

# Our School Value: Trust

## Just One Tree Campaign



This week the children took part in, and supported the Just One Tree Campaign, that helps to support the planting of new trees in areas across the world suffering from deforestation. As each of the children bought in their £1 they were able to place a finger print leaf onto our tree poster to represent each tree we have raised money for.

The children then got wet and muddy planting a tree sapling each

throughout the morning here on our school grounds. The children were brilliant, lot's of fun was had but most importantly the children have learnt about the importance of trees and the effect this will have on their future. A fantastic £54 pound was raised which means another 54 trees will planted globally to go alongside our 54 trees here at St Leonards!

# Stars of the Week

Myla Oliver Lolly

Charlie W Jessica

Well Done Everyone!

## 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.



Children in Foxes showed two members of our Governing Body how to make bird feeders this week.



The bird feeders will be hung from the trees around our school grounds.



Class Hedgehogs are currently looking at the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy, who makes patterns out of natural materials.

We looked at the patterns that frost makes on autumn leaves. Then we carefully collected leaves of different colours, shapes and textures.



We finished by arranging them to create a frosty leaf collage.



We have 1 school sweatshirt aged 7/8 years (which was a sample) for sale at a cost of £10.00 . If you are interested please see the school office.

## 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.

## Christmas Performance - The Landlord's Cat

Tuesday 10th December 1:30pm & 6pm



Tickets for our Christmas production 'The Landlord's Cat' will be on sale on Monday 18th November from the school office. Each child can have 2 tickets for each performance, any leftover tickets will be sold closer to the date. Tickets are £2:50 each and cash MUST be paid at the school office in exchange for the tickets.

## School Attendance

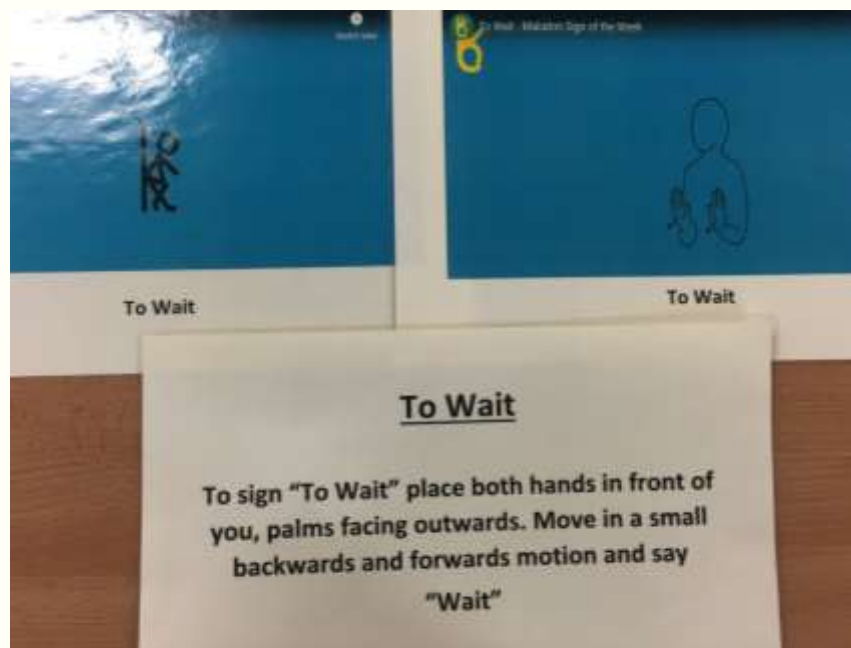
11/11/2019 - 15/11/2019

Class Foxes

86.5%

Well Done!

# Let's talk Makaton



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

# *Help the homeless*

This winter a friend of mine, myself and a few other volunteers are planning on handing out some care boxes to the homeless!

If you would like to help with this it would be hugely appreciated...

So, our idea is to fill a shoe box of things that might be useful to the homeless through the winter this could consist of the following..



- Gloves
- Hats
- hand warmer (you can find these at £1 shops)
- sanitary products
- wipes
- hair bobbles
- socks

Anything that you think would HELP!

- cuppa soups
- biscuits
- tea bags/coffee
- cereal bars

Again, anything you think that they can eat on the go and won't spoil quickly! If you would like to make it personal, why not add a Christmas card.

**Please hand to Amelia & Laila's mum or the School Office by Wednesday 11th December at the latest.**



St Leonard's has a new Facebook page!

We will be sharing information about future events and what's going on in school.

We would be appreciate it if as many of you as possible would like and share the page.

Please search for **St Leonards First School & Nursery**

Thank you for your support!



Dear All,

A huge thank you from Fr Michael at the Christian Food Bank in Stafford! He was so happy to see the Harvest gifts sent from school to distribute to needy families across Stafford. Thank you one and all for your great generosity.

It's hard to believe, but it's Advent a week on Sunday! We celebrate at Coppenhall and Hyde Lea Village Hall at 9.30am on Sunday 1st December with our All Age Café Church. This is a relaxed service for all the family with refreshments and crafts. You'd be very welcome.

Our heating is finally finished at St Leonard's and the church is toasty warm! I really look forward to welcoming you over the next few weeks. Our next Family Service is at 11am on Sunday 8th December – not the first Sunday as usual. Our Worship Band will be playing and there'll be activities for the children as well as refreshments for all.

Hope to see you there.

God bless,

Rev Sue

*Let's pray:*

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*Please help us to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.*

*Help us to spend a bit of time each day with you as we get ready to celebrate Christmas.*



Hi everyone

Only 9 sleeps left until Santa comes to St Leonard's he still has spaces available so please grab one of the PTA in the playground to book your slot or visit [stleonardssanta@mail.com](mailto:stleonardssanta@mail.com)

**If anyone has any wine they would like to donate we would be very grateful.**

We have some fantastic stalls coming to support us they will be selling books, jewellery, handmade bows and Christmas crafts to name a few. Check out our Facebook where we are releasing details daily!!

We have got the children a fantastic Christmas tree from Bishops Offley Christmas Trees who have done us a very good deed! The tree will be outside school for everyone to see. Please come along to the light switch on, Friday 29th November from 3pm tea, coffee, mince pies and hotdogs will be available to warm you up.

That's all for this week thanks for your support

Leisha



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



# *St. Leonards Christmas Fair*

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December / 11am – 3pm**

Dunston Village Hall, School Ln, Dunston, St18 9AG

**Over 15 Craft/Children's Stalls**

**Festive Food and Drink**

**Family Festive Activities**

**Personalised Santa Experience**

**(Prior Booking Required)**

**FREE**

**Entry**



**Are you looking for a nursery place for 2019 or a January 2020 start?**

**Will your child be aged 4 before September 2020?**

**We have space in our TEACHER led Nursery!**

**Please call 01785 712488 or Email [office@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk)**



## **St Leonard's C.E First School & Nursery**

- **30 hours funding available**
- **Teacher led Nursery & Reception class**
- **Forest School**
- **Sensory Dog, Minnie**
- **Small year groups**



### **CONTACT US AT**

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 29th November	Christmas Tree Light Switch on @ 3pm
Sunday 1st December	PTFA Christmas Fayre, Dunston Village Hall @ 11am - 3pm
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Play Costumes to be in school
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
Wednesday 11th December	Shoebboxes for the homeless final hand in date
Friday 13th December	Choir performing at Catch Corner
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch - <b>Pupils only</b>
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Church Service @ 9:15am - Everyone welcome
Friday 20th December	School Closes at 1:30pm - ASC available until 3pm if booked in advance
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