



Friday Post

Friday 9th September 2022

Our School Value: Thankfulness

Welcome
BACK TO SCHOOL

What a wonderful start to term! This week has been full of smiles, learning and excitement. It has been a pleasure to welcome you to school in a morning and I am very excited for the year ahead.

We have enjoyed singing our school song in Collective Worship this week - This Little Light of Mine. We have also explored the Christian Value of Love and what it is we love about our school. I have encouraged the children to tell you what they have loved about each day when they get home, so do be sure to ask them!

We have also revamped our Leaf Teams and now have three teams which better suits the numbers in school; Oak, Holly and Sycamore. Your child's teacher will tell them which team they are in and we look forward to announcing our new team captains soon.

Our Hedgehogs class have been brilliant this week, many of them completing their first full school week! For clarification, myself and Mrs Goddard will be teaching in Hedgehogs alongside Miss King who will be with the children full time. Mrs Briganti who is a qualified nursery nurse will also be helping out in class. We are both experienced teachers and will work closely together to ensure the children get the best possible start to the school year. We will be recruiting for a full-time teacher moving forward and will keep you posted.

We are also excited to welcome Mrs Trumble to Owls class where she will be working alongside Miss Laing. Progressive Sports will be providing PE and Multi/foot this year. Finally I will be taking on the role of SENCo and I am looking forward to getting to know all of our children over the coming weeks.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Many thanks
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Illness / Absence

If your child is unwell please notify the school office before 9am. A message can be left on the answer machine if the telephone isn't answered. It is part of our Safeguarding procedures to contact you if your child isn't in school by 9:15am and we haven't heard from you. If your child has a medical appointment during the day please bring your appointment card to the school office so we can mark the absence as 'authorised'

Lost Property



Please may we remind you to name **EVERY** piece of school clothing, drinks bottles and lunch boxes. A permanent marker on a washing label works just as well as sew in or iron on tags. If your child has lost any uniform please take a look in our Lost Property box which can be found by the School Reception entrance.

Drinks Bottles

Please make sure your child has a drinks bottle at school every day. It is important that they are clearly marked with the child's name and that they can easily identify them so that they don't drink from the wrong bottle. As part of the schools healthy eating policy, bottles should only contain water.



Medication

Don't forget if you took your child's medication home before lockdown you will need to return it to school. A form will need to be completed and medication should be handed over to the office staff. Please do NOT leave any medication in a child's bag. Thank you for your co-operation.

Contact Details

Don't forget if you have moved, changed your mobile phone number or email address over the summer to let the office know. It is important we can get in touch with you should your child become unwell.

Call us on 01785 712488 with any changes or email: office@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk



Class Owls

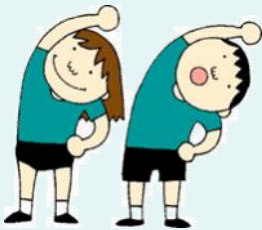


Class Foxes





Class Hedgehogs



PE Days

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on the relevant days.

Hedgehogs - Fridays

Owls - Thursdays

Foxes - Thursday & Friday



PE Kit

School PE T-Shirt

Black Shorts or Black Jogging Bottoms

School PE hoodie / Jumper

Black pumps / trainers

Earrings must be removed for PE





Class Hedgehogs

Children in Nursery and Reception have had a fantastic start to the new year. Settling in and beginning to form friendships.



Stars of the Week

Harrison



Orla

Lucas

Lola

Oliva

Freddie

This week during worship we are
learning:

'Thankful'

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=XTHDKxOL9cg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTHDKxOL9cg)

Please follow the link above to hear the music



Class Owls are learning about plants and trees this half term. We have been on a plant hunt around the school grounds and have identified lots of different plants and trees.



Hedgehogs & Owls
have been
harvesting our
apples and trying
them at snack time!



Lunchtime Menu ~ 10/09/2022



WEEK 1 MENU W/C: 09/05 30/05 20/06 11/07 **Chartwells**
So much more than fantastic food

	HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	SIDES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDD!	
MONDAY	Veggie Burrito ♻️ A soft wrap filled with lightly spiced veggies and rice	Macaroni Cheese ♻️ Traditional Mac 'N' Cheese, delicious macaroni in a creamy cheese sauce	Tomato Pasta ♻️ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ♻️ A choice of hot and cold fillings	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices ♻️
TUESDAY	Allegra's BBQ Chicken Burger, Corn and Pineapple Relish with Potato Wedges BBQ chicken breast burger with zingy corn relish	Allegra's Broccoli And Cauliflower Cheese Pie with Mashed Potato ♻️ Cheesy broccoli and cauliflower with a shortcrust topping	Tomato Pasta ♻️ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Peas and Broccoli	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ♻️ A choice of hot and cold fillings or salmon mayonnaise ♻️	Secret Brownie with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices ♻️
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Succulent roast chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy ♻️ Delicious Quorn roast with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Tomato Pasta ♻️ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Carrots and Cabbage	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ♻️ A choice of hot and cold fillings	Shortbread Biscuit with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices ♻️
THURSDAY	Beef Bolognese ♻️ A classic Italian beef bolognese in a yummy tomato sauce	Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges ♻️ A delicious Quorn hot dog	Tomato Pasta ♻️ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ♻️ A choice of hot and cold fillings	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard ♻️
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips	Quorn Nuggets and Chips ♻️ Crispy Quorn nuggets with their favourite sauce - ketchup	Tomato Pasta ♻️ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Baked Beans, Carrots and Peas	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ♻️ A choice of hot and cold fillings	Lemon Slice with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices ♻️

PACKED LUNCH - AVAILABLE DAILY
HAM AND CHEESE OR DAILY SPECIAL WITH VEG STICKS AND FRESH FRUIT OR BEAR YOYO OR DESSERT OF THE DAY

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT & FRESH FRUIT

♻️ Vegetarian 🐟 Oily fish 🌾 Wholegrain
🍓 Fruity! ❤️ Nutritionist's Choice



No nuts please

Please note due to children in school with allergies please do not send any products containing nuts into school for break or lunch times. Thank you for your co-operation.

