

St Leonard's First School

Friday Post

18th October 2019

Our School Value: Thankfulness



All parents/carers are welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival
on **Thursday 24th October at 9:15am**
at the Village Hall.

We will be collecting food donations for Cannock and District
foodbank, please bring donations on the day.



The foodbank have stipulated the following as
items in demand: **Pasta Sauce - Tinned Meat -
Tinned Fruit - Tinned Fish - Rice Pudding/Custard.**

Afterwards please join us back at school for a dyslexia
awareness coffee morning where any
money raised will go to Katherine House
Hospice. **Donations of cakes would be
gratefully received,** please hand into the office on the morning.



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School Attendance

7/10/2019 - 11/10/2019

Class Hedgehogs

98.5%

Well Done!



Don't forget we are collecting Aldi vouchers so we can enter their Grand Draw where we might win £20,000 worth of resources!! Please hand the vouchers into the office.

Free School Meals

Did you know that for every child registered for Free School Meals we get an extra £1,320 per year in our school budget? We continue to receive this extra funding for a further 6 years, even if your child is no longer eligible! You may be entitled to Free School Meals depending upon your financial circumstances, and even if your child doesn't want to have a school meal, we would encourage you to register. Please go on-line and check. If in any doubt ask at the school office or visit: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx> It only takes a couple of minutes and the decision is instant. Please advise the office if you are eligible asap.

Reception - September 2020

Do you have a child born between 1/09/2015 to 31/08/2016? If so you will be able to apply online for a place in our Reception class from Friday 1st November 2019 until Wednesday 15th January 2020. Applications should be made directly to Staffordshire County Council admissions team. Please note children who currently attend our school nursery will still need to apply for a Reception place. Parents receive outcomes on Thursday 16th April 2020.



Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 9th December to administer flu vaccination for Reception to Year 4. Please ensure consent forms are returned asap as these will be collected shortly.



This week children took part in the Big Soup Share part of the RHS Campaign for School Gardening.

Our Eco club have had a successful year growing all sorts of vegetables. The crop this year has been a good one with lots of potatoes, carrots, green beans and a variety of squashes.

To honour all their hard work children across all classes helped to prepare the vegetables and everyone including staff got to have some soup with their lunch!

Thank you to Miss Maaskant for arranging this lovely activity.



Parent Governor

We are pleased to announce that Mr Powell became part of our school Governor team this week. We would like to thank him for his commitment to the school.

After School Clubs

A letter will be sent home on Monday for the After School Clubs which will be running for the next half term. Choir will continue for those children who already attend for the whole academic year., all other clubs will finish on Thursday 19th December.

New Vic Theatre trip

Prince & the Pauper

The visit to the theatre is only possible due to parental contributions. The Theatre require payment of their invoice in advance at half term to secure our seats. Therefore please can we request payment by Monday at the very latest using ParentPay. Unfortunately, school funds cannot subsidise the event. Thank you for your support.

Stars of the Week

Bow Ava Mason

Amelie Frankie

Well Done Everyone!



Children in Hedgehogs enjoyed their forest school session last week after listening to the story of The Very Busy Spider, children split into teams and collected as many spiders as they could find. They also helped to weave a 'spiders web' between two trees! Using clay the children made a body of a spider and found natural items to make the spiders legs.



St Leonard's School Nursery September 2020

If you wish to join our school nursery in September 2020 please ask for a booking form from the school office. Nursery places are allocated by the school and are for children born between 01/09/2016 to 31/08/2017.

Wanted

If you have any music CD's that are still in working order, we would like them for our Rainforest Room. Anything child appropriate such as children's music or relaxing classical music would be appropriate.



