



Friday Post

Friday 21st October 2022

Our School Value: Thankfulness

Dear Families,

Where have the last seven weeks gone?! It has been a pleasure and privilege to become part of the St Leonard's family this half-term, I know Mrs Martin would echo that sentiment too.

Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning for our harvest celebrations! Your generous donations have been sent to Rising Brook Community Church's foodbank where they will be shared with families in the local community over the coming weeks.

Thank you also to those who were able to join us for parents' evening this week - the teachers loved sharing stories of your children's progress. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment.



We have much to look forward to after the half-term holiday. We are pleased to announce that we have recruited Mr Atkins as our full-time Hedgehogs teacher from January. He will be in school part time after half-term so do look out for him and extend a welcome to him.

We will also be starting up Forest School lessons after half-term as well - these are in partnership with the Wildlife Trust. Please see the details in the post for your child's session.

Monday 7th November sees our first disco of the school year! Please ensure your child's slip has been returned to the box in the office. We have no doubt it will be a great evening!

Have a wonderful half-term break whatever you get up to, we will look forward to welcoming you back into school on Tuesday 1st November.

Miss Phillips

Thank you Lord, thank you,
for the wonder of life
as you made it.
Thank you Lord, thank you,
for the beauty of love
as you show it.
Thank you Lord, thank you,
for the glory of presence
as you reveal it.
Thank you Lord,
for all that is,
for all that was,
for all that will be
of your creating.
Christine Sine
<http://godspacelight.com>



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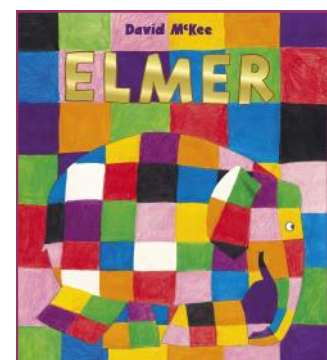
We were visited by Alison from the Youth Net on Wednesday and Owls enjoyed a super Harvest workshop. They learnt about the different people we need to thank for our food. They drew their favourite foods on paper plates and said thank you. They also learnt the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 with five loaves and two fish.



In RE Hedgehogs have been sharing the bible story of 'The Creation' we have been sequencing the first seven days of Gods work.



After listening to the story Elmer, children in Hedgehogs made their own Elmer masks, they decorated them in their own patterns and carefully cut them out. We then went on an elephant walk, plodding along just like an elephant swinging our trunks!!





We are pleased to announce that we will be working with the Wildlife Trust to run weekly forest school sessions after half-term. These sessions will allow pupils to explore our wonderful forest school setting and develop their love of the outdoor environment. Each session will have a link to one of our school's values which means next half-term the focus will be on trust. We can't wait to get started!

Please see the timetable below. On your child's day, please send them to school dressed in old clothing they do not mind getting dirty. Please also ensure they have wellies to change into if they are not kept at school. Layers and waterproofs are advised because of the winter weather.

Forest schools timetable

01.11.22	Foxes Y4
08.11.22	Foxes Y3
15.11.22	Owls Y2
22.11.22	Owls Y1
29.11.22	Hedgehogs Reception
13.12.22	Hedgehogs Nursery



We will be supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal after 1/2 term with items available for sale on the gate at home time.



We look forward to seeing all the children at the school disco, on **Monday 7th November** please return all consent forms

and fee to the PTA Box in the office or a member of the PTA as soon as you can so we can make the necessary arrangements for catering.



Its time to get your thinking caps on again as we will be running our Eco Christmas decoration competition again this year. Children are invited to make an eco friendly Christmas Tree Decoration to be placed on the school Christmas tree. There will be a prize for the best in each Year group. The School Christmas Tree is kindly being donated to school again this year by Mr & Mrs Williams so lets make it the best decorated tree in Dunston! All entries will need to be in school by 01/12 and the entry fee is £2.

Plans are still ongoing for the Christmas Tree light switch on which will take place on Friday 2nd December so please save this date in your diaries.

As part of their Art topic Foxes have been sewing pieces of fruit - all made with loving care!!!



Weekly House Point Tally



Holly

150

Oak

121

Sycamore

101

Each week the team with the most tokens gains 3 leaves on their tree, 2nd gets 2 leaves and 3rd gets 1 leaf. At the end of the term the team with the most leaves will earn a reward.



