The school opens at 8.45am and the doors close at 9.00am for registration.
    - Any late arrivals must sign the late book.

Minutes late per day Equivalent of missing:

5 Minutes late	3.4 school days a year
10 Minutes late	6.9 school days a year
15 Minutes late	10.3 school days a year
20 Minutes late	13.8 school days a year
30 Minutes late	20.7 school days a year

## Attendance

Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week 96%

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 not 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 that we have vigilant procedures to follow in line with our safeguarding duties to your children and Ofsted requirements.

### Attendance Matters



## ASM Christmas holiday sports club

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Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from December 19 - 22. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure environment.

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## Sparks

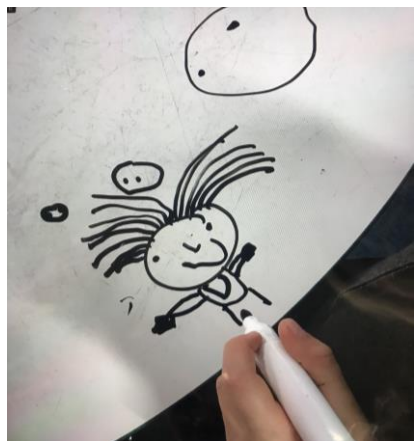
This week Sparks class came into school on Monday morning to find an igloo and some polar friends in their classroom. There were penguins, seals and polar bears!

They made their own snowflakes to decorate around the igloo.

They had a picnic with the penguins in their Maths lesson and made sure that each penguin had the same on their plate so everyone was even, but sometimes they had too much and sometimes they had too little!

They have also been learning subitising. This is to help them recall the number of objects or images without needing to count them individually using dots on the whiteboard.

They have been making flags in phonics to celebrate the letter "F" which they have been learning about and they have been drawing pictures of their families.

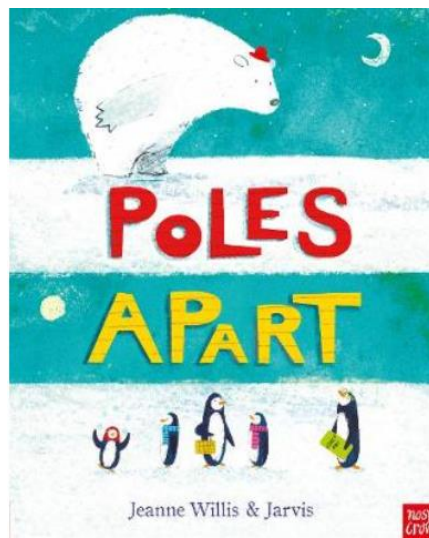


## Flickers

Flickers have continued to learn about the different continents. They have been watching *Go Jettors* to learn about landmarks, culture and food in England and Italy. They also learned that Venice has canals not streets in some parts of the city.

They are reading the book "Pole apart", a story about adventure, friendship and voyage!

"Everybody knows that penguins belong at the South Pole and polar bears live at the North Pole, but what would happen if, one day, a family of picnicking penguins accidentally got lost? When the hapless Pilchard-Brown family finds themselves at completely the wrong pole, they need Mr White, the friendly polar bear, to guide them all the way home. Their journey takes them all around the world from New York to Venice to Sydney until, finally, they reach the South Pole . . . and Mr White finds a new home in the heart of the family too."



Continuing with their learning of Captain Robert Falcon Scott they have been learning about "The Terra Nova" expedition 1910-1913.

**Terra Nova Expedition, 1910 - 1912**

In 1910 Robert Falcon Scott headed to Antarctica with the aim of conquering the South Pole for the glory of Great Britain!

The ship that Robert Falcon Scott and his intrepid team sailed to the Antarctic on was called the *Terra Nova*, which means *New Land*.

Some British companies supplied Scott's expedition with food for their expedition! However, the expedition suffered misfortune and some believe Scott was unprepared...

*CCC in the Antarctic*

1868 - born.

1901 - led his first expedition to Antarctica.

1904 - returned to England after a successful expedition.

1910 - Scott departs for New Zealand to begin the expedition to be the first to the South pole.

1912 - (January) Scott reached the pole but Admudsen Had got there first.

1912 - (March) Scott's last diary entry.

1914 - the bodies of Scott and his crew were found.

## Flames

Flames class have been writing winter poems this week .They have been inspired by wintery pictures and their poem writing has been really imaginative including personification lines from the children such as;

"The blue frost climbed up each blade of grass"

"The wind whispered to the sky" and

" A blanket of snow sat on the ground, the trees shivered"

Budding poets for sure!



In Science they made rockets using foam, straws and Sellotape.

They blew through their straws to make them fly!

The harder they blew into the straw the more energy the air has and the further their rocket flew!

They really did learn about rocket science!