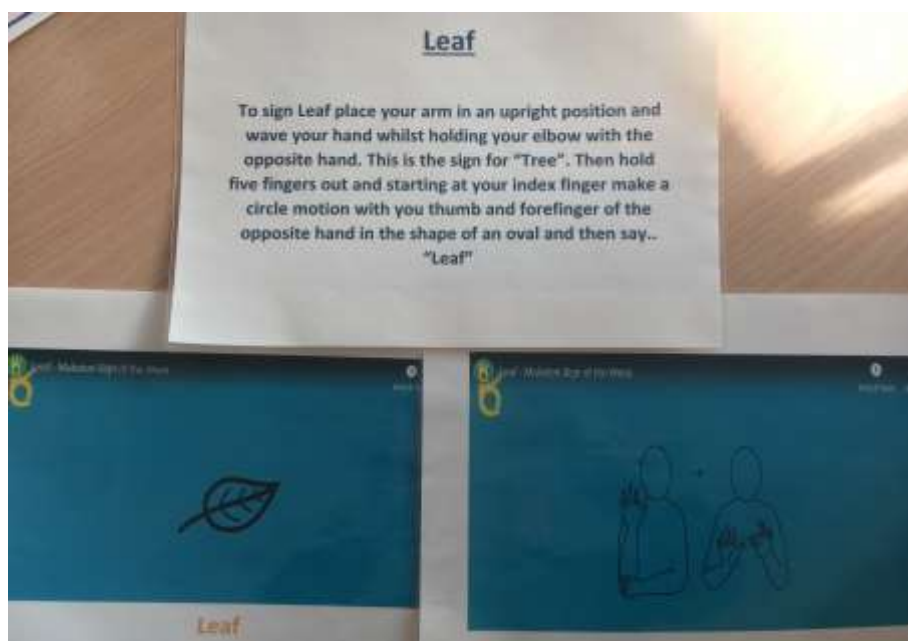
Current Outstanding ParentPay Payments



A reminder the following items are on ParentPay.

Whole School - Prince & the Pauper
Various - After School Care invoices
Nursery - Extra session invoices
Foxes - Laches Wood

Let's talk Makaton



Makaton - in school we use Makaton which is a language programme that gives everyone a helping hand to talk.



School have approached the PTFA to renew their subscription to 'Purple Mash'. This is a system that addresses all key aspects of the curriculum and engages the children's interest when they are working on the computers and Ipad. All children get a login where they can chat to their friends and send messages and work to their class teacher. Providing children have access to either a computer or Ipad at home they can also work on it there too.

So to help PTFA funds to help the school we are holding a 'wear purple' day on Friday 25th October in ex-change for a minimum donation of £1. It is non-uniform so you can **be as purple as you want to be!!**

If your child is attending the Light Party they can bring a change of clothes with them if they wish.

Hi everyone,

Its been another busy week for the PTFA we have set up a just giving page and have already had donations including one from our local councillor. Please can I ask if you can all share the link that is on our facebook page as all funds will go towards funding the library for all of the children to enjoy.

We are still planning the Christmas Fair on 1st December 2019 trying to make sure it's as successful as the summer festival, so please show your support for the event and get booking your Santa slots at stleonardssanta@mail.com, included are a photo with Santa a gift and festive crafts. We will be out and about delivering our leaflets to the surrounding areas in Penkridge, Acton Trussell and Rising Brook to name a few over the coming weeks so please get in quick so you don't miss out!!

Light Party tickets are still available £4 per child. It is hosted by Reverend Sue so will be lots of fun I'm sure, and a fabulous way to start the half term.

Don't forget we are still collecting your empty toner cartridges in reception, we have these boxes now in almost 20 local Santander branches, so far 6 branches have filled their boxes and have raised £50 for our school.

Do we have any parents that are carpenters? if so we would love to hear from you!

As always, if anyone has any fundraising ideas please get in touch, you will find one of us on the playground before and after school or alternatively email us at PTFA@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk or message us on our Facebook page St Leonards 1st school Dunston PTFA.

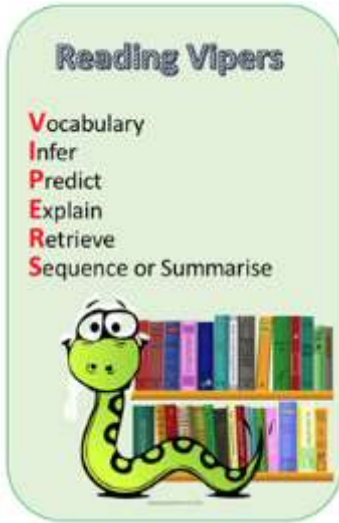
As always everyone is welcome at our meetings. We are meeting today at 3pm in the staff room and the next meeting is 22nd November at a location to be confirmed ☺

Thanks Leisha

PTFA Chair

Dear Parents,

We would like to introduce you to the Reading VIPERS, our exciting new way of supporting children with their reading comprehension skills. All children will be working on VIPERS during class reading, whether it is reading as a class, in a small group, or one-to-one with an adult. It would be fantastic if parents could also be referring to VIPERS when they listen to their child read at home.



