

## Our School Value: Service

Dear all

The sun is shining, ready for half-term.  
Brilliant!

The Oak Team are giddy with excitement for they have won an afternoon tea with Minnie! Well done Oak Team on working hard, respecting our values, playing well and earning the most leaf tokens in school. Minnie is very excited to host such a celebration.

Please note the school events' dates for the rest of the academic year. We are hopeful that the Covid restrictions are lifted. Then, we will be able to enjoy celebrating pupils' achievements altogether and welcoming families back on site.

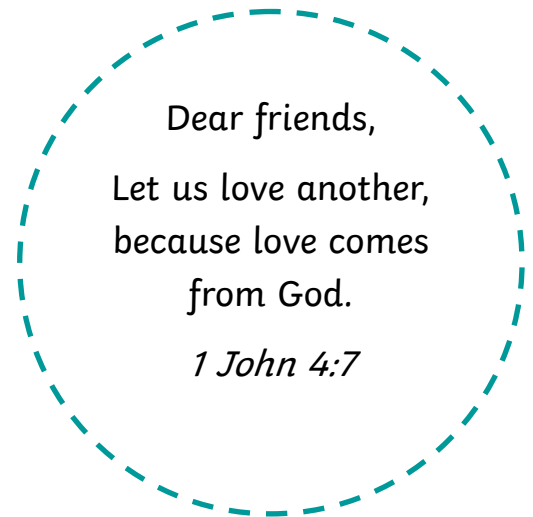
We hope you all enjoy a much deserved and most welcome Whitsun break.

Kind regards  
*Mrs T.A Parton*  
*Headteacher*



Oak - house point winners!!

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Dear friends,  
Let us love another,  
because love comes  
from God.

*1 John 4:7*

Class Owls have loved hearing about and celebrating JJ's great success on his pony, Cupcake. Together they won first and second place in two jumping

events, successfully clearing 12 fences. Well done JJ and Cupcake!



### *Inset Day*

School is closed to pupils on  
Monday 7th June.





In PSHE Owls have been learning about how we can deal with our worries. We found out about traditional Guatemalan worry dolls and decided to make our own.



Worry dolls are small, hand-made dolls that originate from Guatemala. According to legend, Guatemalan children tell their worries to the Worry Dolls, placing them under their pillow when they go to bed at night

## Reception - Forest School



After 1/2 term, Reception children will be the next year group to join Miss Maaskant on the field on a Wednesday afternoon for Forest School.

Could we ask that children in **Reception** arrive at school in the morning in old warm clothing that is long sleeved and long legged and that they have a waterproof coat & trousers and wellies, a sun hat might also be needed weather dependent! Nursery are to come to school in their PE kit.

## After School Clubs

Places for After School Clubs have now been allocated and texts have been sent out confirming places. Payments are now on ParentPay and should be made by 11th June.

Dodgeball is full with a waiting list, however we still have a few places available for:

Reading Tree - 4 places - Monday

Football - 4 places - Wednesday

Eco - 5 places - Thursday

Athletics - 1 place - Friday

If you would like a place at any of the above please contact the office.



## After School Care



## Year 4 Transition Day to Penkridge Middle School



Children in year 4 will be spending a day at Penkridge Middle School on Tuesday 6th July. Children will be collected by mini bus from St Leonard's at 9:30am - parents will need to collect their children from Penkridge Middle at 2:30pm.

*Sunday 11th July 1pm - 3pm - Summer Festival TBC.*

This will be pending should enough staff and parent volunteers offer to help run the event. Please see the office if you would like to be involved. Sadly the PTFA are unable to run the event this year, however, a PTFA festival is planned for 2022.



## *Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisor*

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to join our team.

The role is for 5 hours per week.

If you are interested please speak to Miss Smith in the school office.



## *Wanted*

Do you have any children's magazines / comics that you no longer want?

If so, Mrs Walker & Miss King would love them for the children in After School



## *Heated Debate Slaves v Pharaohs*

Class Foxes enjoyed a very heated debate about whether it was better to be a slave or a Pharaoh. After super arguments for Pharaohs from Lily and Archie and great reasons to be a slave from Shay and Lucas, the vote was cast. Surprisingly the slaves argument won!

During Class Worship we are learning:

"Shine, from the inside out"



Shine (from the inside out)  
By Nick Jackson

To listen to please follow the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2xc-w8Zcbo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Btbzli8sR1o>

## Swimming - Foxes

Swimming lessons will continue on Fridays for years 3 & 4 until 16th July.



