



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

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 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)*

Executive Headteacher of St Leonard's CE (A) First School / Executive Principal of 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 Torr

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Full uniform
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Full uniform
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit Peak Wildlife trip - Warm coat, hat, scarf, gloves please
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	Full uniform 10am - 11.30am - Open Morning
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022	PE kit 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Nativity dress rehearsal at The Memorial Hall

## Your lunch menu for the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Pizza, peas and carrots	Sausage, mashed potatoes sweetcorn and broccoli	Roast chicken, roast and mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Chicken curry with carrots and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Sponge	Flapjack	Ice cream	Raspberry ripple cake	Strawberry milkshake

## Christmas coffee morning

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December we will be hosting a Christmas coffee morning at St Leonard's 10am - 11.30am.

Parents are invited to help us celebrate our "Good" Ofsted outcome with a hot drink and a mince pie.

We are also opening up the invite to potential parents of our September 2023 intake so that they can have a look around our lovely little school. There will be a promotional video and new parents will be able to talk to our existing parents.

Feel free to bring your little ones who may be joining us next year and if you cannot make Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 01538 266292 to arrange an appointment to view the school.



## Open Morning



Thursday 1st December



10am–11.30am

St Leonard's First School proudly welcome parents,  
**both existing and new**, to come and help us to  
celebrate our "**Good**" Ofsted with a hot drink and a mince  
pie!

If you have a child who is eligible to start school in  
**September 2023**, please join us for a tour of our school and  
to talk to our friendly staff team.

If you are unable to attend the coffee morning, please call or  
email to book an alternative appointment to view the school.

**Telephone:** 01538 266292

**Email:** [office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk)

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Jack S who celebrates his birthday this week.

Have a fab birthday.



## A message from the Governors



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

### Ofsted Judgement of 'Good'

Hello everyone,

On behalf of the Governors of the school we would like to say how delighted we were with the recent Ofsted judgement of 'Good' for the school and offer our congratulations to all involved. We would like to thank staff, children and parents for their hard work and support which all contributed to this successful judgement.

Co-Chairs of Governors

Jane Held and Sue Hey

## Welcome!

We would like to welcome Mrs Katie Leeson (Jacob's mum) to St Leonard's Governing Board as our new Parent Governor.

Mrs Leeson brings with her a wealth of knowledge of educational settings and we look forward to working alongside her.

Welcome Mrs Leeson and thank you for joining our Governing Board!



## Wraparound care

Going forward in to next term please advise Mrs Crooks of any changes to your child's wraparound care via email on;

[Crooks.E@st-leonards-uipstones.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Crooks.E@st-leonards-uipstones.staffs.sch.uk)

If we do not hear from you we will assume that it will be the same as this term.

Thank you.



## Lost property

Do I belong to you? I'm waiting in the office to be collected.



TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide and is most popular with under the age 16 bracket. In fact, Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people.

In this guide you will find tips on a number of potential risks such as age inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.

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](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**  
(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

**18**  
CENSORED

### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact with strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronous notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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St Leonard's Funding Club



In the news, we are bombarded with stories of austerity and budget cuts especially across the public sector. At a time when we should be heavily investing in the future of our country, the education budgets are tighter than ever.

Luxuries have been cut to ensure that the essentials can be paid for. This is where fund raising clubs step in. Funds raised can enrich children's learning and provide opportunities that cannot be factored into the usual school budgets.

The St Leonard's Funding Club meetings can be a chat over a cup of tea, a biscuit and a common cause!

**We need you!**

You really could make a difference to your child's learning.

If you are interested in joining our fund raising club please contact the office to express your interest.

We would like to say Thank you to all our previous fund raisers, especially Mrs Zoe Johnson, who led the SLFC, but is now stepping down from her fundraising duties.

Thank you.



### School trips

Please could payments for The Peak Wildlife trip be paid by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Sandwich orders have already been passed to the kitchen so if you didn't order a school packed lunch for your child please send them in with one from home.