This poster is displayed in all classrooms. Up to the end of Year 2, the 'S' stands for 'Sequence'. Once children move into Year 3, the 'S' stands for 'Summarise', which is a more demanding skill.

If we ensure that children are competent in all of these reading skills, we are covering all of the National Curriculum requirements and enabling them to be strong, confident readers. This acronym is just a great way of helping children and parents to remember what these vital skills are.

Question Openers

VIPERS can be used on any text that a child is reading, as well as on pictures, picture books and films! When any adult is listening to a child read, all they have to do is think of questions about the book/picture/film that cover all of the VIPERS, and there are great examples below of how you can create your own questions using the following question openers.

Thank you for your continued support and happy reading!

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Laing, English co-ordinator

	EYFS - Y2	Y3 - Y6
Vocabulary	<p>What does the word mean in this sentence?</p> <p>What does this word or phrase tell you about?</p>	<p>What do the words and suggest about the character, setting and mood?</p> <p>Find one word in the text which means</p>
Infer	<p>Why was? feeling?</p> <p>What do you think the author intended when they said?</p>	<p>How can you tell that?</p> <p>What impression of? do you get from</p>
Predict	<p>What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this?</p> <p>What is happening? What do you think happened before?</p>	<p>Do you think will happen? Yes, no or maybe?</p> <p>Explain your answer using evidence from the text.</p> <p>What does this paragraph suggest will happen</p>
Explain	<p>Who is your favourite character? Why?</p> <p>Is there anything you would change about this story?</p> <p>Do you like this text? What do you like about it?</p>	<p>The mood of the character changes throughout the text.</p> <p>Find and copy the phrases which show this.</p> <p>How does the author engage the reader here?</p>
Retrieve	<p>How many?</p> <p>What happened to?</p>	<p>How would you describe this story/text? What genre is it? How do you know?</p>
Sequence Summarise	<p>What happened after?</p> <p>What was the first thing that happened in the story?</p>	<p>Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?</p> <p>In what order do these chapter headings come</p>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 22nd October	Reception Heights & Weights
Thursday 24th October	Harvest Festival - at the village hall 9:15am start
Friday 25th October	Dress in Purple Day - PTFA Event
Friday 25th October - 3pm	Light Party in the village hall hosted by the church
Friday 1st November	Reception 2020 School Admissions process opens
Wednesday 13th November	Parents Evening - 3:15pm - 5:15pm
Thursday 14th November	Parents Evening 4pm - 6pm
Monday 9th December	Flu Vaccinations Reception - Year 4
Tuesday 10th December 1:30pm & 6pm	Christmas Production
Thursday 12th December	Prince & the Pauper @ New Vic Theatre - whole school
Monday 6th January 2020	Inset Day
Weds 8th – 10th January 2020	Laches Wood Residential - Class Foxes
Friday 14th February	Inset Day
Friday 8th May	Holiday - Government change to the May Bank holiday
Friday 22nd May	Inset Day
Friday 3rd July	Inset Day
Monday 20th July	Inset Day



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St. Leonard's Church, Dunston and
The PTFA of St. Leonard's First School, Dunston

CHILDREN'S LIGHT PARTY

Come and join our
CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

Disco ★ Hotdogs and Donuts ★ Games

Friday 25th October / 3pm–5pm

@Dunston Village Hall, School Ln, Dunston, ST18 9AG

"We promise a lot of laughs, noise, fun and games but most of all we promise to tell the people that attend just how amazing a friendship with Jesus is" *Shine Like Stars*

**£4 per
Child**

If you would like your child to attend, please put the correct money in a named envelope and hand to the school office

Please note: if you have already paid for either Art Club or After School Care and your child would like to attend the Light Party then no extra payment will be needed. However, please let the school office know you would like them to attend the party.

Thank you

St Leonard's C.E First School, Dunston

OPEN DAYS



Monday 4th November 2pm

Thursday 7th November 10am

WHAT WE OFFER:

SMALL YEAR GROUPS
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