

# St Leonard's First School

Friday Post

11th October 2019

## Our School Value: Thankfulness

### Current Outstanding ParentPay Payments



There is a lot going on in school at the moment! 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

### School Attendance

23/09/2019 - 27/09/2019

Class Hedgehogs

99.2%

Well done!



### Cross Country

Congratulations and well done to all our Cross Country team who represented the school so well last week. Special mention goes to Frankie and Jessica who both came first in their races - well done!



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## Children in Church

St Leonard's Church is having heating installed at the moment so Reverend Sue is visiting us at school for worship. Once the works have finished the children will be back at church every 3rd Thursday. We have our Harvest festival booked for Thursday 24th October, venue will be confirmed closer to the date.



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.



# Golden Table Award

Dallas Kingsley Esme

Jessica Amelie Jenson

Awarded by our Lunchtime Supervisors



## Stars of the Week

George H Charlie W

Amelia Harrison

Madison

Well Done Everyone!



*All parents/carers are welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival on Thursday 24th October at 9:15am venue to be confirmed. We will be collecting donations of food for Stafford Food Bank, please bring donations on the day.*

*Afterwards please join us back at school for a Dyslexia Awareness coffee morning where any money raised will go to Katherine House Hospice.*

## 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.



## Academy Photography Deadline

Please note that ALL orders for photographs taken by Academy Photography MUST be returned to school by Wednesday 16th October. No orders will be accepted after this date. Thank you.

# Let's talk Makaton



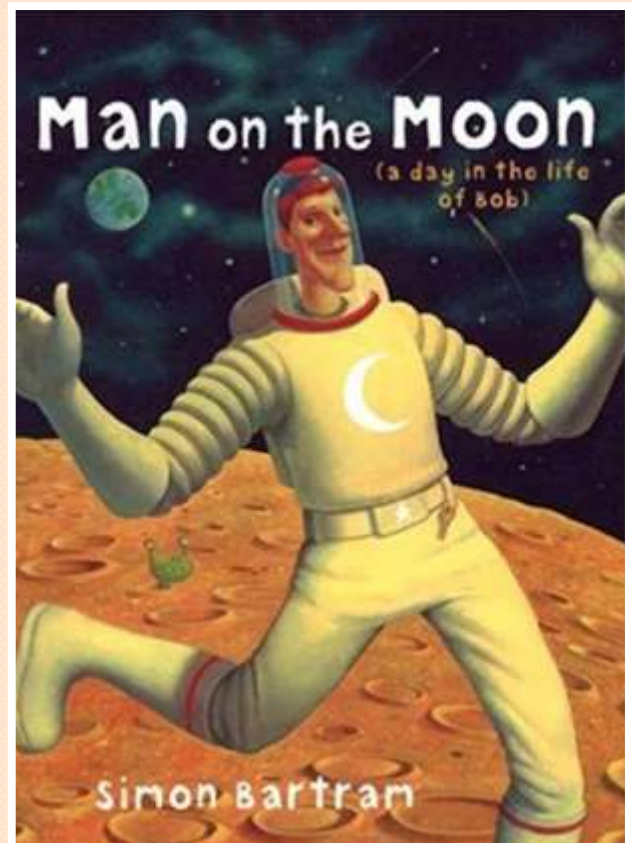
The image shows two computer monitors displaying Makaton signs for the word 'Spaceship'. The left monitor shows a drawing of a rocket ship, and the right monitor shows a hand sign. Below the monitors is a printed instruction card for the 'Spaceship' sign.

**Spaceship**

To sign Spaceship hold one hand flat, palm facing downwards.

Then with your other hand, make a fist with your index finger pointing upwards. Move your fist upwards and away from your flat hand and say "Spaceship"

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



This term class OWLS have been reading the book *The Man on the Moon (A day in the life of Bob)* By Simon Bartram. This week we have been making models of Bob's fantastic rocket and will move onto to making the aliens that Bob never seems to see! Watch this space for the children's brilliant work to be displayed on the moon!





Children's Christmas card and gifts payments can also be made online to the PTFA.

Account details :

St. Leonard's PTFA

Account number: 44247968

Sort code : 30 98 97

In order for us to identify your payment it is essential that you use your child's name as a payment reference preceded by the letters CC.

For example

CC-SMITH

Or orders can be handed in to the school office.

Many thanks,  
Nicky Walton

**Come and join us at our next PTFA meeting  
any offer of help no matter how small would  
we much appreciated  
Friday 18th October @ 3pm**



Hi All

Thank you to all who have liked our Facebook page. Please keep liking and sharing our Christmas fair and Santa experience on your own pages.

On that note please get booking your slots for our Santa experience at [stleonardssanta@mail.com](mailto:stleonardssanta@mail.com) as there are limited spaces available. Santa's sleigh is unfortunately in the workshop so his elves have been working hard to find a special replacement which we are all excited to see!!

The PTA have been very busy arranging the Christmas fair which is all set to be a fabulous day we look forward to seeing you all there on the 1st December 11-3.

Thanks to all for returning your Christmas card orders I'm sure the fantastic designs will make our family n friends smile!

Don't forget tickets are still available for the light party £4 each for food, disco and games hosted by Reverend Sue.

Thanks Leisha , Chairperson

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 15th October	The Big Soup
Wednesday 16th October	Academy Photograph order deadline
Friday 18th October - 3pm	PTFA Meeting
Tuesday 22nd October	Reception Heights & Weights
Thursday 24th October	Harvest Festival - venue to be confirmed
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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Our ECO club have been working very hard all year to grow and produce fresh fruit and vegetables. The crop has year has been a very good one with lot's of potatoes, carrots, green beans and a variety of squashes. To honour their hard work we will once again be taking part in the RHS Big Soup Campaign in school on Tuesday. Each child will get the chance to chop and prepare the veg and add to our huge soup pot! This will then be cooked and EVERY child in school will be given a bowl of tasty soup to try with their lunch!



This week children across the whole school took part in a 'Relax Kids' session. The theme of the session was 'Happiness' and the children followed Relax Kids Steps by taking part in a variety of fun activities.

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
MORNING CLUB FROM 8AM  
AFTER SCHOOL CARE UNTIL 6PM  
FOREST SCHOOL  
OFSTED GRADED 'GOOD' - June 2018

NURSERY  
30 HOURS  
AVAILABLE



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