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

Friday 14th June 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 17 th June 2024	Full uniform
Tuesday 18 th June 2024	Full uniform Music concert at Manifold - 6pm - 7pm
Wednesday 19 th June 2024 Welly Wednesday	Welly Wednesday PE kit Sports afternoon - 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 20 th June May 2024	Full uniform 9.00am - 11.45pm - New reception transition morning Flames concert at The Victoria Hall - 10.45am - 11.45am
Friday 21 st June 2024	PE kit Mrs Amos, Mrs Crooks, Mrs Stanesby, Mrs Goldstraw - Paediatric first aid training

Your lunch menu for the 17th June - 21st June 2024

Monday 17 th June	Tuesday 18 th June	Wednesday 19 th June	Thursday 20 th June	Friday 21 st June
Pizza and wedges	Sausage and mash	Roast of the day	Mac and cheese	Fish fingers, chips, beans and peas
Shortbread	Sponge	Jelly	Flapjack	Ice cream

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Eva and James who celebrate their birthdays this week. Have a most fabulous time!



Well Done!

Well Done to Eleanor G who achieved her Duckling 4 swimming award. She had to completely submerge her head under the water. She was initially nervous of doing this but persevered until she completed the task and achieved her award.

Well done also to Lilly B, Lilly E, Ava and Zara who represented Rainbows on Saturday. They had to parade to church and sat through a very special commemorative service for D Day. They joined the community choir and sang 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and 'turn your thoughts on this occasion.' They sang super well. Lilly and Zara were flag bearers.



Father's Day

On Thursday the children welcomed their dads and Grandads into school for a Father's Day treat. The children had all made lovely Father's Day cards, they coloured in Father's Day pictures and made gliders which they flew on the school field. They also enjoyed tea and cake!



Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance is 98.5%

Wraparound Care September 2024.

Wraparound care will be continuing in September. Due to the cost of living we have had to increase fees to reflect the running costs of both clubs. As always, we will try to be as flexible as possible to fit in with your family's needs. As of September, sessions will be charged at the following:

Breakfast club: Arrival 7.30am - 8am: £5

Arrival 8am: £4

Breakfast and a drink are available to all children.

After school: 3.15pm - 4.15pm: £5

3.15pm - 5.15pm: £10.25

3.15pm - 6pm: £14.20

Children which are in club after 4.15pm, prices reflect a light tea of sandwiches, fruit and vegetable sticks and drinks.

If any of the above sessions are required from September 2024, these need to be booked with myself through email: Crooks.E@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk no later than **23.08.2024**.

For existing families who use the service I will presume you will still use the same hours unless you let me know different.

Wraparound care is available from Wednesday 4th September.

Fees are payable via ParentPay, alternatively we accept payment through the following voucher schemes: KiddiVouchers, Sodexo and Tax Free Childcare.

If you use a different scheme it is most likely we will be able to accept payment through them once registered. Please speak to Mrs Crooks regarding this.



Gulliver's Kingdom

Please note that Friday 14th June is the deadline for the final payment for the Gulliver's Kingdom residential. The total cost is £169 payable on Parentpay. Please ensure this is paid by this date.

Medical forms should be returned on 14th June please.

Many Thanks



Leek and District Show – 27th July 2024

The Leek and District show have invited schools to design a poster based on climate change, healthy eating or road safety to display at the show. The age categories are 7 and under or 8-13 years. The posters can be any medium, ie, paint,crayon, pastel, ink, collage etc and must be larger than A3.

If your child would like to take part please return the posters to school by Friday 5th July so they can be collected in plenty of time for the show and before we break up for the holidays.



Summer Term 2024

Term ends - Friday 19th July

Inset Day - Monday 22nd July

Holiday - Tuesday 23rd July - Friday 30th August

Dates for the diary

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

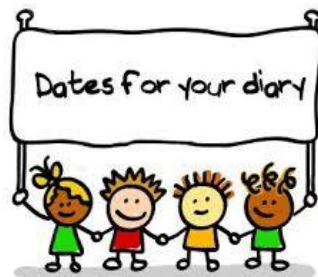
Wednesday 17th July - Sports festival

Thursday 18th July - Leaver's service

Friday 19th July - Whole school disco

Friday 19th July - Break up for Summer holidays

Please note that some dates may change.



Sports Afternoon

We hope you are able to join us tomorrow for our annual sports afternoon. Please take note of the following information to help our event run smoothly.

Please enter the school from 1.15pm through the playground gates. These gates will be closed after 1.45pm to ensure that all of our staff are on the field to supervise your children.

Please could you help us by taking up a chair from the playground up to the field and returning this at the end of the event.

Parents will be seated at one side of the race track, please could you ensure that you remain on that side and do not come across to your child or encourage them to do so. This is to maintain our safeguarding arrangements at all times.

You are able to take photographs and videos for your own personal use. Please do not post these on social media.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle, sun hat and coat to be prepared for all weathers.

We would be most grateful for any parent volunteers to help with holding the race track tape and dish out stickers. Please contact the office if you are able to help out.