Prayer FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;

Give wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 10th October	Dress in yellow for Hello Yellow Day
Tuesday 18th October	Parents Evening - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 18th October	Parents Evening - <i>more info to follow</i>
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Inset Day - school closed to children
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January	Christmas holidays
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Inset Day - school closed to children
Friday 17th February	Inset Day - school closed to children
Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February	Half Term
Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April	Easter Holidays

Today we took a moment to remember the life of Queen Elizabeth during our whole school worship. On Monday we will look at her life as we begin to focus on our school value of thankfulness; being thankful for all she has done for our country. Once arrangements have been announced for her funeral, we will work together as a school to mark this.



Speaking to children about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II has died aged 96 after 70 years of Service. The Queen spoke on many occasions about her relationship with God and her faith. We can be sad and mourn that she has died but also celebrate her life and know that she will be free from pain and suffering in heaven.

Here are some suggestions for how we can share this historic moment with children.



Unpacking Emotions

We can feel many different emotions when somebody dies. There is no right or wrong way to feel. Invite children to share how they are feeling, do not be afraid to share your own feelings as well. Sometimes it is easier to describe how an emotion makes our body feel than find the right word for it. A child may not show the same emotional response as an adult, and it is alright if your child does not respond in the way you expect, there may also be a delayed response as children pick up on and mirror the emotions shared by adults around them.

You might want to explain that the country and world will spend time mourning together, this is because many people will feel sad and want to show respect for who the Queen was. We can be empathetic; thinking about how the family and close friends of the Queen must be feeling at this sad time.

How we can pray...

Pray for the royal family as they experience many different emotions during this difficult time.

Pray for parents within the royal family who are having their own conversations with children.

Remembering Service

We can remember the many wonderful ways in which the Queen served our nation and countries around the world. The Queen was also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Chief of the Armed Forces and Head of State.

How we can pray...

We can pray and thank God for the many ways that Elizabeth served our country and the world.

We can pray for the new King as he takes on these roles.

You might like to write a thank you letter together to the Queen for all her service.

Celebrating Salvation

We can thank God for the relationship that the Queen had with Him. We can also remember God's promise that those who know Him will be with Him in heaven, a place with no pain, sadness or suffering.

You might like to listen to some worship songs which speak about heaven and God's promises as you reflect on this future hope.

How we can pray...

We can thank God that Queen Elizabeth is no longer in any pain, echoing the words of Justin Welby who prayed "May Her Late Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory."

We can pray for the new King that he would be comforted by his own relationship with God.

Why does God let people die?

God's plan for this world was one with no pain, suffering or death where humans lived in perfect relationship with God. The world we live in isn't like that, it is fallen, sin has come into our lives and separated us from that perfect relationship with God. The world we live in has pain and suffering, sadness and death.

So God made a new plan, it was a plan that involved His own son dying so that one day we could all live with Him in heaven, in new bodies that never got sick, live lives full of joy and happiness every day.

Even though it is hard to be separated from people, we know that one day we can all be together again. Death is not the end but the next part of a journey with God. For those who know and love God there is the chance to live in Heaven with God forever.

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Speech and Language Taster Workshops

The workshop will be aimed particularly at children in the early years but will be relevant for parents of children with speech and language difficulties.

The session will cover:

- why communication is important
- the elements that make up communication
- jargon buster
- general strategies to support communication at home
- tips to share with nursery or school
- activities and resources to take away

By the end of the course parents should have an understanding of the key elements that make up communication, will have tools to identify areas to support their child and strategies and activities to try at home.

The workshops will be delivered **online via Microsoft Teams**

The sessions will be held on:

27 th September 2022	10am – 11.30am
27 th September 2022	12.30pm – 2.30pm
4 th October 2022	6.30pm – 8.00pm

Places are strictly limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis, please indicate the session you would like to attend.

If you would like to request a booking form, please email;

sun@staffordshire.gov.uk

When we have received your completed form, we can then confirm if you have been allocated a place



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Exploring Anxiety and Low Mood in Children and Young People

A parent workshop designed for families supporting children and young people with SEND.

This workshop will focus on low-moderate level anxiety and low mood in young people. We will look at:

- Understanding anxiety and low mood
- Exploring anxiety and low mood with your child/young person
- Practical strategies for supporting anxiety and low mood alongside SEND
- Further support and resources available

There are two dates to choose from

Wednesday 28 th September 2022	9.30am - 2.30pm	Branston Golf & Country Club, Burton on Trent
Monday 3 rd October 2022	9.30am – 2.30pm	Families First, Faraday Road

A **FREE** lunch will also be provided. If you would like to attend, please email to request a booking form:

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Movement Wise Workshop for Parents & Carers

Aims-

- Help parents/carers understand movement difficulties
- Help parents/carers manage impact of movement difficulties at home / school
- Share ideas resources and sources of help
- Learn from each other
- Signpost to other useful sources of information

Originally designed as a face to face 1 day session the training has been condensed for online and **participants will need to be able to access Microsoft Teams** to join the session

The session will cover:

- General Approaches to support the teaching and learning of functional/everyday life skills
- Specific ideas and strategies for the teaching and learning of functional/everyday life skills like getting dressed, using cutlery, using the toilet, using school related tools like pencils and scissors

There are 2 sessions to choose from

Wednesday 12 th October 2022	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 19 th October 2022	10.30am – 12.30pm

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