



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

Friday 17th December 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 3 rd January 2022	Bank holiday
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	INSET DAY - Staff only Please complete a LFT for your child
Wednesday 5 th January 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Children return to school Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day
Thursday 6 th January 2022	Full uniform
Friday 7 th January 2022 Fitness Friday!	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 3rd January 2022 - 7th January 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Roast gammon, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	All day breakfast	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
		Shortbread	Sponge	Cake and custard

Thankyou

As the end of another busy year draws near we like to take time to reflect and thank those who have supported the school.

It has been yet another challenging year but we have all got through it with a little help from our friends.

So thank you to;

Zoe Johnson and the PTA who have continued to raise funds throughout the pandemic and have topped up our school fund with their fund raising events.

Thank you to Emily (Jack C's mum) who held a raffle at her salon and raised £140.

Also thanks to Kirsty (Rosa-Bella's mum) who organised an Autumn raffle to raise money for the school.

Our volunteers, who have managed to come in to school at various points in the year, Mr Brightman who held STEM club and Georgia Goldstraw who took the forest school classes.

Jim at the village shop for the donation of oranges for our Christingles.

The Trustees

The Governing Body for their unwavering support

Thanks to Katya Wells who has completed a week's work experience at St Leonard's this week.

Katya used to attend St Leonard's, and was taught by Mrs Stanesby, but is now a student at Westwood college in Leek. She has been great and the children loved having her in school.

And lastly our parents and children for supporting us yet again in what has been as challenging a year as 2020!

Apologies if anyone has been left out.

Thank you for all your cooperation, patience and kind words.

Also thank you very much for the Christmas gifts which are much appreciated.



Happy Birthday

A very big Happy Birthday to Mrs Appiah, Eleanor and Sophie who all celebrate their birthdays over the Christmas holidays.

We hope you have a lovely time.



Christingles

The children made Christingles ready for the service in Thursday afternoon.

They learnt about the symbolism of the Christingle and how the orange represents the world, the red ribbon symbolises the love and blood of Christ, the sweets and raisins represent all of God's creations and the lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world.

Thanks once again for the generous donation of oranges from Jim at the village shop.



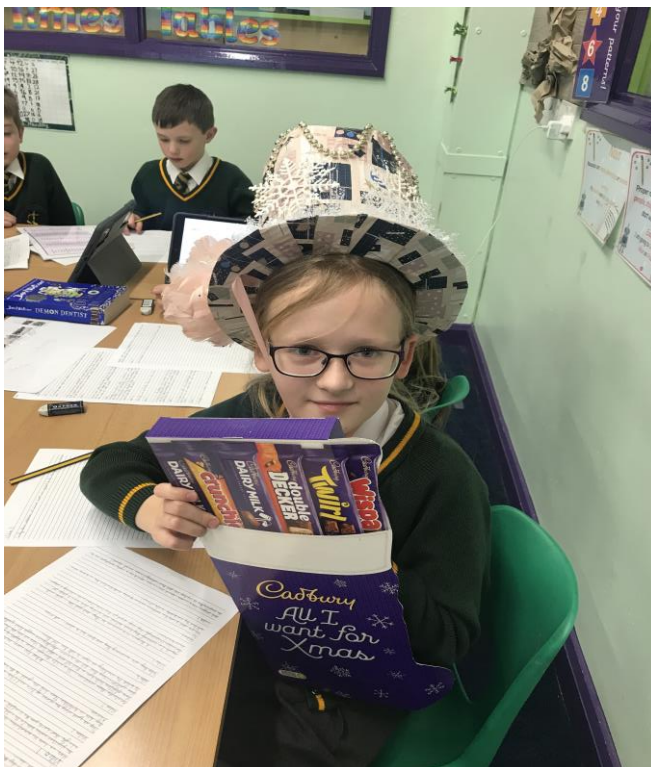
Christmas hats!

Although the Christmas parade didn't go ahead due to the snow the Christmas hat competition did. All the children's hats were fantastic and it was clear to see a lot of effort had gone in to making them so well done!

After careful consideration Mrs Stanesby, Toffee the guinea pig and the rest of the children chose two winners;

Well done to

Charlie who had made a snowman hat which even lit up and Vienna whose design was most elegant and unusual.



Trip to the Snow Dome

Last week the children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to The Snow Dome.

They got to play in the snow, sledging and tubing, they watched a show presented by the big man himself and Rudolph to find out the true meaning of Christmas then they visited Santa's animals, rode on the carousel and posted their letters to The North Pole!



The Snow Dome continued;

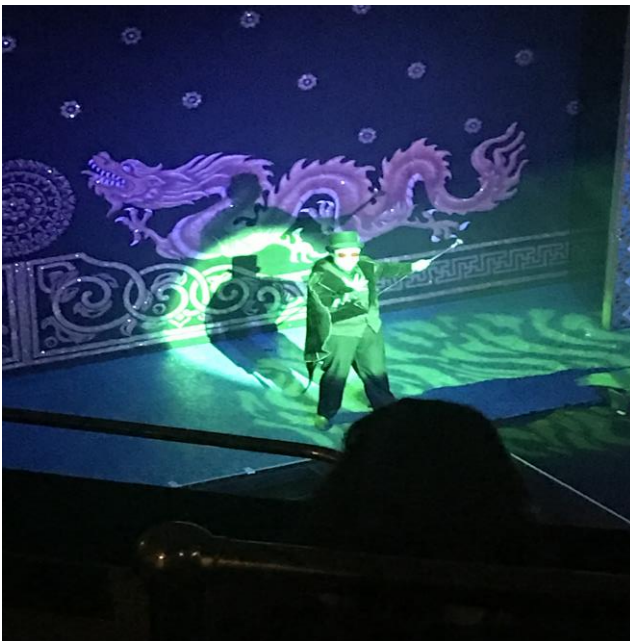


Aladdin

What a fun time we had at the pantomime on Tuesday - Oh no we didn't, Oh yes we did!!!

