

# St Leonard's First School

Friday Post

6th December 2019



## Our School Value: Trust



### Penkrige Middle School



The St Leonard's Christmas Post Box is now in the school reception area for children to post their cards to their school friends.

We have been made aware of proposed changes to Penkrige Middle School Admissions criteria. Mrs Parton would like to reassure you that she has spoken to Mark Smith from Penk Valley Trust and can confirm that **St Leonard's** will remain as a feeder school to Penkrige Middle School.

### "Polite Reminder to Parents/Carers from the School Age Immunisation Team.

We shall be visiting school on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme to Reception to Year 6 children.

Thank you to those who have returned a completed consent form already, If you have not done so and would like your child protected against Flu please complete the consent form and return to school as soon as possible. If you have mislaid the form please contact the team on **0300 124 0366** to have a form emailed or complete a verbal consent form over the phone.

Thank you.

### Swimming

Children in Class Foxes will start swimming classes at Wolgarston on Friday 17th January 2020. Please make sure your child has a swimming kit in school every Friday. Thank you.



### Christmas Tree Festival at St Michael's Church, Penkrige

If you are in Penkrige this weekend pop into St Michaels Church where you will find a tree that our children have made the decorations for. We have made our decorations all from natural materials to fit with our Eco school ethos.

All materials were collected by the children and only bio-degradable glitter has been used.



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# Stars of the Week

Amelia Molly Lexie

Jayden Fearne

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.



West Midlands Police has been made aware of an App called "UNICO LIVE". The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing

etc.; it has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated.



The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being sexually exploited.

Please share at the earliest opportunity with your pupils, staff, friends and family.



Dear All,

Are you dashing round trying to get everything done for the Big Day?! Why not take an hour out this Sunday morning to remember the 'Reason for the Season?' There'll be a warm welcome awaiting you at the **Family Service at 11am this Sunday 8th December.**

Our Worship Band will be playing and there'll be activities for the children as well as refreshments for all.

This week we'll be lighting our 2nd Advent Candle – the Candle of Hope. And we could all do with a bit of that, couldn't we?

Hope to see you there.

God bless you and your family,

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.**

**Amen**



## 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

25/11/2019 - 29/11/2019

## Class Hedgehogs

92.3%

Well Done!

## After School Clubs

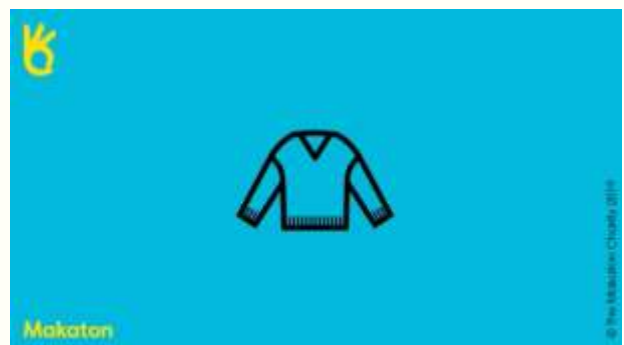
After School Clubs will finish on Thursday 19th December and commence the 2nd week back after Christmas W/C 13th January 2020. After School Care will be available from Tuesday 7th January.

# Let's talk Makaton

## Jumper

To sign Jumper place two fists in front of your chest and move them in a downwards motion towards your tummy and say

"Jumper"



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

## 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.

# *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.**





Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fair we have had lovely feedback and everyone had a great time. Most importantly we raised over £600 towards the library funding!!

Please don't forget the wellies are in the children's classrooms for any loose change you have lying around. The winning class will receive a prize!

Look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas play where we will be serving refreshments! The Christmas Elf will also be attending the play for anyone still wanting to guess his or her name!!



Many thanks, Leisha



Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Tree light switch on last week. We really appreciate your support!



*All the staff would like to say a huge thank you to all the PTFA and parent volunteers who worked so hard to produce these wonderful events.*

# DATES TO REMEMBER

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	Christmas Party 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



## 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!



*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](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**



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