When sports afternoon is finished we will take the children inside first and you can come to the front of school as normal to collect them. They can leave at an earlier time if we finish early if you would like them to.

Middle school transition packs

Please could all year 4 middle school admission packs be returned to school as soon as possible. The school are collecting the packs from school next week.

Staff from both middle schools will be talking to your child's year 4 teacher before to find out about more about them so if you have any questions at all please let us know and we will pass on.

St Edward's have sent out an invite for parents to attend a coffee morning on Thursday 27th June at 11:00 am.

Please could you send the link below for them to register if they would like to attend?

[SEND Coffee Morning Thursday 27th June 2024](#)

Many Thanks



Flames Victoria Hall celebration concert

On Thursday 20th June Flames class will be taking part in a musical celebration concert at The Victoria Hall.

They will need to be dropped off at school early on that morning as they will be leaving at 8.30am and will return for a late lunch.

The concert for parents starts at 10.45am and ends at 11.45am.

If you have not yet purchased tickets you can do so via the link;

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DIMJ>

The cost is £8.



Manifold Music event

On Tuesday 18th June you are invited to watch the children performing at Manifold academy.

The concert is a collaboration of our neighbouring schools including Hollinsclough, St Bartholomews and of course Manifold.

The children will be showcasing their musical talents and what they have been learning with Mrs Harding. The instrument they have played this year is the trombone and they have some beautiful songs to sing for you also.

Thank you to all the consent forms returned so far. If you haven't returned a form but would like your child to take part please ask for a spare from the office. No tickets are required.

We look forward to seeing you there!

6.00pm - 7.00pm - Tuesday 20th June.

World War 2 artifacts

Flames class have started learning about World War 2 this week. They have loved it!

Rosa Bella brought in some very special items to show her peers from her great Uncle Johnny who fought in the war. She showed us a love letter he wrote to his girlfriend, Rose, his Royal artillery shoulder badges that he wore on his uniform, his soldiers paybook, his army release document and some German money. It was really interesting and emotive knowing that all this precious history belonged to a soldier who fought for our country.



The Festival of brilliant

THE FESTIVAL OF BRILLIANT

Biddulph Old Hall 12 - 13th July '24

A celebration of **BRILLIANT** children's books!

Join a raft of world class authors, illustrators and artists for readings, talks, workshops, performances, installations and activities to feed your imagination.

Friday 12th July 2024
Schools & Groups 10am-3pm
Teen Film & Feast Event 6pm-9pm

Saturday 13th July 2024
Families 10am-6:30pm

Information & Tickets:
outsidearts.org

Logos for various partners including Outside, Staffordshire County Council, Your Family Hub PA, The Reading Agency, Arts Council England, Staffordshire Moorlands, Wild Rumpus, and Support Staffordshire.

National Online Safety

According to Statista, 69% of children currently engage in competitive sport, either in or out of school. Thanks to the Euros, it's very possible that percentage will see an uptick in the coming weeks.

Enjoying sport and revelling in healthy competition can have a fantastic impact on children's development - but when presented with the idea of winning side emotions can sometimes run high, and feelings can be hurt.

A healthy approach to any kind of game or contest - not just the sporting variety - is an important quality to teach to children and young people; and this guide can help you to do that. Our list of expert tips explains how to emphasise the value of playing fair and dealing with both victory and defeat in a reasonable, mature manner.

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 FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges — like the pressure to win — and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play, demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to "win at all costs", which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest — that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

Meet Our Expert

Caroline Holdar is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.



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Summer reading challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part.

Children can read anything they like (really - anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading.

This year's Challenge theme, **Marvellous Makers**, is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library.

Children can take part for FREE, either at the library OR online:

- You can sign up **at [your local library](#)** and take part in person. A librarian will give you a special collector folder and help you find books to read. You'll collect special stickers and rewards for your reading.
OR
- You can take part **online** by signing up [here](https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up), https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up
- on the official Challenge website. You'll set up a profile with a reading goal and log your books. When you reach your goal, you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.



Spark s Class



Sparks class have been planting sunflower seeds this week. They are having a competition to see whose grows the tallest. They will be measuring them through the growth journey.

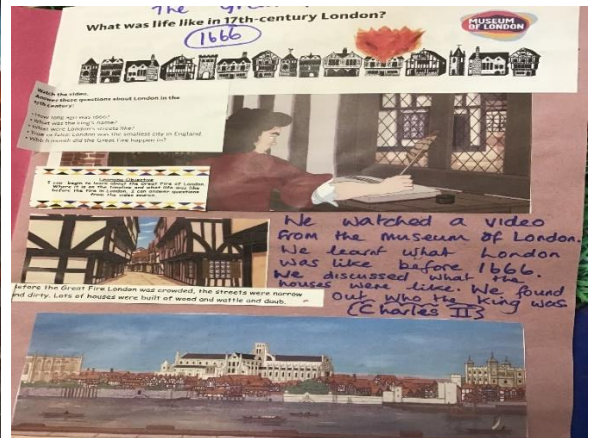
The winner receives two dojo points. They have also been practising making patterns for Maths using peg boards.