## Lunchtime Menu ~ 8/06/2021



Can we request that NO nuts or products with nuts in are sent into school, due to allergies. Thank you for your co-operation

**WEEK 2**

	DAILY FAVOURITES...	Try something different! Trying new and different foods is a great way of getting all the nutrition your body needs	HOT SPECIALS...	SIDES...	PICK A PUDDING!	
<b>MONDAY</b>	Packed Lunch	<b>Jacket Potato</b> with a choice of fillings ✓	<b>Vegetable Supreme Pizza</b> with Dough Balls Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice ✓	<b>Sausage and Mash with Gravy</b> Fluffy mashed potato with veggie sausages and rich gravy ✓	<b>Sweetcorn and Fresh Broccoli</b>	<b>Creamy Peach Rice Pudding</b> with Fruit Slices
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Packed Lunch	<b>Jacket Potato</b> with a choice of fillings ✓	<b>Chicken Tikka Masala</b> with Rice Succulent chicken in a mild curry sauce	<b>Mac 'N' Cheese</b> Traditional Mac 'n' Cheese - delicious macaroni in a creamy cheese sauce ✓	<b>Fresh Cauliflower and Peas</b>	<b>Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Packed Lunch	<b>Jacket Potato</b> with a choice of fillings ✓	<b>Roast Gammon</b> with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Crispy roast gammon with fluffy rostities and tasty gravy	<b>Pastry Slice</b> with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Butternut squash and potatoes wrapped in flaky pastry ✓	<b>Cool water</b> <b>Salad</b> Freshly baked bread Yoghurt and milk Fresh fruit	<b>Oatie Biscuit</b> with Fruit Slices
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Packed Lunch	<b>Jacket Potato</b> with a choice of fillings ✓	<b>Cottage Pie</b> A classic British dish made with beef mince and topped with mashed potato	<b>Vegetarian Style Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta</b> Vegetarian meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta ✓	<b>Sweetcorn and Fresh Broccoli</b>	<b>Chocolate Cake</b> with Fruit Slices
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Packed Lunch	<b>Jacket Potato</b> with a choice of fillings ✓	<b>Fish Fingers</b> and Chips Lightly seasoned crispy chicken strips and scrummy chips	<b>Soft Taco and Chips</b> A soft taco shell filled with a yummy veggie tomato chilli ✓	<b>Baked Beans</b> <b>Fresh Carrots</b> and <b>Peas</b>	<b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b> with Fruit Slices

**PACKED LUNCH...**  
Ham or Cheese Sandwich or Baguette or Daily Special Wrap with Veg Sticks and Fresh Fruit or Dessert of the Day

**Look out for these symbols for our super healthy dishes:** ✓ Vegetarian  
🍏 Fruity! 🌾 Wholegrain 🐟 Oily fish

**Allergy? Speak to our kitchen for help**

# Weekly House Point Tally

Holly 24

Oak  104

Beech 88

Sycamore 71



## Stars of the Week

Freddie T

Eliana

Ruben

Preston

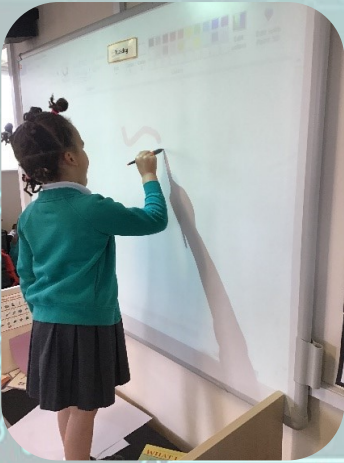
Joel

George

Well Done Everyone!

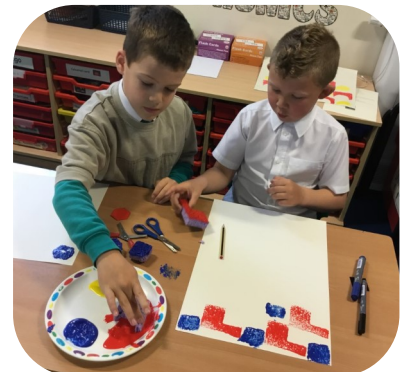
# ICT

Children in Early Years have been using the computers and interactive whiteboard to complete phonics games, writing their names and drawing pictures.



