



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

Friday 19th November 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 Welton

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

Weekly Diary

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Monday 22nd November 2021	Full uniform Mrs Appiah - Paediatric first aid training
Tuesday 23rd November 2021	Full uniform Miss Torr - Online safety and primary curriculum training 2.00pm - Stoke City 7's assembly
Wednesday 24th November 2021 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day 10.00am - Full Governing Board Meeting
Thursday 25th November 2021	Full uniform
Friday 26th November 2021 Fitness Friday!	PE kit Advent service Ipstones Christmas Market - 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Your lunch menu for the 22nd November - 26th November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, dough balls, sweetcorn and carrots	Chicken pie, mash, peas and broccoli	Roast gammon, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	All day breakfast	Fish fingers, chips and beans or peas
Raspberry ice cream	Secret brownie	Shortbread	Oatie biscuit	Sponge and custard

Star Awards



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

Headteacher award	Joseph
Star of the Week Sparks	Ezme
Star of the Week Flickers	Rosanna
Star of the week Flames	Joseph
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Charlie
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Taya
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Alfie
Reading award Flickers	Sophie
Writing award Flickers	Toby
Cooks award	Megan
Mrs Amos award	The whole school
PE stars	Rosanna, Sophie, Charlie, Annie, Ursula, Brea, Alice, Jack S
PE stars-Listeners of the week	Kallum, Taya, Oscor

Happy Birthday

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

We hope you have an amazing time Corah!



Christmas Trips

Thank you for all the payments so far. Please could you ensure your child's trips is paid for before Monday 6th December.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties please don't hesitate to contact us and we can help, confidentially, of course.

For the trip to The Snow Dome on 9th December your child will require a packed lunch. If you would like to order a packed lunch from Mrs Barks please could you let us know before Monday 6th December. The sandwich option is cheese or ham.

On Tuesday 14th December when we go to the pantomime the children will have a late lunch on their return of sausage and chips.

If you wish to send your child in with a sweet treat for the pantomime please feel free to do so.



Christmas Market - Friday 26th November

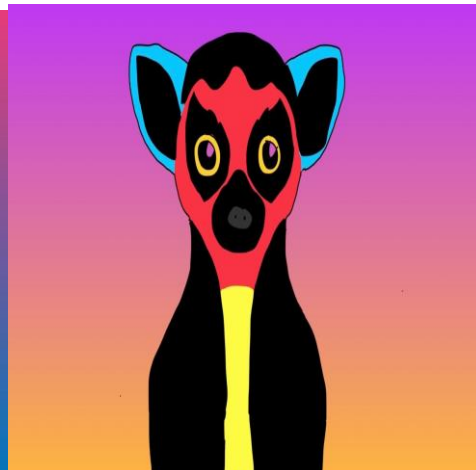
St Leonard's will be holding a "Save the planet" themed stall at next Friday's Christmas market.

We will be selling recycled and natural products.

The children have been making their own Christmas cards. They used polystyrene tiles and embossed their own design to make a stamp. They then used a roller to cover them in paint and stamp their design to make the front of the card.

They have also been using old milk bottles and pop bottles to make plant pots.

Miss Torr is creating a Peak Wildlife pop art calendar, greetings cards and prints to purchase also.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy.

Becoming a Governor is a very rewarding experience. As a Parent Governor you will be working with the Governing body to ensure it effectively carries out its duties. You will also play a vital role in ensuring that the Governing Body is connected with, and is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

Parent Governors serve a four year term of office. Parent governors may continue to hold the office until the end of their term even if their child leaves the school.

As a Governor you will be expected to

Prepare for meetings by reading all paper work before hand.

Attend the Full Governing body meetings (one per term) and a non clerked meeting (one perm term). Six meetings a year in total.

Actively fulfil duties assigned to you.

Attend new governor training (mostly virtual at the moment)

Abide by the Code of Conduct, eg. Confidentiality, social media use

Undertake an enhance DBS and section 28 management check

Show a commitment to promoting British Values.

If you feel you may be interested please contact Mrs Amos in the school office.

Thankyou.



Save The Date



Ipstones Village Christmas Fair



Friday 26th 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 to book a stall or volunteer help and advice.



Peak Wildlife Park

We had a fantastic day at Peak Wildlife Park on Tuesday. With the park practically to ourselves we were able to spend lots of time with the animals who, fortunately, were in a particularly friendly mood.

We had our really interesting talk from Mark at Peak Wildlife about the meerkats, we watched the penguins being fed, mainly Rico, a hand reared four month old penguin, who was very hungry for sprats, and we had a lovely talk about the lemurs, one of which used one of our children as a trampoline to get on to their rope, much to their dismay!