Packed lunches can still be ordered for the pantomime on 13<sup>th</sup> December via the link below;

<https://forms.office.com/r/K1F35fy1ga> - Peter Pan pantomime (Deadline to request 1<sup>st</sup> December)

Payments for the pantomime should reach us by 9<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

Thank you.



### The Fireside Nativity

The children have been practising the show lots this week. It sounds and looks fabulous already!

Please could you bring all costumes into school by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November on a named coat hanger as the children have a dress rehearsal this week. We will keep these and take them up to The Memorial Hall for the performance.

Children will need to be dropped off at The Memorial Hall at 5.40pm on the evening of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

There will be an interval where we will be selling refreshments. Please bring change where possible.

The last day to order your four ticket allocation is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November if you haven't already ordered.

It looks like we will have enough spare tickets to allocate to those who have requested additional ones.

These will be sent home in your child's bag on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please don't forget to pay for these on Parentpay.

If you know any members of the community who would like to attend tickets are available to buy from Reverend Jane Held at £4.00 each.

A P photography will be recording the show and USB's and DVD's will be available to purchase for £10 each.



## STEM club

On Thursday in STEM club the children built and programmed a robot.

They learned how to construct and program the robot, thinking about what materials they would need to power the robot to move. This activity combines science, engineering and technology, design and construction and is also a good exercise also problem-solving, creative thinking, team work, and communication.



## After school club

We just wanted to share a snapshot of what the children get up to with the marvellous Mr Walker in after school club.

Last night they were playing musical statues, other nights they could be doing Gymnastics and on others they play games so it's like one big party for them really! They seem to thoroughly enjoy it.





### St Leonard's Church Christmas Tree

The children made decorations inspired by the late Queen's jubilee for the Christmas tree in church. They were able to show off their creations to parents in church for the Advent service on Friday.

Thank you to Mrs Goldstraw for her hard work helping the children to make the baubles and for decorating the tree in readiness for today's service and the festive season ahead.

We hope the church community will enjoy them too.



### Dates for the diary

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Whole school trip to Peak Wildlife Park

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Open morning

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Dress rehearsal for school nativity

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Nativity play at The Memorial Hall

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Christmas jumper day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Party lunch

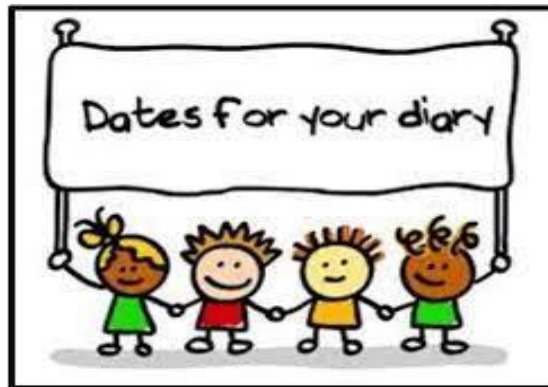
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Ipstones entertains

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle service

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Whole school trip to the Peter Pan pantomime at The Regent Theatre

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Christmas dinner

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - A visit from Santa and break up for the holidays.



### King Charles III Coronation

There will be a Bank Holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for the King's Coronation.

This is in addition to the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, as far as we understand.



# Esafety

## Best Free Parental Controls

With Christmas fast approaching and the possibility of Santa delivering electronic devices to the children here are some parental control apps to keep your children safe online.

### **1. FamiSafe - Parental Control** ( Android, iPhone, iPad )

FamiSafe is one of the best parental control app that has excellent features such as GPS Tracking, checking browsing history, set time limit, monitor text messages, calls and web activities of your children. FamiSafe app is specially designed to combine all the features required for an effective parental control. It is a complete parenting solution that enables the parents to keep a track of the kids and monitor their day to day activities. The internet filter allows you to block specific websites and general website categories, such as anything related to drugs, alcohol, sex, gambling, and more.

Parents can also review kids' daily phone activity at a glance, including when kids install or uninstall YouTube and how many videos they watched. FamiSafe provides an extremely reliable solution for parents and promises to be the **top android parental control app**.

