



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

Friday 24th May 2024



'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 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 Aimee Torr

Monday 3 rd June 2024	Full uniform
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Full uniform Mini medics - 9.15am - 12.00pm Miss Torr - Maths training
Wednesday 5 th June 2024 Welly Wednesday	Welly Wednesday PE kit 3.45pm - 5.00pm - English Update
Thursday 6 th June May 2024	Full uniform 9.00am - 11.45pm - New reception transition morning
Friday 7 th June 2024	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 3rd June - 7th June 2024

Monday 3 rd June May	Tuesday 4 th June	Wednesday 5 th June	Thursday 6 th June	Friday 7 th June
Pizza and wedges	Pasta bolognaise	Roast of the day	Chicken curry	Fish fingers, chips, beans and peas
Shortbread	Sponge	Jelly	Flapjack	Ice cream



Star Awards



Congratulations are sent out to the following children who won Star Awards this week:

Headteacher Award	Taya
Star of the Week Sparks	Lily B
Star of the Week Flickers	Elise
Star of the week Flames	Dottie
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Lilly E
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Eleanor B
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Ursula
Mrs Amos award	Flames class
Cook's Award	Bella
Dojo Award - Reading	Eleanor G, Jacob, Jack
Dojo Award – Positive behaviour	Bella, Eleanor F, Dottie
Maths Award	Eleanor F
Reading Award	Sam
Writing Award	Darcy

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Charlie and Rosa Bella who celebrate their birthdays over the half term holidays.

We hope you have a fabulous time!



New Reception September 2024

After the half term holidays we are welcoming our new little ones in for their transition sessions. They will visit us each Thursday until the week before the Summer holidays to get used to the idea of coming to school.

We know they will be well looked after by the lovely children here. So without further ado here are the "Class of 2024!"

Savannah

James

George

Maisie

Theo

Jacob

Seth

Stanley





KIDS EAT FREE

MAY HALF TERM 2024

(OR FOR £1)

MORRISONS

Kids eat for free in Morrisons Cafes every day when you spend over £5 on a adult's meal.

TESCO

Free kid's pick and mix lunch deal, with a 60p minimum spend Monday to Friday in Tesco Cafes. Clubcard needed.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRE

Every day from noon, kids can eat from the Dobbies lunch or pick 'n' mix menu for free when an adult gets a main meal.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANT

Kids under 8 can eat for free at Gordon Ramsey Restaurants when an adults eats from the à la carte menu.

BILL'S

Up to two children can eat for free at Bill's from 27 May - 31 May (exc Sat/Sun) when an adult orders a main dish.

IKEA

Kid's mac and cheese, fruit and drink for 95p from 11 AM (exc Fridays) or £1.50 for anything else from the kid's menu.

PAUSA CAFÉ at DUNELM

Spend £4 and get one free choice from the Kids Menu in Pausa Cafés on Monday to Friday after 3pm.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 with no minimum spend. Plus, they get a free piece of fruit such as an apple, pear or banana.

BEEFEATER

Get two free kids' breakfasts for those under 16s at Beefeater when you buy an unlimited adult breakfast.

YO! SUSHI

Kids under 12 get a free bento box deal, plus a drink when an adult spends at least £10. Offer runs 27 May - 31 May 2024.

SAINSBURY'S

Kids get a hot meal or lunch bag for £1 when an adult gets a hot meal costing at least £5.20.

TGI Fridays

Kids eat a free all day, every day, when an adult buys a main meal and presents their Stripes loyalty card.

SKINT DAD

Information correct at time of creation. See skintdad.co.uk/kids-eat-free for more details or the individual company website for timings and any conditions.



W?

Cheap cinema tickets during May half term



Cineworld's Movies for Juniors screenings offer children's tickets from £2.50.



Odeon Kids has a deal where adults pay the same price as a child, with the deal running every day during the school holidays.



Vue has Mini Mornings screenings from 10am during the school holidays. Tickets for adults or children cost from £2.49 each.

HALF PRICE KIDS

USE CODE KID250 at checkout

ONLINE TICKETS ONLY
25TH MAY - 2ND JUNE
PEAKWILDLIFEPARK.CO.UK

TICKETS ONLY BETWEEN THE 25TH MAY UNTIL THE 2ND JUNE AND ONLY WITH A FULL WHOA! ADULT TICKET APPLY

Times are changing***Important meeting***

Things are changing - we think for the better for the future of the children of Ipstones and the school - but we need to tell you all about what we think we must do next, and hear from you about it. As you all know, although the school had a very hard time during covid it has gone from strength to strength since - and your children are not only all fabulous little human beings but are also doing really well. BUT the education world is changing, and we shall have to change with it if we want to go on giving the children the best education, great teachers, great social, educational, developmental and spiritual experiences and prepare them well for their future. So, come along **on Monday 3rd June** (yes, we know it is only just after half term!) at **3.15pm** to hear our proposals about how we can move forward as a school, express your views and ask questions about our plans. You will get to talk to the Co-Chairs of the Governors, the Head Teacher and Jared Eccles from The Moorlands Primary Federation.