It was so nice to be out on a long awaited school trip and all the children were an absolute credit to you. They were so well behaved, we were very proud!

Flickers class have been writing fact files about meerkats and Flames will be making their videos later on in the week with the footage they took.



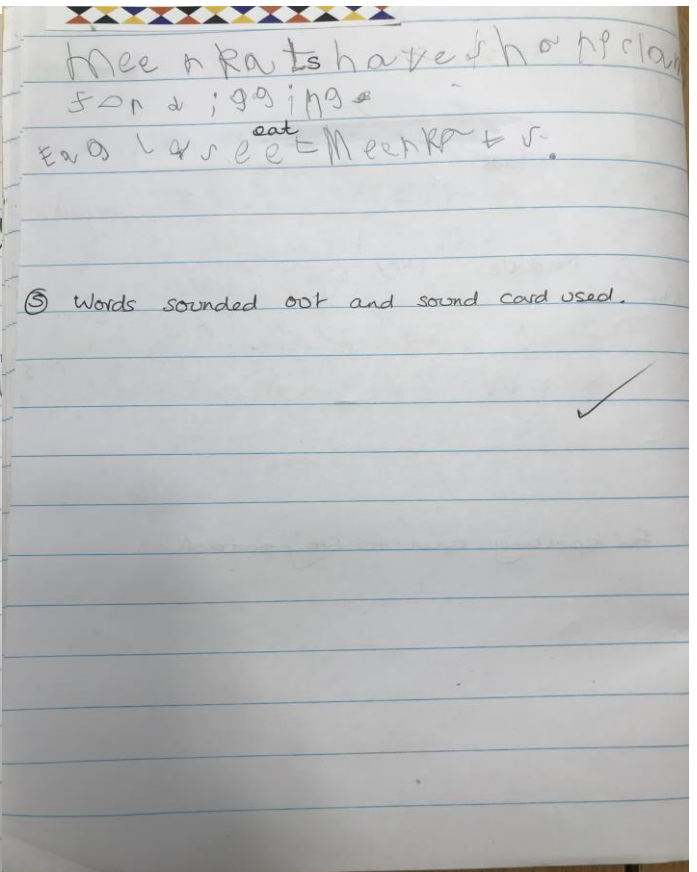
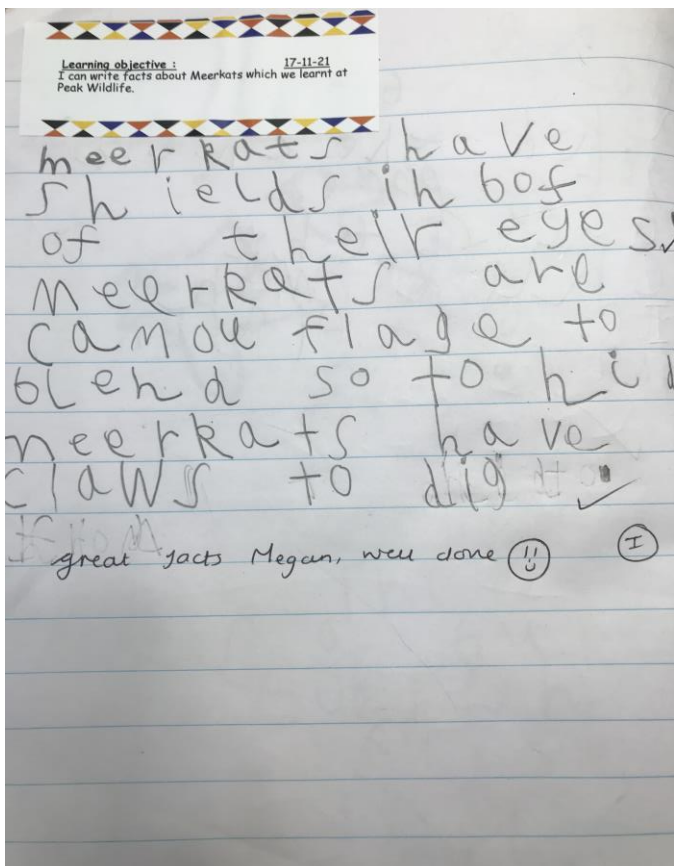
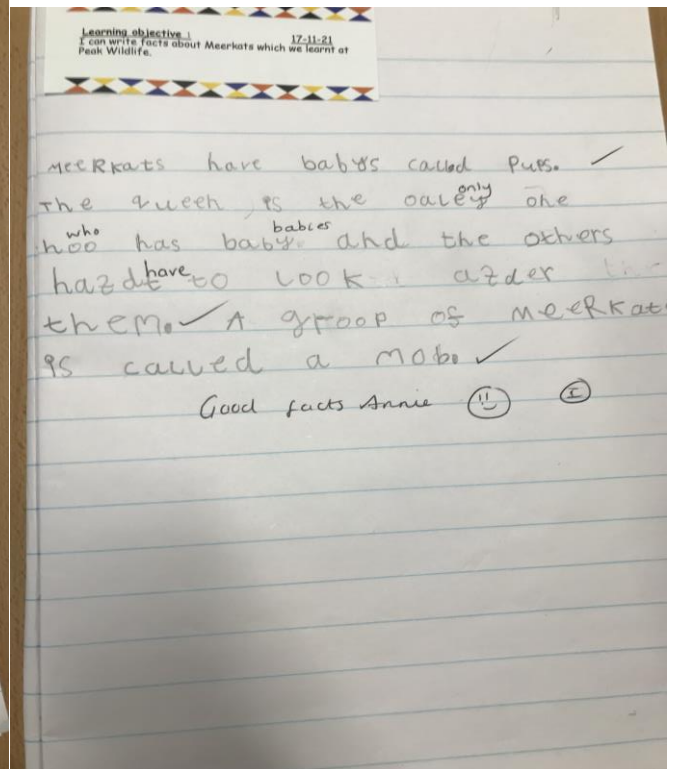
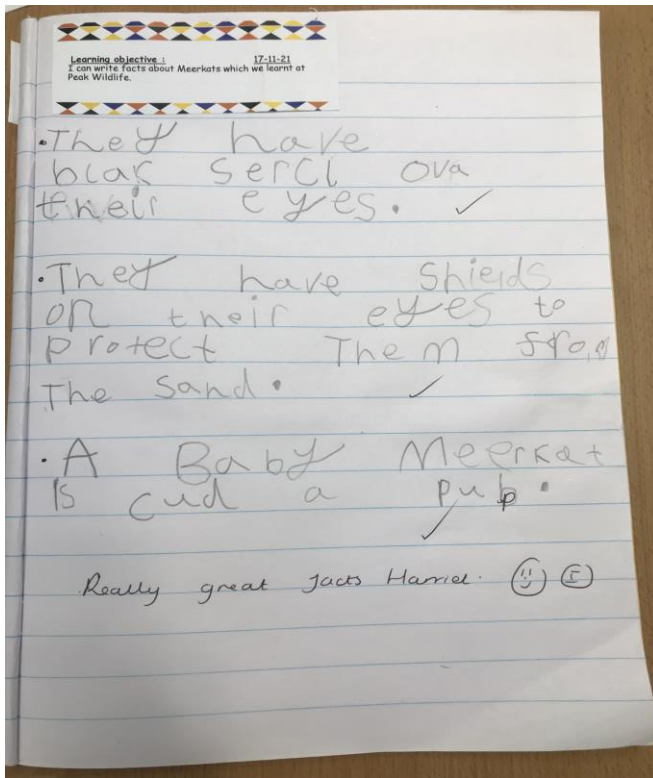
Peak Wildlife Park continued:



Meerkat factfiles

Here are some of the fabulous fact files written by some of our Flickers class.

Mrs Appiah chose some of the best ones to share so well done to Toby, Megan, Annie and Harriet!



Meerkat madness!

On Tuesday the children were greeted by Sunny!

Sunny wished the children a lovely trip and said he'd see them later at Peak Wildlife Park.



On Thursday the children had another surprise!

Sparks and Flickers class received a special delivery!

Inside each box they pulled out a cuddly meerkat which Sparks named Martha and Flickers named Sandy Shakespeare. Welcome to our new class mascots!



December diary

With a busy month ahead here's a little reminder of what's happening leading up to the festive season;

Monday 6th December - Christmas jumper day and Christmas parade around the village

Thursday 9th December - Trip to The Snowdome

Friday 10th December - Phonics screening assessments for KS1.

Tuesday 14th December - Trip to the pantomime at Buxton Opera House

Wednesday 15th December - Making Christingles

Thursday 16th December - Christmas service and Christmas lunch

Friday 17th December - Party lunch and break up for Christmas

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Children return to school (Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th Inset days for staff only)



Climate Change

Here is this week's top tip on ways to reduce our carbon footprint

Loo paper!

The carbon emissions from your bathroom come not only from how you wash, but also what you use to wipe. A toilet roll made from virgin paper is responsible for 730g of CO₂e, from recycled paper it's 450g of CO₂e.

Make a difference

Select loo rolls made from materials with a lower impact such as recycled paper or bamboo.