### **2. Qustodio Parental Control** ( Android, iPhone, iPad )

Qustodio is one of the most popular parental control apps which helps the families to keep the kids supervised and safe. This app offers multiple features for parental control, some of them are in-depth reports of the daily activity of the kids via email. Qustodio has a comprehensive web filter, multiple screen time management tools, and real-time geo-tracking.

Qustodio Parental Control app offers a browser independent filtering; hence the kids won't be able to access the content just because they installed a new browser on their phone. The app had a dedicated monitoring tab for Facebook activities. This app has a level of specificity that can allow useful apps, like reading apps, at certain times (i.e., bedtime) but block apps like games.

The app can only send notification via email which can easily get ignored by the parents. The free version of the app is also amazing and hence some users prefer to use the free version.

### **3. Parental Control & Kid Tracker** ( Android, iPhone, iPad )

Ourpact is a parental control app lets you manage the time younger kids spend on their tablets and smartphones. OurPact is a parental control app, app blocker, GPS locator, child tracker and family locator that enables parents to manage their family's screen time and locate family members.

This app is much more like a family locator and screen time management. Screen time and Manual blocking is possible through this app this app is available for both Android, iPhones and iPads. Parents can create GPS geofences around specific locations and receive real-time alerts when their kids leave and arrive at home, school or any set zone.

OurPact is a complete kid tracker and parental control solution that gives parents control over screen time and the peace of mind, knowing their children's location at any moment.

### **4. Net Nanny Parental Control Software**

Net Nanny is a popular parental control apps for android phones with flexible and comprehensive content filtering system. Net Nanny has quite a number of interesting and effective parental control features included in its interface.

With Net Nanny, parents can have a full control over their kid's online activities. It can be used to set Internet Filter to prevent children from accessing certain websites including blocking access to all pornography site and adult contents, can track your child's location, display their location history, set time allowances and schedules.

## Esafety continued:

### **5. Norton Family parental control ( Android, iPhone, iPad )**

One of the parental apps for android, Norton family premier is a free app from Symantec Security Company.

This app, from the makers of Norton Security, provides a wide range of parental control and monitoring features for parents of today's hyper-connected kids. Parents can grant or block access to all apps, browsers, games and more from the Norton Family portal when you need to enforce a break.

Norton family premier app is free and easy to use. The advantage of having the Norton family premier is that it will run on most operating systems such as iPhones, Android phones, Windows and Macs.

### **6. Kidgy - Parental control app ( Android, iPhone, iPad )**

Kidgy is a unique application that makes modern parenting easier. Not only does this application monitor your child's exposure to social media, websites, contacts and calls it also acts as a GPS system to monitor the whereabouts of your child or whether they have moved out of a given area.

Norton Family has a comprehensive web filter that limits or restricts websites based on 47 categories. The app also allows parents to set simple tasks and receive notifications once they are done with the "Kidgy Daily Schedule". With mobile phones taking over many aspects of our daily lives and with parents struggling to keep up to date with new technology Kidgy is the ideal platform to stay one step ahead.

### **7. Screen Time Parental Control ( Android, iPhone, iPad )**

ScreenTime is a parental control app for Android and iOS that lets you manage the time your kids spend on their tablets and smart phones.

Parents can encourage positive habits by setting your children tasks to complete, and reward additional screen time. Parents love this instant pause feature that will instantly pause your child's device which is perfect for getting them to the dinner table or out the door for school.

ScreenTime parental control app allows you to block certain apps at certain times of day and also restrict activity during school hours.

### **8. ESET Parental Control ( Android )**

ESET Parental Control is one of the best Android-based parental control app that allows you to monitor and regulate the activities of your kid. It is a standalone application that is integrated with all essential features in a single ESET portal from where parents can track and monitor their kid's activities from any browser. All you need to do is to download and install ESET parental control application from their website in your phone as well as in your kid's phone, create your account and start monitoring your kid's daily activities.

There are plenty of parental control apps available for you to keep an eye on your children and how they use their smartphones, tablets, laptops, and even kindle when you're not around. While Google's Family Time and Apple's Screen Time do offer basic controls, they are restricted by requiring all members of the family to be on the same operating system.

