



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

Friday 20th May 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)

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

Monday 23 rd May 2022	Full uniform Year 2 Mats SATS Arithmetic
Tuesday 24 th May 2022	Full uniform Year 2 Maths SATS Reasoning
Wednesday 25 th May 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day 10.00am - 12.00pm - Full Governor's Meeting
Thursday 26 th May 2022	Full uniform Churnet View - PE open night Deadline to order Flames class celebration concert tickets for Victoria Hall on 23 rd June
Friday 27 th May 2022 Fitness Friday!	PE kit Whole school - Jubilee party at Manifold Primary School Break up for half term

Your lunch menu for the 23rd May 2022 - 27th May 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni cheese, peas and carrots	Hot chicken sandwich with potato wedges	Roast chicken, mashed potatoes, roast potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Meatballs, pasta, green beans and sweetcorn	Jubilee celebration at Manifold Primary Party picnic food
Oaty biscuit	Muffin	Ice cream	Chocolate sponge	Jelly and ice cream

Trip to The Open Centre

The children had a fabulous time at The Derby Faith Trail on Thursday. They visited a Mosque, Hindu temple and a Gurdwara.

In the mosque they were shown the wash room and the prayer room. They saw the prayer chair, prayer beads and the Quran.

The Hindu temple had lots of highly decorated statues which received prayers and gifts from the Hindus worshipping there.

The priest would draw a curtain around them each night so that they could "sleep" and have the life breathed back in to them ready for the next day of worship when the curtains would open again.

Corah-Rae was allowed to ring the bell in the Hindu temple, which worshippers ring when they enter and leave the building, to let them know we were leaving.

In the Gurdwara they learned that Sikh worshippers make donations which are used to provide free food for all the community.

They learned that Gurdwara means "gate or portal to the guru" and they fly Sikh flags on the building.

They covered their heads and removed their shoes in each place of worship.

The children had to walk to each place of worship allowing them to experience a diverse, city community. They enjoyed spotting Hindu wedding dresses in a shop and using their sense of smell with the wide range of food and takeaways.

The tour guides commented on the children's outstanding behaviour!



Mrs Goldstraw's Jubilee House

Many of you will probably have seen Mrs Goldstraw's fabulous Jubilee decorated house. She has painted it all by herself and has the Queen's Guard standing to attention by her front door, wearing their Buckingham Palace uniform of a red tunic and bearskin hat. She has also painted bunting, Lancaster bombers and red, white and blue flowers.

It looks amazing Mrs Goldstraw, well done!



Jubilee celebrations at Manifold Primary School

If you haven't already done so please could you return your consent for the Jubilee celebrations at Manifold Primary School next Friday. We also need any school lunch requests by Monday 23rd May please. The lunch will be party food and jelly and ice cream. Manifold have already been made aware of our children with allergies and our lovely Mrs Barks is making special allergy free gingerbread biscuits for them to take with them to decorate as this is one of the activities.

Thank you Mrs Barks!



Well Done

Well Done to Harriet (aka Strawberry) who won a hockey medal.

Strawberry plays for Leek hockey club and earned herself the medal for her excellent hockey skills.

A big well done also to Rosa Bella who jumped in the swimming pool after not wanting to do it before. Very brave Rosa Bella.



Multiplication Tables Check

After half term the year 4's will be tested on their Times Tables.

This is part of the national curriculum assessments as per government requirements.

The purpose of the multiplication table check is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

If you would like to support your child at home, we are subscribed to TT Rock Stars, an online programme which can be accessed at home.



Covid vaccine for 5-15 year olds

A clinic session is being held at Leek Moorlands Hospital, Ashbourne Road, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 5BQ on Sunday 22nd May, this is a walk in session (no appointment needed) for 5-11 year olds and 12-15 year olds to receive their Covid vaccination. Clinic is running from 10am to 3:00pm.

You will be asked to fill in a consent form on arrival - if you have your child's NHS number please can you bring this with you as it helps our process (but don't worry if you can't find it!)

The vaccine dose is different for the 2 age groups so to ensure your child receives the vaccine for their age, we will be asking a number of times confirmation of age and also using visual aids to identify the different age groups.