The children got involved with the singing, dancing and usual panto banter and were the best behaved children there! Even the coach driver commented to say their behaviour was impeccable.

We were very proud of them.



Letters and presents from Santa

The children sent their letters off to Santa and guess what?

They've all had a reply.

He's also delivered a mob of meerkats as a special gift for each child this Christmas.



Prickly Hay

Here are a few photographs of this years Nativity "Prickly Hay"

Miss Torr has filmed the scenes and the play will be available to view on the school website over the Christmas holidays.

Any orders for discs or USBs will be taken when we get back to school in January.



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.

Let's connect this CHRISTMAS (SOME WAY)

By now you'll have seen our collaboration with Musicalalternative for this year's National Online Safety Christmas song. If you feel like joining in – perhaps with your family or with your class – we've reproduced the lyrics here for you!

1
We don't want a lot for Christmas,
There's nothing we really need
And we don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree
We just want a screen-free day
Unless we're calling family far away
What more can we say?
Let's connect this Christmas, some way

2
I don't want a lot for Christmas
But here's some other things I'd like (I'd like)
Offline school from now till summer
Time outside to ride my bike

3
And I don't want to spend this Christmas
Surrounded by a million screens
Unless they're showing happy faces
The fam on Zoom or my friends on Teams

4
The iPad's great to stay in touch
With people we don't see that much
So what more can we say?
Let's catch up this Christmas, some way

5
And I won't ask for much this Christmas
Not even a PS5 (or a)
iPhone ProMax, Switch OLED,
A million-terabyte hard drive

6
It's time for some fun with mates
But TikTok, Insta they can wait
As for family, what do ya say?
Let's hang out for the Christmas holiday

7
All the screens are shining so brightly
everywhere (oh it's Christmas)
And the sound of high-pitched ringtones
fills the air (and mince pies)
And everyone's distracted (stockings)
My mental health's impacted (presents)
Can't we use devices so we're ALL connected?
Sharing memories that we've all collected?

8
Oh, I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for (and I)
Just wanna spread some smiles
Show some kindness, let's make sure
Nobody feels on their own
Share so everybody knows
Through a screen, or face to face
Let's connect this Christmas, some way

9
Connected this Christmas some way,
please let's be
Connected this Christmas some way
Connected this Christmas some way
Connected this Christmas some way

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Sleepover Squad

A massive thank you and well done to Dylan who took part in the sleepover on 3rd December to see what it felt like to be homeless.

Dylan and his mum talked about homeless people and Dylan said it wasn't fair that they didn't have a house as it was so cold.

He asked lots of questions about what they do and don't have, he asked about food and if he could get some from Morrisons to donate to them at the local food bank.

When mum asked Dylan if he would like to sleep in the cold he said he couldn't even stand in the cold as it was too cold outside. Dylan and his friends lay under a blanket on the floor for a good ten minutes before saying it was uncomfortable and moving to the sofa.

What an amazing effort Dylan and well done for talking to your family about homelessness and understanding what it means to not have a home.



Welly Wednesday

On the last Welly Wednesday of the year the children roasted marshmallows and made smores.

Thanks again to Georgia for giving the children lots of fun over the last few weeks and teaching them forest school skills.

They have thoroughly enjoyed it.



Climate Change

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

Long showers

A shower uses less water than a bath, but the length of time you spend in the shower, and how the water is heated affects its carbon footprint.

Although three minutes under an aerated showerhead powered by a gas boiler totals 55g CO₂e, five minutes in a standard 8kw electric shower is 250g of CO₂e. Make it 15 minutes in an 11kw power shower and it's the same as a bath.

Make a difference

Keep your shower short - the length of a classic pop song is ideal.

Experiment with turning the temperature down a notch.

Enquire with your water supplier about getting a water efficient showerhead.



Return to school

Before returning to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022 please may we ask that all children take a lateral flow test.

Each child has received a testing kit to bring home.

If your child does test positive for Covid during the Christmas break please could you let Mrs Stanesby know;

headteacher@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

Everything crossed this will not be the case and we can all enjoy a peaceful and restful Christmas.



A message from Mrs Stanesby

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to my wonderful team of staff here at St Leonard's who have worked incredibly hard this term to enable our pupils to flourish. Last week we had a visit from a Local Authority advisor. Myself and Mrs Luty had the great pleasure of interviewing pupils about their learning over the last term. We were blown away by their independence, confidence, knowledge and skill across the curriculum. Well done Children!

A special thankyou to Miss Torr who has led the production of the Nativity this year. We hope that you all enjoy it.

I would like to thank your children for working so hard this term and to you for supporting them to do so. Each of them can be rightly proud of their achievements and their behaviour this term. They really have let their lights shine.

I would also like to thank our Governing Board for their support and guidance in what has been another challenging term to navigate.

I wish you all a wonderful peaceful Christmas time with your families and friends and we pray for another settled term in the new year.

Take care and stay safe.

Merry Christmas!

Lastly may we take this opportunity to wish you all a

Very Merry Christmas

And a

Happy New Year!

See you in 2022!