However, you can choose your choice the best parental control app for android by its features such as fast installation service, ease of use and a complete range of features that help you make the right choices.



## Attendance

Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week 97%

Please don't forget to call or email the school before 9.00am if your child is ill.

You must inform the school every day of your child's absence.

If we don't not hear from you we will have to chase you up as this scenario in schools is considered a "Child missing in education" case until we are made aware their reason for absence.

Please note that we have vigilant procedures to follow in line with our safeguarding duties to your children and Ofsted requirements.

### Attendance Matters



## ASM Christmas holiday sports club

**ASM SPORTS**

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from December 19 - 22.  
Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure environment.

- Combat Sports
- Football
- Alternative Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Team Building

**We are inclusive!**  
We value the importance of accommodating children, aged 4-12 years old, who come to us from different backgrounds. Everyone is challenged and provided with an enjoyable experience.

**Search for your venue: [asmsports.co.uk](http://asmsports.co.uk)**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD**  
Children eligible for **Free School Meals** can access up to 4 days of free places, and a nutritional daily lunch, across 15 venues.

From **£10.00** per day

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Call: 01782 366332  
Email: [info@asmsports.co.uk](mailto:info@asmsports.co.uk)

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram icons and a cartoon cat mascot wearing a Santa hat.

## Sparks

Sparks have had lots of fun playing in the snow this week!

They have also been playing phonics bingo and musical phonics, so when the music stopped they had to write down a letter. They have been building igloos out of giant marshmallows and talking about the differences between penguins and polar bears.

They have been using numicon in Maths to make the number three out of different variations using King one, Tommy Two and Thelma three!



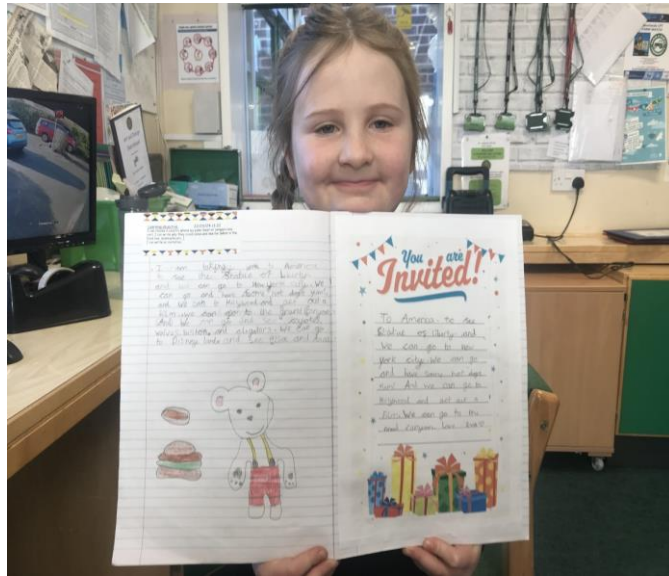
## Flickers

Carrying on from their reading of "Poles Apart" Flickers class have written an invitation to the polar bear and the penguins to visit one of the countries in the book. They researched each country and used their persuading skills to visit the country they had chosen, for example;

"Visit Italy! It has lots of pasta and ice cream!"

Eva invited the polar bears to America!

"I am taking you to America to see The Statue of Liberty. And we can go to New York City. We can go and have some hot dogs...yum! We can go to Hollywood and act out a film. We can go to The Grand Canyon and we can go and see coyotes, wolves, bison and alligators and we can go to Disneyland and see Elsa and Anna"



They have also finished off their pictures inspired by the painting "The hunters in the snow" by the artist Pieter Bruegel. We think they look fantastic!



## Flames

This week Flames became film stars by helping with the promotional video that was filmed on Wednesday afternoon.

They did an impressive job of looking super interested in Miss Torr's teaching of bones!

Thanks also to Mr Bones for his cameo role!



They have also been helping Miss Torr to build the scenery for the nativity.

Here's a sneak peek!



They have created mind maps about "The wonderful world of polar bears", where they live, what they eat and what do they look like?