If your child has tested positive for Covid in the last 12 weeks please be advised that your child will not be able to have the Covid vaccine until after this time. The 12 week date is the 27th February 2022. (Clinically vulnerable children need to wait 28 days following a positive Covid test which is 24th April 2022)

If your child is attending for their second vaccine, there needs to be a 12 week spacing between 1st and 2nd vaccine. The 12 week date is the 27th February 2022. (Clinically vulnerable children can be vaccinated at 8 weeks - 27th March 2022)

If your child has been contacted by the NHS for a 3rd primary vaccine or a spring booster we can facilitate this but will be required to see the letter or text message.

Please can you ensure that only 1 parent/person with Parental Responsibility accompanies your child and where possible please do not bring any other children with you (unless they are to be vaccinated too) - this is due to the limitations of space in the clinic.

Once your child has received their vaccine they will need to wait 15 minutes at the clinic

If you have any questions these can be answered on the day as there will be qualified staff at the clinics

More information can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-for-children/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-for-children-aged-5-to-15/>



Year 4 trip to Lichfield cathedral- Friday 10th June

Our Year 4's will be visiting Lichfield cathedral for the Inspire activity day on Friday 10th June.

Mrs Stanesby and Mrs Crooks will be accompanying the children.

The event is hosted by the Diocese Board of Education and this year the theme fits with the Cathedral's values of hope, healing, hospitality, and holiness. As the children engage with each of the interactive stations, they will explore what each value means for people of faith as well as what it means for us to practically live out these values in our everyday lives.

The trip is fully funded and within school hours although we do ask that the children be in school slightly earlier by 8.40am please as their transport is booked for 8.45am, to get them there in time for the first activity.

A consent form has been sent and packed lunches can be ordered from school if required.



Churnet View and St Edwards Academy year 4 transition days

It may seem some time away yet but it will soon come round and we will be saying an emotional farewell to our lovely year 4 children.

Transition dates for both middle schools are the same this year, Wednesday 29th June and Thursday 30th June.

You will need to arrive at Churnet View by 8.45am where you will be greeted by Mrs Fernyhough. Collection times from school is 3.40pm. Please return all Churnet View pupil information packs by Tuesday 7th June.

At St Edward's Academy children can be dropped off by Westwood road entrance or Beggars lane entrance at 8.45am. They will then make their way to the front entrance where they will be met by members of staff. They will leave at the end of the day at the same exit they arrived at 3.40pm.

If another visit is required to St Edwards please let us know and we can arrange it with Mrs Matthews.

Parents will need to provide the transport to get your child to and from middle school and they will need a packed lunch.

St Werburghs have yet to confirm any transition visits but will contact parents directly.

The children will find out which class they are in on the first day of transition.

We wish them lots of luck but we know they will be just fine.





Churnet View Middle School Sports Open Evening

Come and join us and network with local sports clubs and find out more information on how to access sports opportunities in the area.

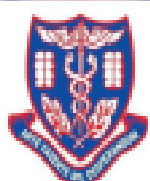
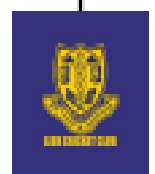
A fantastic opportunity to get your son/daughter involved in sport.

All welcome!

Local sports clubs presenting on the night will include: dance, hockey, cricket, athletics, gymnastics, football, boxing, orienteering, tennis, climbing

May 26th 6.00pm-7.30pm

Tickets are free– please call our reception to reserve your place. 01538 384939



Reading Workshop

On Thursday 9th June we are inviting you in to school to attend our reading workshop.

This will be from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

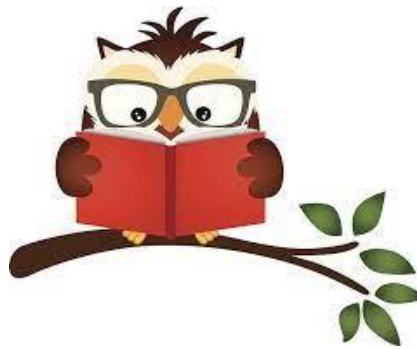
The workshop will consist of a presentation by Mrs Stanesby then you will go to your child's class and hear them read.

You will also get advice on how best to support your child reading at home.

The children will also be given a new bespoke reading diary which has been designed especially for St Leonard's.

Please drop Mrs Amos a quick email to let us know if you can make it!

We look forward to seeing you.



Attendance

Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week - 98.8%

A great improvement!



Please may we also say a big thank you for getting your children to school early and in time for Thursday's trip. We know it can be hectic getting out of the house in a morning but we really appreciate your efforts.

