

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

Friday 13th May 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)

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

Fitness Friday!

### Weekly Diary Monday 16th May 2022 Full uniform Mrs Fernyhough - Churnet View visiting teachers year 4's KS1 SATS reading Tuesday 17th May 2022 Full uniform KS1 SATS reading Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day Welly Wednesday 9am - 12pm - Transition for new Reception children Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Full uniform Trip to The Open Centre - Derby. Please be in school by 8.50am. Friday 20th May 2022 PE kit

#### Your lunch menu for the 16th May 2022 - 20th May 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, carrots and sweetcorn	Sausage, mash, broccoli and peas	Roast gammon, mashed potatoes, roast potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Cottage pie, green beans and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Flapjack	Shortbread	Sponge	Chocolate brownie	Ice cream

#### Star Awards



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

Headteacher award	Dylan
Star of the Week Sparks	Charlie
Star of the Week Flickers	Taya
Star of the week Flames	Molly
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Jacob
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Lili
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Alice
Writing award Sparks	Olivia
Cooks award	Polly
Mrs Amos award	Rosanna

We've listened to your feedback and certificates are finally back!

#### Water bottles

During the Covid pandemic we tried to limit the amount of items brought in to school from home. This included water bottles.

However if you would now like to send your child in with a water bottle you can do so.

Please note that there is water readily available throughout the day if they don't bring one.

They each have their own labelled beaker and ice cold water from the dispenser.

#### Sunday service



# Family@Ipstones ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE 15th May 2022 11.15am St Leonards Church ALL WELCOME

A lively, fun, morning service
This month's
theme.....

"SURPRISE"

#### Gardening club

This week Eva, Rosa Bella and Molly helped Mr Brightman to plant some onions.

The peas are also shooting nicely!

Well done gardening club on your sprouting crops!



#### Well Done

A massive well done to Jack who won "Player of the year" for the under 8's at the Leek rugby club presentation on Sunday.

Corah-Rae has also earned her stage 2 swimming certificate.

Well Done Jack and Corah-Rae. We're very proud of you.



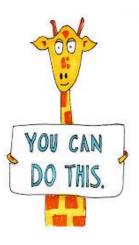


#### Year 2 SATS

Good luck to our year 2's who will be taking their SATS next week.

They have been practising very hard this week!

Please tell them not to worry. As long as they try their best we cannot ask for more.



#### Attendance Matters

#### Procedure if your child is unwell (not Covid)

If your child is not well and not able to come to school then we ask that parents telephone the school office every day before 9.00am which is when the register closes.

#### <u>Procedure for appointments during school hours</u>

If you have to take your child out of school for any reason, including a medical, dental, school visit appointment please could you inform the school office prior to the appointment along with any supporting evidence of the appointment. This is so that we can authorise the absence where we can and your child is not marked as unauthorised in our register.

#### **Punctuality**

It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption to their class.

#### St Leonard's Attendance target

Attendance Target - 97%

Whole school attendance this week - 91.2%

100%	Exceptional
98%	4 school days off each year
97%	School percentage attendance expectation
96%	Further absence needs to be avoided - 7 days off each year
95%	Requires improvement - 9 school days off each year
94%	Serious improvements are needed - 11 school days off each year
90%	Your child is classed as persistently absent. Concerns - 20 school days off each year. A fixed penalty notice may be issued if attendance percentage begins to fall.
85%	Serious concerns - 30 school days off each year.

#### Derby Faith Trail - Thursday 19th May

Thank you for all the consent forms returned so far.

If you haven't returned your consent and packed lunch requests please could you do so by Monday 16th May.

We cannot take your child off site without your permission.

Also just a reminder that the children will need to be at school by 8.50am in order to make the coach on time.

They will return for normal collection time.

If there are any delays we will of course communicate to parents and carers.

Please ensure you send your child into school with a headscarf as they will be required to cover their heads in some of the places of worship.

Thank you.



#### New Reception 2022

On Wednesday we will welcome our new Reception children in to school for a transition morning.

This will be their first visit to school with further visits on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July.

We know your children will look after them and be great role models.

So welcome to:

Sophie

Darcy

Elise

Sam

Zara

Eleanor



#### Sports afternoon

We are pleased to announce a provisional date for this year's Sports afternoon.

Weather permitting we will be holding the event on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1.30pm - 3.00pm on the school field.

Mr Walker will be hosting the event and parents and carers are welcome to spectate outside.



#### Celebration concert at Victoria Hall

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Entrust music services have invited Flames to a celebration concert at The Victoria Hall where they will be playing and singing.

Parents and family members of the young musicians can attend the concert.

The children will be transported by coach.

Tickets are £5 each and limited to one per adult initially, due to capacity in the building, and free for non performing children. These will potentially be available to buy on Parent pay (details to be confirmed).

We are awaiting more details from Music services and will pass on the information when it has been cascaded to us.