Well Done

A very well done to Eleanor and Olivia who both took their Brownie promise last week. They received certificates and badges.

Zara achieved a third place rosette for a dog handling competition she entered with Rolo.

She said that he tried to run off but she managed to stop him proving her handling skills brilliantly!

Dylan has earned himself a Blue Peter badge. He had to read different books, review them and then write his own book

Well done everyone!



What's happening in Ippy!



The Friends of St Leonard's Church
invite you to a

Flower Festival

on 1st & 2nd June at St Leonard's
Church, Church Lane, Ipstones

Refreshments from 10 am – 4pm on Saturday 1st
and 1pm – 4pm on Sunday 2nd June

Contact Ann Jackson 07840 201982



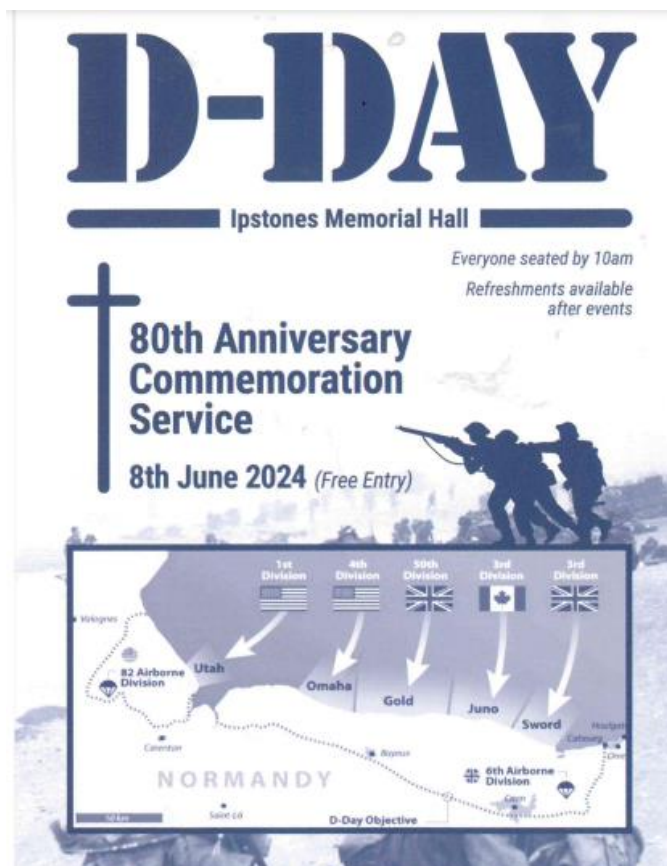
22nd June 2024
**IPSTONES GREAT GRAND
TREASURE HUNT
AND
HOG ROAST**
**BAR, BAND, STALLS
BOUNCY CASTLE**

TREASURE HUNT LEAVES THE MEMORIAL
HALL BETWEEN 5.00PM AND 7.00PM IN 15
MINUTE BATCHES

ENTRY: £10 PER CAR PRE-BOOK
moorlandsa9@gmail.co.uk or 01538
262116

Raising funds for St Leonards Church

ENTRY DIRECT ON GATE at COLTSTONES FARM
FROM 7.00PM: £5 PER PERSON £2 PER CHILD




D-DAY

Ipstones Memorial Hall

Everyone seated by 10am
Refreshments available
after events

80th Anniversary Commemoration Service

8th June 2024 (Free Entry)



The map shows the D-Day landing sites in Normandy: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. It also indicates the locations of the 82 Airborne Division, 6th Airborne Division, and the 1st, 4th, 30th, 3rd, and 2nd Divisions. The D-Day Objective is marked on the map.

Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance is 92%

Mini Medics

On Tuesday 4th June the children will be taking part in a "Mini medics" course run by ASM. They will learn basic first aid training and learn about mental health and how exercise can help. They will learn also about the recovery position, wounds, asthma and choking, how to call for help and how to keep safe all taught in an age appropriate way.

Learning first aid is an invaluable life-skill. It helps children become more risk aware and equips them with skills to keep themselves safe and help themselves or others if involved in a medical emergency.

It could save their life!



