

St Leonard's First School

Friday Post

8th November 2019

Our School Value: Trust

On Thursday we were really pleased to received a cheque for £1,000.00 from Bovis Homes! The generous donation is going towards our new library fund. A huge thank you to Mr Powell and our brilliant PTA for securing this wonderful amount!



We will be supporting BBC Children In Need by asking children to come to school in sportswear on Friday 15th November. All the children will be taking part in the Big Morning Move with Joe Wicks. Don't forget to bring along any donations!



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Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking around school by avoiding parking opposite residents driveways potentially restricting access. Thank you

A reminder that due to Safeguarding procedures, parent/carers are not allowed into the cloakroom or classroom in a morning. Nursery children are to enter class via the ramp at the left hand side of the building (where you collect from at home time)

Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

School Attendance

21/10/2019 - 25/10/2019

Class Foxes

91.7%

Well Done!

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.



Our school will be taking part in the JUST ONE Tree non-uniform day on Thursday 21st November.

Just One Tree is a non-profit initiative removing CO2 from the atmosphere through global reforestation. Just One Tree supports established reforestation companies, namely the International Tree Foundation and Eden Reforestation Projects, who plant in areas severely affected by mass deforestation such as Kenya, Madagascar, Haiti & Indonesia. In doing so they have the greatest positive effect on global warming whilst simultaneously alleviating extreme poverty within impacted communities through training, education and employment.

Just One Tree makes it simple for everyone to contribute to collective action on the climate crisis because Just £1 plants 1 Tree.

We're sure you will agree that tree planting is absolutely essential at this critical time for the planet. We will therefore be joining children, parents and teachers across the country on this day to demonstrate that an individual's actions can have a positive impact on the environment.

Please bring your suggested donation of £1 to school on Thursday 21st November.

You can join the FB event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/474053213318800/> More information can be found at: <https://www.justonetree.life/>

We look forward to counting the number of trees that our school community can plant!

Yours Sincerely

Miss Maaskant

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Each child will be encouraged to bring in £1 to plant a tree, uniting children, parents, teachers and schools across the country.

JUST ONE Tree is a non-profit Community Interest Company removing CO2 from the atmosphere through global reforestation.

JUST £1 plants 1 Tree

On average a tree absorbs 48lbs of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere each year for every year of its life.

JUST ONE Tree supports reforestation projects in Madagascar, Haiti, Indonesia, Mozambique, Nepal and Kenya where the deforestation has been devastating.

And in the process provides training, education and sustainable incomes....

...alleviating extreme poverty within impacted communities.

Together let's plant a future for our children.

www.justonetree.life

Stars of the Week

Georgie James Lily

Amelie Shay

Well Done Everyone!

Children in After School Care
have been making Autumn trees



Hedgehogs Request

Can parents in Hedgehogs please send their children in to school in white polo shirts on a Monday and Friday as it is PE.

Thank you.

Class Foxes have completed their fabulous fair ground models, learning how to make electrical circuits which operates their ride.





Fun



Exploring



Outdoor Learning



Reception



Hedgehogs



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.

Due to legal delays we unfortunately could not complete the academisation on 1st November. We will keep you updated with any progress as soon as we hear.



Current Outstanding ParentPay Payments



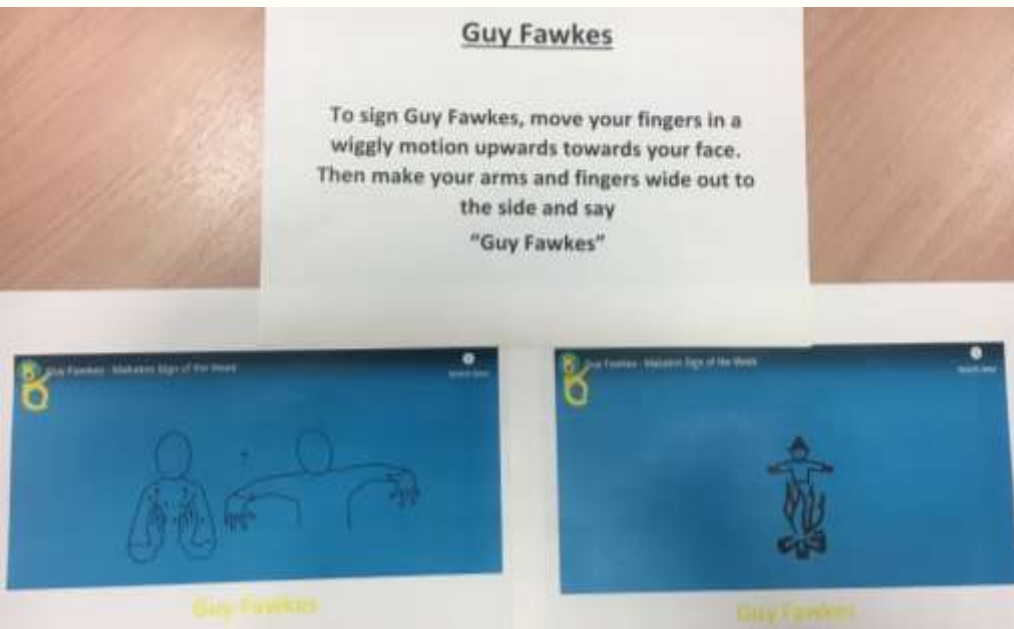
A reminder the following items are on ParentPay.

- Various - After School Care invoices
- Various - After School Clubs
- Nursery - Extra session invoices
- Foxes - Laches Wood
- Owls - Wolseley Wildlife Centre

Let's talk Makaton

Guy Fawkes

To sign Guy Fawkes, move your fingers in a wiggly motion upwards towards your face. Then make your arms and fingers wide out to the side and say "Guy Fawkes"



The image shows two Makaton cards for the word 'Guy Fawkes'. The top card is white with black text and a yellow Makaton icon. Below it are two blue cards, each with a yellow Makaton icon and a drawing of a person performing the hand sign. The left blue card shows the person with arms and fingers wide out to the side, and the right blue card shows the person with arms and fingers wide out to the side and a wiggly motion upwards towards their face.

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

23 sleeps until Santa comes to St Leonard's!

From Monday morning you will see us at the school gates ready to take your Santa bookings, we now have a card reader so there's no need for you to worry about finding cash to bring to school!!



This week we launched our pennies for wellies....

A home for our wellies we are hoping to buy, to keep them all tidy and to help them to dry.

So any odd coins you feel you can spare please get your child to drop them into our wellies, which are in each classroom, to help us get there.

The classes will be competing against each other, the class that raises the most money in their wellies will win cakes. The money raised will then be used to buy materials to make wellie racks for each class.

Thanks for your support

Leisha

Foxes - Request

In Art this half term, Class Foxes will be studying Rainforests and will be creating a 'Rainforest in a box' using natural and recyclable materials.

I would like to request if your child could bring in any of the following materials please:

- Cardboard box (e.g. a similar size to a large cereal box or shoe box).
- Cardboard tubing (e.g. the centre tubes from kitchen rolls / toilet rolls etc).
- Pieces of thin card.
- Pieces of old towelling (if possible).

Thank you for your support, it is most appreciated.

Mr. Waters

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Friday 8th November | Deadline for After School club payments |
| Wednesday 13th November | Parents Evening - 3:15pm - 5:15pm |
| Thursday 14th November | Parents Evening 4pm - 6pm |
| W/C 18th November | Christmas Production Tickets on sale 2 per child per performance |
| Thursday 21st November | Non-uniform day - Just one Tree day |
| Friday 29th November | Christmas Tree Light Switch on |
| 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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