## *Repeating pattern wallpaper designs!*

Owls have been learning about printmaking in art. They made their own stamps by cutting out sponge shapes. Then they used their stamps to print repeating patterns. Some budding wallpaper designers!



# DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 7th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 8th June	Back to School - clubs restart
<b>The following diary dates are pending stage 4 restrictions lifting</b>	
Thursday 10th June	Children in Church
Thursday 24th June	Official opening of school library
Friday 2nd July	Inset Day
Tuesday 6th July	Y4 Transition Day to Penkrigde Middle
Thursday 8th July	Sports Day - 10:30am start, parents invited & can stay for a picnic lunch on the field afterwards
Thursday 8th July	Open Afternoon - parents invited to celebrate & share children's work & meet staff & members of our LAC
Sunday 11th July <b>TBC</b>	Summer Festival
Friday 16th July	Year 4 Leavers' Service - venue to be confirmed Y4 parents welcome
Monday 19th July	Year 4 Leavers' party afternoon
Tuesday 20th July	Non-uniform DISCO DAY - <b>School finishes at 1:30pm</b>
Wednesday 21st July	Inset Day
Thursday 22nd July	Summer Holidays

## School start times

8:40am - Foxes with younger siblings

8:50am - Owls with younger siblings

8:55am - Hedgehogs

*Please note that if you arrive after the gate has closed, parents will need to sign the late book & your child will be marked as late.*

## School finish times

2:50pm - Hedgehogs with older siblings

2:55pm - Owls with older siblings

3pm - Foxes

Don't forget to keep up to date by following us on ..



Our School website  
<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/>



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# THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2021



Share your ideas, celebrate  
your story and write for a  
better world

## ABOUT

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools, established in 1883. With thousands of young people taking part every year, it is an important way to recognise achievement, elevate youth voices and develop key skills through creative writing.

## THEME

### COMMUNITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH

With the global spread of COVID-19, we've seen the lives of many Commonwealth citizens affected.

However through adversity, societies came together and stories of growth, community and hope continue to emerge.

ENTER BY 30 JUNE 2021

## AWARDS

One winner and runner-up will be chosen from each category. Winners and runners-up will be brought to London for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special Awards Ceremony.

A number of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards will be given in both the Senior and Junior categories, rewarding excellence in writing. All successful entries will receive a Certificate of Participation.



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# THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

The Commonwealth is a voluntary network of 54 countries, based on a shared English language and the key values of democracy, equality, tolerance, human rights and the rule of law.

## CATEGORIES

### SENIOR CATEGORY

Born between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2007 (14-18 years of age)

1. Discuss the following: "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King
2. Keeping connected through COVID-19
3. It's been 30 years since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, what does the world look like
4. Imagine you are the Head of a Commonwealth nation heavily affected by COVID-19 and giving a national address at the end of the pandemic. What would you say to your community?

### JUNIOR CATEGORY

Born on or after 1 July 2007 (under 14 years of age)

1. The year is 2050 and you've been asked to write about the coronavirus pandemic for a museum. What story would you tell?
2. Tell a story of how you, or someone you know, helped others during the pandemic.
3. 'We will be with our friends again. We will be with our families again. We will meet again' – HM Queen Elizabeth II  
After the pandemic, you are seeing a friend for the first time. What new hobbies would you share with them?
4. What did you miss most during the pandemic?



## STARTER ACTIVITIES

### GIVE ME FIVE!

To help children plan stories and identify key plot points

1. Start with a closed hand. Pick a story the child knows well and explain it to them in 5 key points, open one finger each time you start a new point.
2. Help the child plan their story: What will happen? Who is in the story? How will it end?
3. Ask them to share their own story outline using the same method you did. Each time they start a new point, raise a finger.
4. Encourage them to use words like 'First..', 'Then..' and 'Finally...' to create a clear structure.

### SPARK A STORY

To encourage imagination and consider different perspectives

1. Ask the child to think about how their friends and family have been living through the pandemic.
2. Ask the child to imagine what they would do with their family and friends once the pandemic ends. Where would they go?
3. Consider what life might be like in the future. What stories should be told in the future about life right now?
4. Write a story, poem or essay based on these observations.