Summer Term 2024

Term ends - Friday 24th May

Holiday - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Term ends - Friday 19th July

Inset Day - Monday 22nd July

Holiday - Tuesday 23rd July - Friday 30th August

Dates for the diary

Friday 24th May - Break up for half term

Monday 3rd June - Meeting for parents re: the future of the school

Wednesday 12th June - Year 4 Transition visit to Churnet View (for vulnerable children)

Thursday 13th June - Transition for new Reception 9.00am- 11.45am

Thursday 13th June - Father's Day treat afternoon

Tuesday 18th June - Music concert at Manifold

Wednesday 19th June - Sports afternoon

Thursday 20th June - Transition for new Reception 9.00am - 11.45am

Thursday 20th June - Flames class concert at The Victoria Hall

Monday 24th June - Wednesday 26th June - Year 3 / 4 residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom

Thursday 27th June - Transition for new Reception 9.00am - 11.45am

Tuesday 2nd July - Wednesday 3rd July - Year 4 transition days to middle school

Thursday 4th July - Transition for new Reception 9.00am - 1.00pm

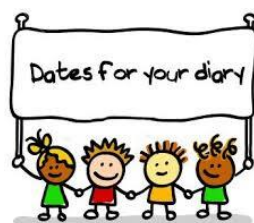
Thursday 11th July - Transition for new Reception 9.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday 17th July - Sports festival

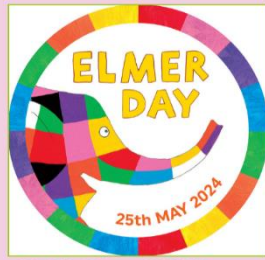
Thursday 18th July - Leaver's service

Friday 19th July - Break up for Summer holidays

Please note that some dates may change.



Leek Library over half term



Join us on Saturday 25th May 2024
2-3pm
Leek Library

We will have a story, crafts, colouring
and a library hunt.
This is a free event just drop in



'Let's Be Green' Poetry workshops!

Current headteacher and writer, Charlotte Rowley will be leading a children's poetry workshop at Leek and Biddulph libraries in May half term.
(Aimed at Key Stage 2 children aged 7-11, but all are welcome! The sessions are FREE.)

Booking essential.
Biddulph Library
30th May 10-11am
01782 485491

Leek Library
31st May 10-11am
01538 332061



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#GreenLibrariesMonth



Come and meet local new author Debbie Wood



Join Debbie for storytelling fun as she shares her new picture book.

Oh Dear Tree

Plenty of giggles and wiggles
guaranteed with puppets, props, music
and craft.

Come join the fun!

Saturday 25th May 10am—11am Leek Library

Spaces limited so please book in advance at the library reception.
Suitable for 1yr – 8 yrs

Father's Day Treat

On Thursday 13th June we are welcoming Dads into school for a special Father's Day treat.

The afternoon will consist of an activity with your child then light refreshments.

Please could you complete the form via the link below so that we can get an idea of numbers. The deadline to register is Friday 7th June.

<https://forms.office.com/e/q3YeJwMadZ?origin=lprLink>



National Online Safety

A study from the British Psychological Society found that the majority of children (71%) had at least one close friend as early as five years old. These connections can form rather quickly and develop with equal speed. At such a young age, it can be remarkable how suddenly two children can hit it off with one another.

However, it is deeply important that children can recognise both the features of a healthy relationship, as well as the potential signs of a less healthy dynamic. This guide offers some top tips on reinforcing the formation of healthy friendships among children and young people.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

Navigating the complexities of childhood and adolescent friendships can be challenging – but with the right guidance, children and young people can cultivate meaningful, supportive relationships, some of which may last for many years. These top tips provide a comprehensive approach to fostering healthy friendships among children and young people. It's important to remember, however, that each child is different, and will require an individual approach to relationship support.

1 GRANT FRIENDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Encouraging children and young people to join extracurricular activities can foster healthy friendships by providing shared interests and common ground. Engaging in these pastimes offers a platform for interaction, sometimes alleviating the social pressure of knowing what to say, and helps children develop meaningful connections.

2 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

The children and young people in our lives see how we behave, the connections that we've made and the interactions between us and others. When we model healthy friendships, we set an example and help youngsters to understand what healthy friendships looks like and how to navigate them.

3 HELP THEM LOVE THEMSELVES

Healthy friendships aren't just about dynamics with other people. They're about our relationship with ourselves. For overall wellbeing, it's important for a child to have the space to build their self-esteem and a positive self-image, as these factors can have a notable influence on the friendships they form throughout life.

4 MONITOR SCREEN TIME

Too much screen time can affect some children's wellbeing in general, but it can specifically impact friendships if it results in fewer positive social interactions. In some cases, reducing screen time and encouraging children and young people to find ways to interact face-to-face can have positive results. It's also important to remember that young people can make positive friendships online, but they will require support to do this safely.

