

St Leonard's First School

Friday Post

7th October 2019

Our School Value: Thankfulness

Cookery Club

Children are really enjoying our new cookery club held on Mondays after school. So far they have made, chocolate cornflake cakes, Rocky Road, cheese and ham frittatas and fruity French toast. Wonder what will be this week?!



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“ACADEMY STATUS

Our conversion date to join SUAT has been slightly delayed and this is now scheduled to take place on 1st November. As a result could parents please note:

- (a) There will be a delay in asking you to check the contact details we hold for you due to a change in protocol which academy status will bring. Please ensure that if any contact details have changed could you let school know
- (b) If your child needs an inhaler in school would you please ensure that we have one, that it is in date and that you have signed a medical form. We are not allowed to administer medicines in school without the form being completed
- (c) If your child has developed any allergies (in addition to the details you confirmed in September 2018) then would you please let school know immediately”

Thank you for your co-operation.”

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.

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

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.

Parking

Please take care when driving/parking near to school especially where there is a blind spot. Please park in a safe place to avoid potential accidents



Wanted Home Corner & dolls items

Thank you very much to everyone who has donated items for our home corner we really appreciate them. Class Hedgehogs also require are any dolls clothing or pushchairs (ones that fold) please. All donations are gratefully received.



Reception

Children in Reception class should bring home a letter from the school nurse today. Please complete the forms and return to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Nursery September 2020

If you wish to join our school nursery in September 2019 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

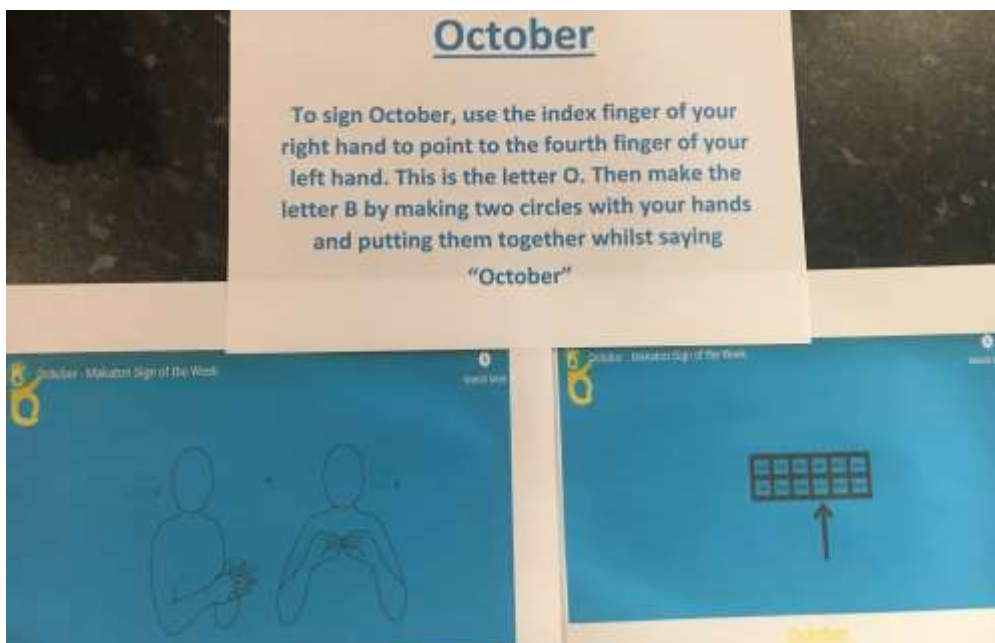
If you have any music CD's that are still in working order, we would like them for our Rainforest Room. Anything child appropriate such as children's music or relaxing classical music would be appropriate.



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



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



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

Hi All

The AGM saw a few changes to the PTA as Danni stepped down as Chair and Pam also stepped down as secretary I thank them both for their hard work and creativity this last year and look forward to working with and learning from them in the coming months. The PTA Board is now as follows Leisha Hatton Chair Clare Powell Secretary Nicky Walton has remained as Treasurer.

Exciting news is that we are now on Facebook so please follow us St Leonard's 1st school Dunston PTFA. You will find details of events we are planning and fundraising initiatives that we have running such as our empties please and now the easy fundraising app. Please follow the link on our face book page to download the easy fundraising app. By doing so and using this for your online shopping you are raising valuable funds for the school. **We have a few rules when posting on our page... No negative comments please any issues please contact admin. Please only post pictures of your own children The page is run by the PTFA of St Leonards and not the school if requiring information about the school please contact them directly**

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the light party all children welcome tickets are £4 each including food You will of received the Christmas card designs the children completed in school please get your orders in ASAP as the school will benefit from all orders received

We have lots of exciting things planned so watch this space and look out for posters appearing around the school as we have our winter Fair coming soon.

Many Thanks Leisha



Chair's report

St Leonard's First School PTFA

I would like to welcome all of you today and thank you all for giving up your time.

I will start with a big thanks to the current committee. And team whom I'm sure you will agree have made the past years events fantastic .

We started the school year off with Pam Richards at the helm. Under her we ran after school clubs, a refreshment table at the Christmas show , a Christmas raffle and name the teddy. Her mulled apple juice went down a treat at the light switch on!

The PTFA ran a Christmas craft session which was enjoyed by the children and we also helped decorate our school Christmas tree.

I took on the role from Pam after Christmas and we were able recruit some wonderful new members that allowed the PTFA to expand and improve our abilities.

Our Mother's Day shop went well.

We had a successful Easter raffle and held an egg hunt, which I'm sure will be happening next year. Following on from Easter our Father's Day craft sessions and sports day refreshment stall are regular well supported events

We finished the year off with the fantastic festival which down to the hard work of everyone was a fantastic day for the whole family.

I as a Chair, with the help of the team, we have now put in place things that hopefully will enrich the capabilities of the PTFA and the events we can run. Our insurance will allow members of the PTFA, and as parents you automatically count as a member, to help in some tasks so your time may be donated as well as your money!

A great example of this was the paint and play that happened in the summer, where along with a few staff volunteers we painted one of the mobiles.

I however will be stepping down as Chair today, but look forward to working with the new Chair to help fund and provide for our children. I will leave next year as an open canvas for our new Chair apart from the Christmas treat that has been booked for the children which the PTFA are funding, it is a story telling afternoon - more information to follow!

Please contact the Committee if you have an idea that could help us raise funds for our school.

I would like to finish off with saying a massive thank you again for everyone's support .

Danny Andrews
Retiring Chair

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 - <i>this is a provisional date more info to follow</i>
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

School Attendance

23/09/2019 - 27/09/2019

Class Hedgehogs -
99.2%

Well done!



St Leonard's is on Twitter!
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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

Small School Big Results



Is your child starting school in September 2020?

Come and see what we can offer at

St Leonard's C.E (VC) First School, Dunston

Places available in current classes

Wraparound care available from 8am - 6pm

School Open Days

Monday 4th November at 2pm

Thursday 7th November at 10am

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Please call or email us to let us know you will be visiting.