Thank you once again.



Diary Dates

Monday 6th June - Inset day (children return to school on Tuesday 7th June)

Thursday 9th June - 2.00pm - 3.00pm - Reading workshop

Friday 10th June - Year 4 trip to Lichfield Cathedral

Wednesday 15th June - 9.00am - 12.00pm - Reception transition morning

Wednesday 15th June - 10.30am - 11.30am - Churnet View additional transition date for year 4 vulnerable pupils

Thursday 16th June - 3.30pm - Laches Wood parents meeting

Wednesday 22nd June - 9.00am - 12.00pm - Reception transition morning

Wednesday 22nd June - 10.30am - 11.30am - Churnet View additional transition date for year 4 vulnerable pupils

Wednesday 22nd June - 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Sports afternoon

Thursday 23rd June - Flames class Victoria Hall celebration concert (Please order tickets by Thursday 26th May and pay on Parentpay. Flames class need to be in school by 8.30am please)

Wednesday 29th June - 9.00am - 1.00pm - Reception transition

Wednesday 29th June - Year 4 transition visit to Churnet View - drop off for 8.45am, collect by 3.40pm

Thursday 30th June - Year 4 transition visit to Churnet View - drop off for 8.45am, collect by 3.40pm

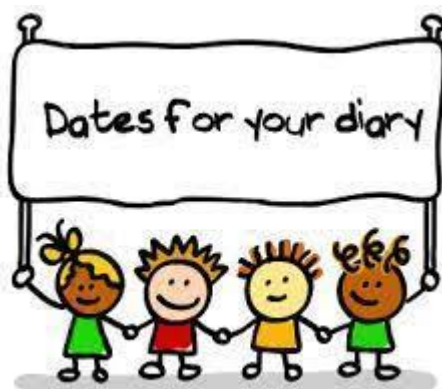
Wednesday 6th July - 9.00am - 1.00pm - Reception transition

Wednesday 6th July - Churnet View additional transition date for year 4 vulnerable pupils

Monday 11th July - Wednesday 13th July - Flames class visit to Laches Wood

Tuesday 19th July - Break up for the Summer holidays - Wednesday 20 July - Friday 2 September.

Leavers end of year treat and leaver's service dates to be confirmed.



Calling all
PARENTS!

To commemorate the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee,
Ipstones Parish Council would like
*to present a mug to **each child** who*
resides in the parish of Ipstones—
up to age 16 (at the time of the Jubilee)



Please contact:

Janet 07748 018845 or

Linda 07824 449178

to register your child

**Best decorated
garden
competition**

**Decorate your outside space - house
and/or garden to celebrate the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

**Judging will take place on
Thursday 2nd June**



National Online Safety

Having originally been designed by two friends, purely to help other dedicated gamers get the most out of their online play, Discord has grown to register some truly impressive figures. Around six billion messages are now sent on the platform every week, for example, while the groups for popular titles like Fortnite, Minecraft and Valorant have in excess of 800,000 members each.

Significantly, though, 90% of Discord groups have 15 members or fewer – so most conversations take place in private, secluded corners of the app. Grooming, therefore, is a lurking danger to Discord's teenage users – as is the risk of exposure to content not intended for younger eyes. This guide identifies the potential pitfalls of children using Discord.

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 for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISCORD

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate privately online – but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

AGERATING 13+
Servers and channels marked as 'NSFW' require users to be 18 or older to join.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Discord does have strict Terms of Service and Community guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content: a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag images that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

Meet Our Expert

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Sparks

Sparks class have been making hungry caterpillar masks using their cutting skills to cut out.



Sparks have also been threading small beads seeing their progression from threading large beads and buttons previously. These activities are excellent for developing fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.



Flickers

To celebrate the Queen's upcoming Platinum Jubilee Flickers and Sparks class have learned the National Anthem in semaphore!

So impressive, well done to them!



Flames

On Welly Wednesday Flames class were enjoying the sunshine and drawing their own maps of the school field.

They chose a start and end point to direct people around the field.

They wrote their own set of directions by counting how many steps they had to take and which direction they had to walk in. They even added in the coordinates for their map.

Their maps and directions were tested to make sure they were accurate.



On Fitness Friday Flames class made their own obstacle course.

They set up hurdles, hockey, throwing the ball through the hula hoops, hopscotch and a racing track.