Commemorative Jubilee mug

## Calling all

# PARENTS!

To commemorate the

Queen's Platinum Jubilee,

Ipstones Parish Council would like to present a mug to **each child** who resides in the parish of Ipstones up to age 16 (at the time of the Jubilee)



Please contact:

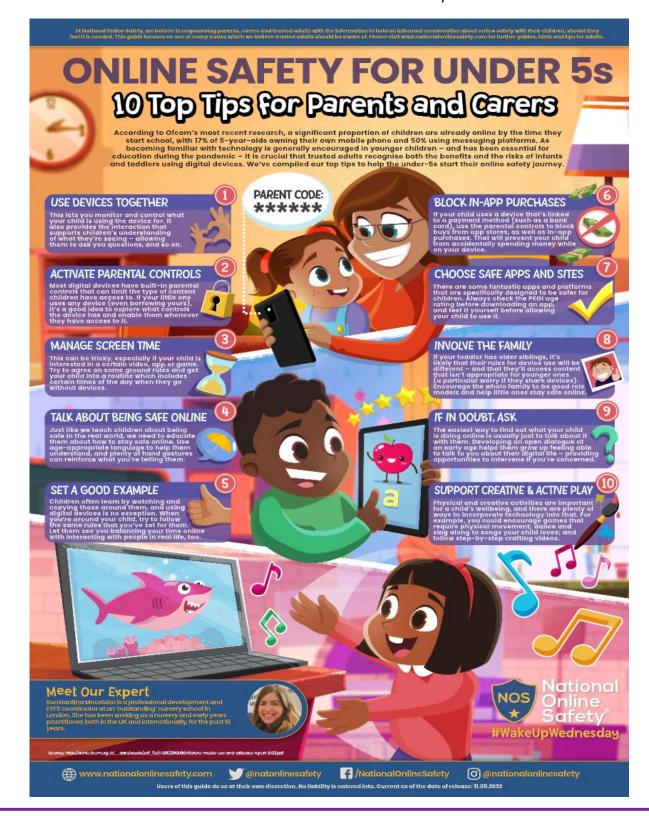
Janet 07748 018845 or Linda 07824 449178 to register your child



#### National Online Safety

Young children are becoming more comfortable with internet-enabled devices at an increasingly early age. The latest figures from Ofcom, for example, indicate that a remarkable 89% of 3 to 4-year-olds in the UK are using video-sharing platforms such as YouTube - while 50% of in that age bracket who go online already use messaging sites or apps.

While little ones' ability and confidence around technology is something to be encouraged, giving them access to internet-enabled devices of course presents its own significant worries. The online world, after all, isn't always a safe and friendly place. This guide has some suggestions for helping the under-5s to understand the basics of online safety.



#### Sparks

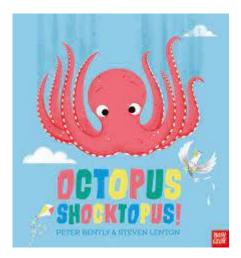
This week Sparks class have been learning all about animals that live under the sea.

They have been reading the story "Octopus Shocktopus".

"One day, a huge pink octopus appears on the roof of a young family's house, and despite the fire brigade's best efforts, it seems that it's there to stay. Yet, when the local children challenge it to a game of football, the octopus is an enthusiastic player - as well as being a brilliant slide and rollercoaster. In fact, the octopus turns out to be a huge help through the whole year - clearing snow from driveways with its giant tentacles, finding toys stuck in trees and being a frankly spectacular Christmas tree. When the octopus disappears one day everyone is very sad - until it returns with an excellent surprise for everyone!"

The children have been writing letters to the octopus asking it to come back because they missed it.

When it did return it brought with it lots of octopus friends.



They also made their own version, recycling loo roll holders, plastic bags and shredded paper and lots and lots of bright pink paint!



#### **Flickers**

This week Flickers class have been learning a lot of History.

They learned about communication through the ages including smoke signals, Morse code and flags.

They learned how to call an "SOS" and created their own Morse code message.

They have also been learning the semaphore alphabet and made their own semaphore flags





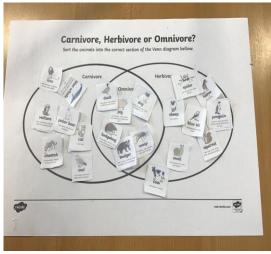


They have been practising sewing as they are making cuddly toys in class next week.



They have been super busy this week because they have also been learning about telling the time and classifying animals in to carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.





#### Flames

Flames did a Science experiment about friction.

They used toy cars and pushed them down different surfaces to see which one was the fasted and created the most and the least amount of friction. They made ramps using artificial grass, bubble wrap, cardboard and laminating pouches.

The results differed per group but the least friction was on the cardboard or laminating pouch surface.



They have also been writing Howard Carter diaries.

Howard Carter was a British archaeologist and Egyptologist who discovered the intact tomb of the 18th Dynasty Pharaoh Tutankhamun in November 1922, the best-preserved pharaonic tomb ever found in the Valley of the Kings.

They have written as if they were Howard Carter discovering Tutankhmun's tomb for the very first time.

They Described their feelings as they discovered the twelve steps that led to the door of the tomb and how he would have felt catching a glimpse of King Tut's treasures for the first time.

Flames have done some fabulous wok on Egypt this term. When finished they are going to do a presentation to the rest of the school sharing all that they have learned and showcasing their masterpieces that they have made.



#### Reading Workshop

On Thursday 9th June we are inviting you in to school to attend our reading workshop.

This will be from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

The workshop will consist of a presentation by Mrs Stanesby then you will go to your child's class and hear them read.

You will also get advice on how best to support your child reading at home.

The children will also be given a new bespoke reading diary which has been designed especially for St Leonard's.

We hope you can make it!