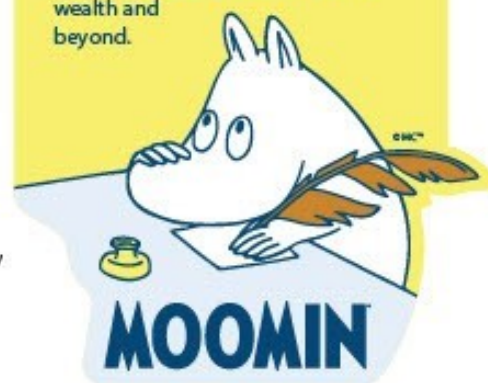
## GUIDELINES

- Nationals and residents of all Commonwealth countries and territories aged 18 and under are eligible to enter the competition, including entrants from Zimbabwe.
- All entries must be written in English
- Entries are accepted from residents of non-Commonwealth countries who submit through their local RCS branch.
- Entrants can be presented in any form/ method of creative writing. Pictures/ Illustrations are particularly encouraged in the Junior Category.
- Full terms and conditions are available at <https://www.royalcommonwealthsociety.org/enterthecompetition>.

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The Moomins, created by Finnish artist Tove Jansson, are a family of friendly, brave trolls who live an adventurous life in the idyllic and peaceful Moominvalley in harmony with nature. The original Moomin books have been translated into more than 50 languages and are much loved across the Commonwealth and beyond.



ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

FREE COURSE

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# Managing Challenging Mealtimes

## A new 5-week course for families with fussy eaters

Feeding your toddler or young child can be fun and full of adventure, but it can also be a challenging, difficult time with frustration, bribery, begging and even anger with tantrums, refusal to eat or eating only 1 or 2 foods. But! It doesn't have to be this way. We're here to help. This free, 5-week online course will help you find ways to overcome the battles and result in happy, easy and joyful mealtimes.

Run by an experienced and qualified nutritionist, this course covers:

- Tried, tested and evidence-based techniques to support your child to eat well
- How your own behaviour may be impacting on mealtimes and what you can do to make them better
- Real life examples of challenging behaviours and how to deal with them
- How to create a calm, enjoyable mealtime experience
- An introduction to toddler nutrition and how to ensure balance and variety in your child's diet
- How to know if your toddler is eating enough

## Dates and times 2021:

### May Course:

Monday 10th, Friday 14th, Monday 17th, Friday 21st and Monday 24th May, 1pm – 2.30pm

### June Course:

Monday 14th, Friday 16th, Monday 21st, Friday 23rd and Monday 28th June, 10am – 11.30am

### July Course:

Monday 5th, Thursday 8th, Monday 12th, Thursday 15th, Monday 19th July, 1pm – 2.30pm

This course is designed for parents and carers of toddlers & young children aged 1 – 5 who are struggling with fussy or picky eaters and/or with challenging behaviour at mealtimes. Best of all, we want to support your child to grow up into an adult who likes to eat, listens to their body, and uses food for the right reasons.

## To book your place...

Click the buttons below to register your interest or contact Andrea on 020 8269 4885/07708 476 727 or email [andreag@gcda.org.uk](mailto:andreag@gcda.org.uk)

MAY

JUNE

JULY

This course is taught online via Zoom and will include sessions with experts in their fields and question and answer session each week. Zoom is free to download on a computer, phone or tablet. Either visit your app store or go to [www.zoom.us/download](http://www.zoom.us/download)



## **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE**

### **FREE ONLINE BEHAVIOUR & WELLBEING WORKSHOPS/PROGRAMMES**

#### **Programmes for Parents**

**4- week Programme Understanding and Managing**

**Defiant Behaviours and Anger in Children and Young people**

**Start Date: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June: 1.30-2.30pm**

**4 - week Programme: Helping Parents to Build Self Esteem and**

**Improve Emotional Wellbeing**

**Start Date: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: 1.30-2.30pm**

#### **Workshops for Parents**

**Setting Positive Boundaries with Children and Young People**

**Date: Monday 21st June: 1.30-2.30pm**

**Understanding and Managing Difficult Emotions in**

**Children and Young People**

**Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July: 1.30-2.30pm**

To book your place please email your **name, date of programme and phone number** to [raminderdhalwal.fss@sctsp.org.uk](mailto:raminderdhalwal.fss@sctsp.org.uk) or

text/phone with your **name, date of programme and email address** to [07741645691](tel:07741645691)

Once you have booked onto you will be sent instructions on how to access the

Workshop/Programme.