Flickers Class



Flickers class have been learning about The Great Fire of London. They have been singing songs from BBC radio such as "Pudding Lane" and "Put the fire out". They can listen and sing along at home to these songs from BBC radio They have also been completing their Lowry paintings by putting in the finer details. They are now learning about the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser.

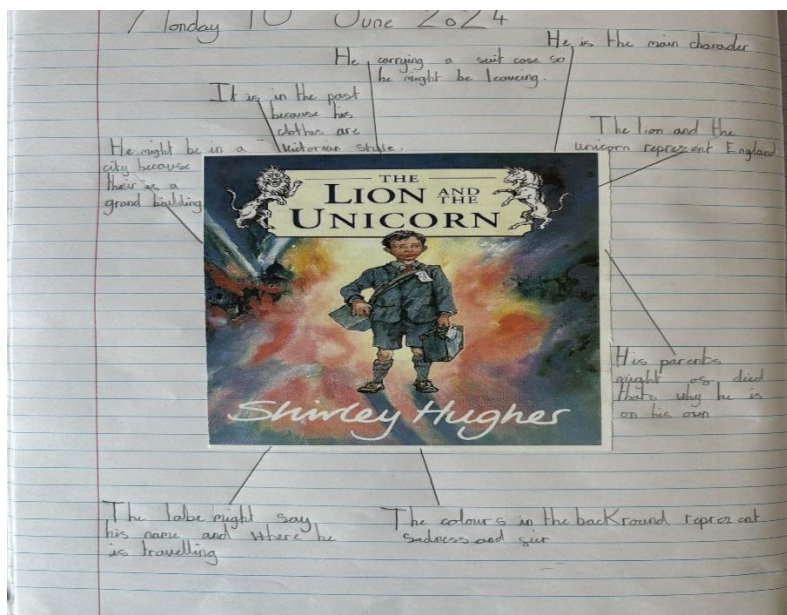
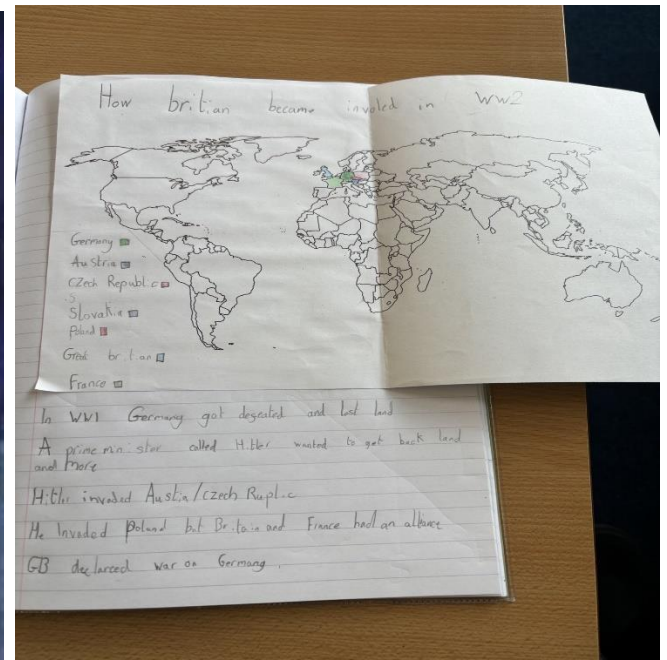
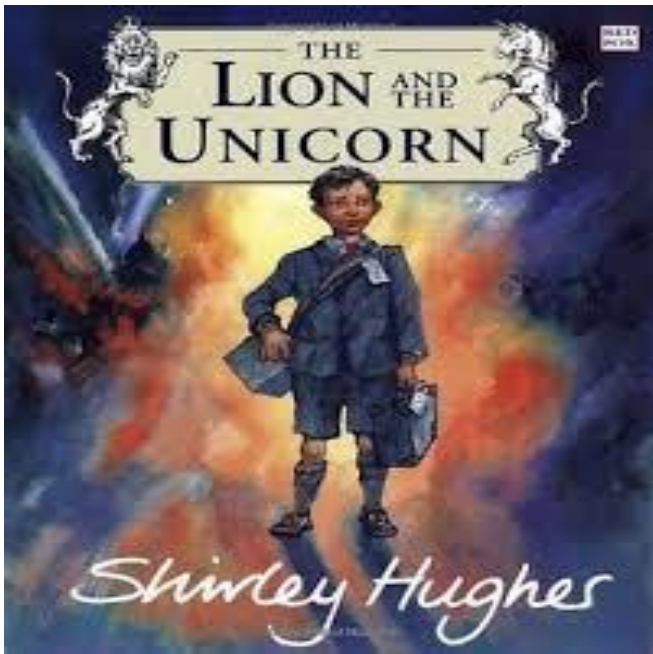


Flames Class



Flames class have started reading "The Lion and the unicorn" a story about a World War II evacuees struggles and his search for courage and bravery. Before they read the book they made predictions about the story from the front cover.

They have also been learning about how Britain got involved in WW2.



Happy Father's Day

We hope all the Dads had a great day on Sunday!

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