5 TEACH PROBLEM-SOLVING

Inevitably, friendships can run into problems. However, this is also an opportunity to support children and young people to work through any difficulties that may arise. It can be tempting to intervene and try to fix these issues for those involved, but helping them consider ways of resolving conflict or managing difficult situations for themselves can help them create stronger friendships.

6 EMPOWER THE CHILD

When we give children and young people the confidence to choose their friends, navigate interpersonal boundaries and consider how they want to interact with the different people around them, we empower them to take control of the friendships they have. When young people feel in control of these things, they're more likely to make positive choices and remain aware of the signs of a negative relationship.

7 TEACH EMPATHY

'Healthy friendships' doesn't always mean 'perfect'. Sometimes, disagreements can happen. When we teach children and young people to have empathy, we help them to see both sides of a relationship; to be mindful of the challenges a friend might be facing or whatever else might be going on. This can help children and young people to build stronger friendships.

8 BE OPEN TO QUESTIONS

Talking to young people about their friendships, who they spend time with and who they interact with can open the door to questions if they have concerns. Initially, these queries may be straightforward, but if we are receptive to discussion from the outset, young people are more likely to come to us for help when they are older as well.

9 UNDERSTAND BOUNDARIES

One of the keys to a healthy friendship is honouring boundaries. This can include anything from respecting personal space and belonging to acceptable language and behaviour. Understanding the importance of setting these limits and upholding those set by others can help children stay safe; if young people figure out their boundaries and feel comfortable enforcing them, they're more likely to call someone out if they go too far.

10 SPOT THE SIGNS

We can't always supervise young people; sometimes, we need to step back and give them some space. However, it's important to consider any indicators that they may be struggling in their friendships. Are they becoming increasingly irritable? Does their behaviour alter when they've been with their friends? Are they becoming withdrawn or reluctant to take part in certain activities? These could all be signs that they're finding things difficult, and we should remain alert to such changes.

Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an experienced educator who has worked in primary and secondary schools for 20 years. She is a facilitator, consultant and coach working with young people and the adults who work with them, with a focus on developing understanding and skills around mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding.



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Sparks Class



Sparks class have been building bridges this week using straws and tape. They tested the strength of their bridges by rolling marbles over them. They all held up as their little engineers had made such a good job of construction. They used blocks to measure things in the classroom including each other!



Flickers Class



Flickers class have been recreating Lowry and Wes Magee collaborative paintings. They have used Lowry's five colour palette, ivory black, vermilion, prussian blue, yellow ochre and flake white to paint a picture based on Wes Magee's poem - "Down by the school gate".

Down by the School Gate

There goes the bell it's half past three

and down by the school gate you will see . . .

. . . ten mums in coats, talking nine babes in prams, squawking

eight dads their cars parking seven dogs on leads barking

six toddlers all squabbling five grans on bikes wobbling

four child-minders running three bus drivers sunning

two teenagers dating one lollipop man waiting. . .

The school is out it's half past three

and the first to the school gate

. . . is me!



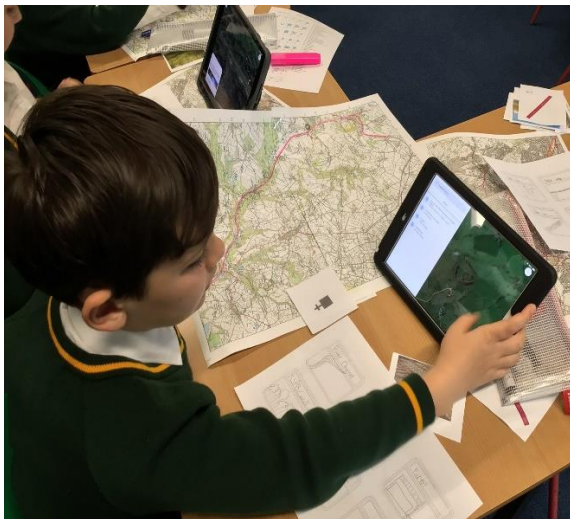
Flames Class



Flames class have been using Google Earth and paper maps to follow train lines. They looked at what landmarks they would see along the way and drew pictures of what they would see on their journey.

They have been working hard in Maths using fraction walls on their ipads to compare of fractions.

Flames class also bid a fond farewell to Miss Taylor, our student placement, who has been with us this term. She has thoroughly enjoyed working at St Leonard's and the children grew very fond of her. She said that her first placement had been "The best" and that is down to your lovely children and our very special little school.



Happy Half Term

We hope you enjoy a restful half term and we'll see you back in school on Monday 3rd June, ready for the last leg!

