

St Leonard's First School

Friday Post

29th November 2019

Our School Value: Trust

Exciting news!

The conversion of the school to academy status will take place on 1st December 2019. A new website will go live next week! There will be a celebration event to mark this occasion in the new year - watch this space for more details.

Mrs T.A Parton

Christmas Light switch
on **today at 3pm**, join us
for carols around the
Christmas Tree.
Refreshments will be
available.



ASC & Nursery Invoices

Please could we ask that After School Care and Nursery invoices are not paid until after 1st December but before 6th December due to the bank account changes taking place for our change to academy status. Thank you for your co-operation.



"Minnie will be taking a small 2 week holiday with her sister from this Friday 29th but will be back for the last week of term for all the fun Christmas activities and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Don't forget, she thinks your all Woof-tastic !"



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Stars of the Week

Jenson Isla William E

Ava Lolly

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.

TIMES TABLES

ROCK STARS

Children with the fastest speed this week are

Owls - Lily - 8 seconds

Foxes - Isla - 4.69 seconds



Class Owls had a wonderful day at Wolseley Wildlife Centre last Friday, learning all about the seasons and creating lots of artwork from natural materials. We went on an autumn scavenger hunt, built cosy dens for hibernating hedgehogs, created large-scale artworks in the style of Andy Goldsworthy, did leaf rubbings, made tree guardians from clay and finished off the day with a spot of mud painting! (Miss Laing and Miss Maaskant went home just as muddy as the children!)



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

18/11/2019 - 22/11/2019

Class Owls

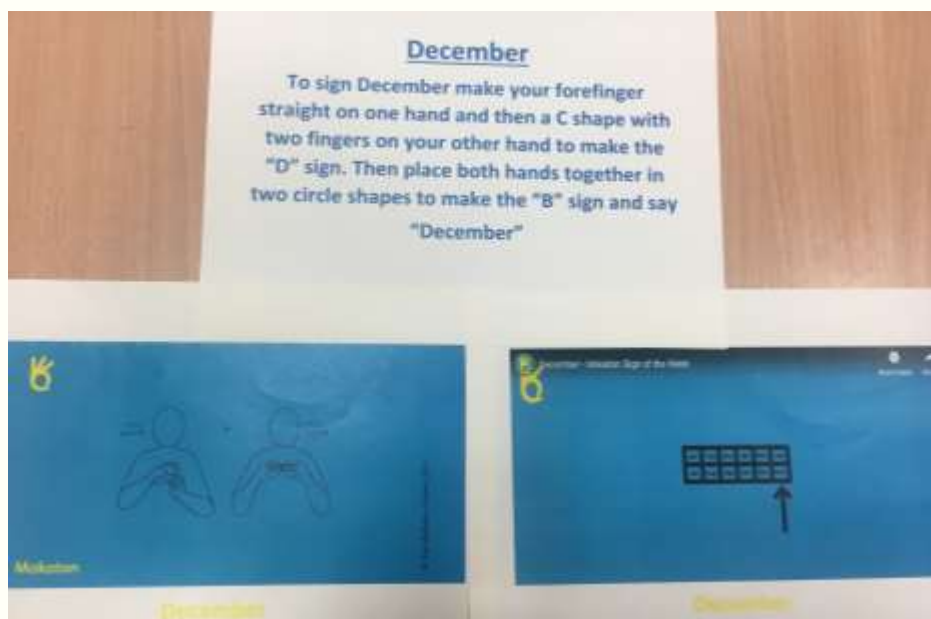
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Well Done!

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will finish on Thursday 19th December and commence the 2nd week back after Christmas W/C 13th January 2020. After School Care will be available from Tuesday 7th December.

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!



Only 2 sleeps until Santa comes to St Leonard's, he's looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Don't forget the fair starts at 11am on Sunday there will be lots of exciting stalls crafts and activities for the children, tea, coffee and cake will be served in the village hall and outside in the marquee there will be hot food also. Our fantastic choir will also be performing at 12.30.

The light switch on is at 3pm today hot drinks mince pies and hot dogs will be available for you to purchase from the school hall.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday

Leisha

School Vacancy

Due to the pending retirement of our Janitor, Mr Gale, we are recruiting for a new Janitor from January 2020.

The post is for 12 hours per week, initially on a 3 month trial period.

Application pack and Job Description are available from the school office.

Closing date for applications Friday 13th December by 12 noon.

Please see Miss Smith in the office if you require further information.

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 - Pupils only
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

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



St. Leonards Christmas Fair

Sunday 1st 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**



*CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
FROM ST. LEONARD'S, DUNSTON*



Christmas Services at Dunston 2019

Sunday 8th December at 11.00am

Advent All Age Service - with Worship Band

Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm

Six Lessons and Carols with Christingles

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

Parish Midnight Mass at Coppenhall

Christmas Day at 10.00am

Christmas All Age (Family) Service

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday 5th January at 11.00am

The first All Age (Family) Service of 2019

Celebrating Epiphany

Worship Band - Activities for the Children

**Come and join us on a Sunday morning at 11.00 am
- a warm welcome guaranteed**

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



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**



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