In Science Class Owls have been learning about plants and trees. This week they went on a tree hunt around the school grounds. They learned the names of some of the trees, collected leaves, looked carefully at the shape of leaves from different trees and sorted them.



Lunchtime Menu ~ 31/10/2022



WEEK 1 MENU		W/C: 31/10 21/11 12/12 02/01 23/01 13/02 06/03 27/03		Chartwells So much more than just a food			
HOT SPECIALS...		DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDI		
AUTUMN/WINTER 2022	MONDAY	Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Slices
	TUESDAY	Chicken Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard and Fruit Slices
	WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegan Sausage Casserole Served with Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Oat Cookie served with Fruit Slices
	THURSDAY	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholesome Pasta and Two Vegetables	Chinese Vegetable Rice Served with Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Apple Crumble served with Custard
	FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Ice Creams Milkshake with Shortbread and Fruit Slices

PACKED LUNCH - AVAILABLE DAILY
HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL, VEGETABLES, FRESH FRUIT AND DESSERT OF THE DAY

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

ALL MAIN MEALS SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES

🌿 Vegetarian
🐟 Oily Fish
🌾 Wholegrain
🍌 Fruity!
👩 Nutritionist's Choice
🍴 Halal Available



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.

Golden Table Award

Elliott

Edie

Amber

Myla

Freddie T

Ted

Awarded by our lunchtime supervisors

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Inset Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 1st November	Reception 2023 applications open
Thursday 3rd November	School Nurses - Flu Vaccinations Rec - Y4
Monday 7th November	School Disco 3pm - 4pm
Thursday 10th November	Reception & Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop
Monday 14th November	Reception School Nurses - heights & weights
Wednesday 14th December - morning	Whole School Nativity - <i>more info to follow</i>
Thursday 15th December - afternoon	Whole School Nativity - <i>more info to follow</i>
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

This week during worship we are learning:

'My Lighthouse'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

Please follow the link above to hear the music





HARVEST FESTIVAL



Flu Immunisations Reception - Y4 Thursday 3rd November

A reminder to complete your Electronic Consent form. The School Age Immunisation Team has moved to a paperless vaccination programme and the use of e-Consent is quick and easy to use. To complete the on-line consent form, please using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> Choose the following from the dropdown list:

St Leonard's CofE (C) First School (Dunston) – 03 Nov 2022 - Flu

Your school code is: SS124248-22

Please make sure that you complete and submit your child's consent form before 27/10/2022

Reception 2023



Do you have a child born between 1/09/2018 to 31/08/2019? If so you will be able to apply online for a place in our Reception class from Friday 1st November 2021 the closing date is 15th January 2023. Applications should be made directly at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

Please note that an application must be made for EVERY child regardless of whether or not they are already in our Nursery class.

Phonics
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To parents of Reception and Year 1 children

You are invited to a Phonics and Early Reading workshop at school on Thursday 10th November at 3.15pm

This will be an extremely valuable opportunity for you to find out more about early reading, what we teach in phonics and the strategies we use to teach it. The information will help you to further support your child at home when reading together. You will also be able to find out more about the national phonics screening check which all Year 1 children take in June each year. If you would like to book your child a place in The Ark, at a cost of £3.80 to enable you to attend the meeting, please contact the school office.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss S. Laing



Autumn Leaves



We had great fun playing with the leaves at playtime but a big thank you to children in last night's Ark for clearing some away!

FREE BASIC PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID

YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH:



Choking



Breathing



Burns



CPR



Emergency first aid

Ever wanted to know what to do in an emergency if your baby or child starts choking, stops breathing or burns themselves?

Come along to one of our sessions where we will cover burns, scalds, choking, CPR and other emergency situations.

Course Location:

Landywood Children's Centre
Holly Lane Great Wyrley WS6 6AQ

Dates:

Wednesday

QDXCEIPFAGW	9/11/2022
QDXCEIPFAGW-2	07/12/2022
QDXCEIPFAGW-3	25/01/2023
QDXCEIPFAGW-4	01/03/2023
QDXCEIPFAGW-5	10/05/2023
QDXCEIPFAGW-6	21/06/2023

Time:

10:00-12:00

For more information contact Staff to book on ☎ 01922 415632* Enquiries Jennifer.simkins@staffordshire.gov.uk

or Joy Peace ☎ 01543 301198 * joy.peace@southstaffs.ac.uk

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN

WALK-IN CENTRES



Where	When	Time	Age
Tunstall Vaccination Centre, ST6 4JU	Saturday 22nd October 2022	0900 – 1600 hrs	5 to 17 year olds
Tunstall Vaccination Centre, ST6 4JU	Monday 24 th October 2022	0900 – 1600 hrs	5 to 17 year olds
Holy Trinity Church, Meir, ST3 5PY	Wednesday 26 th October 2022	1000 – 1445 hrs	5 to 17 year olds
Tamworth Rugby Club, B79 8ED	Thursday 27 th October 2022	1000 – 1445 hrs	5 to 17 year olds
Cheadle Hospital, ST10 1NS	Friday 28 th October 2022	1000 – 1445 hrs	5 to 17 year olds
Tunstall Vaccination Centre, ST6 4JU	Sunday 30 th October 2022	0900 – 1600 hrs	5 to 17 year olds

The CYP Covid Vaccination Team are carrying out walk in clinics to include 1st dose, 2nd dose and autumn boosters to those children between the ages of 5 and 11 if eligible. If you child is aged between 12 and 17 we are able to administer 1st and 2nd doses and autumn boosters to those children that are eligible for a booster.

Your child is eligible if:

- They are aged between 5 years and 17 years (had to be 5 years old on or before 31st August 2022)
- Have not received a Covid vaccination before
- If had a 1st dose needs to be 12 weeks before 2nd dose (8 weeks if Clinically vulnerable)
- They live with someone who is immunosuppressed
- Had 2nd vaccine 12 weeks prior and now require an Autumn booster – only clinically vulnerable or living with someone immunosuppressed or someone age 16 or 17 years who are carers.
- Have not had Covid 19 infection within last 12 weeks (28 days if clinically vulnerable)

Consent needs to be given by a parent or guardian with parental responsibility or delegated authority

If you require any help or support please email:
12-15covidimms@mpft.nhs.uk

Do you have a child who is neurodiverse or has traits of neurodiversity?



Parent & Carer Support Group

- AUTISM
- ADHD
- TICS
- TOURETTES
- FOETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME
- DYSPRAXIA
- INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY



Join us at our brand new support group in Armitage every 3rd Friday of the month from 10am –12pm



For more information contact
Tel: 01782 977877
Or email:
staffordshireewb@actionforchildren.org.uk

Staffordshire Emotional Wellbeing Service

Wellbeing Day

October Half-Term

- ⇒ Practical tips and advice
- ⇒ Fun activities for all ages
- ⇒ Freebies
- ⇒ Safe environment
- ⇒ Free refreshments
- ⇒ Workshops for parents/carers

Feeling low?
Worried & Anxious?
Low Self Esteem?
Feeling Angry?

Bring your children and young people along to learn about their big feelings and emotions in a fun & interactive way!!

See you there!!

5 years to 18 years
Wednesday 26th October
10am—3pm
Brampton Park, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1JH

Children to be accompanied by parent or carer

WOODLAND WANDERERS - AUTUMN INTO WINTER

5 week course starting Thursday 3rd November. For parents and carers with children aged 5-11

Support your child's development in the core subjects and beyond, through fun, outdoor focused activities. Inspire their curiosity, spark their joy for learning, nurture a love of nature. To reserve your place or for more info contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 / communityforestservices@gmail.com.

Inspired by the Forest School ethos, this online course provides a variety of nature based activities to support children's development. Each week we provide an email pack with ideas to try at times to suit you. We cover maths, science and literacy, as well as the arts and practical skills to raise confidence and build resilience. Families are also introduced to activities to help their mental health and wellbeing. And there's lots of help along the way from two experienced tutors.

Staffordshire County Council

GROWING WITH NATURE

Free 7 week online course starting Tuesday 1st November. For parents and carers with children aged 2-5 years.

Following on from the popularity of our BabyLovesNature courses, we have developed a course designed for the next stages of your little ones development. We provide ideas and inspiration for connecting to nature to support the development of your growing toddler.

Using the outdoors as inspiration we're offering multi sensory, engaging activities to try as a family at times to suit you. Staffordshire residents can book on this course for free, to access weekly activity ideas straight to your inbox and online resources to support your learning. On completion of the 14 hour course you will receive a certificate and ideas to continue your nature adventures together!

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com