Fold, don't scruch, you will use less.

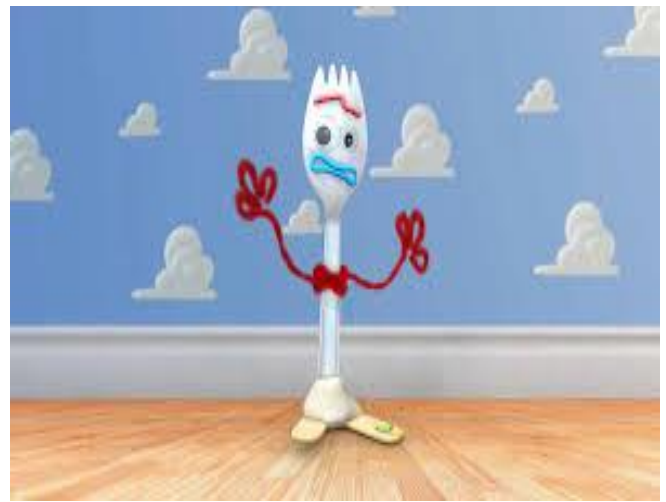
Recycle plastic outer loo roll packaging with carrier bags.



Forky Award

This week we have been encouraging the children to use their knife and fork at lunch time. Whilst it sounds basic it helps so much with their dexterity which in turn helps with their handwriting hugely.

Well done to Ezme, Jacob and Eleanor.



Festival of lights



St Leonard's were asked to choose a charity for the festival of lights.

We have chosen SHELTER - The housing and homelessness charity.

This was spurred by some of the children's recent visits out and about where they saw lots of homelessness and wanted to help.

The children will be decorating little wooden doors and these will be hung on our Christmas tree to in recognition that everybody deserves a home.



National Online Safety

Last year, around one in five children aged 10-15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying, most commonly being insulted or sworn at or having hurtful messages sent about them.

To a child who's being bullied the world can seem like a bleak and negative place but just one kind word can be a ray of hope, a turning point that brightens someone's day and resets their perspective.

That's why "One kind word" is the theme of anti-bullying week 2021. In this guide you'll find tips such as reaching out, thinking before commenting and recommending fun things.

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 issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10-15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

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Welly Wednesday

On Welly Wednesday the children finished making their ink from vinegar, oak galls and rusty nails.

They tested the ink and it was really smooth and dark. So they were able to draw and write with it.

The children also made bird feeders using palm drills. They hung them in the tree with fat balls.

The rest of the children built meerkat tunnels in the sand.



Prickly Hay - Cast List

The Christmas play rehearsals have started!

The children are already learning the songs and the parts have been allocated so here is the cast list below;

Innkeepers - Dylan, Kallum

Donkey - Rosanna

Mary - Annie

Joseph - Jack C

Three wise men - Charlie, James, Jacob

Three camels - Rosa Bella, Ursula, Toby

Star - Eleanor

Angels - Eva, Sophie, Harriet, Emily, Ezme and Olivia

Sam - Brea

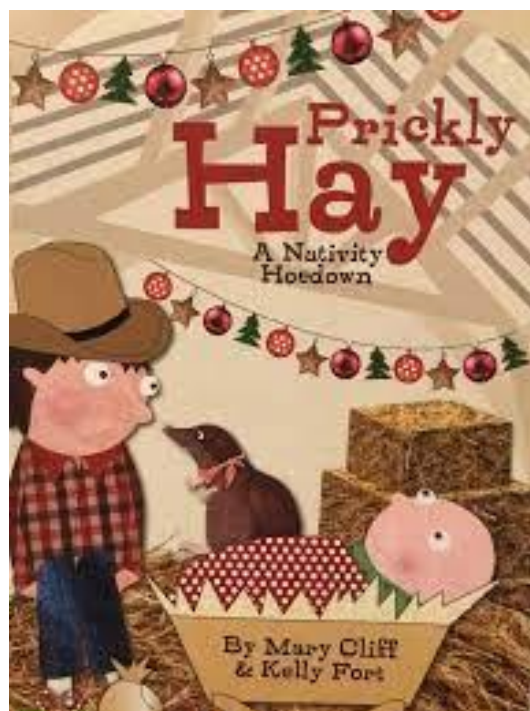
Pam - Alice

Shrew - Polly

Gabriel - Hollie

Four shepherds - Joseph, Jack, Oscar and Ewan

Narrators - Vienna, Molly, Alfie, Corah, Nina, Taya, Lili and Megan



Tea and cake

Thank you so much to Alice who baked a very delicious chocolate cake for this week's tea and cake.

It smelled and tasted absolutely yummy!

