



# Friday Post

Friday 11th November 2022

## Our School Value: Trust

*You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26.3*

Dear Families,

We have enjoyed another busy school week full of learning and plenty of songs! My Lighthouse House has certainly been stuck in our heads all week! We have continued to explore the value of trust and Mrs Carrington shared the story of Jesus calming the storm. We have spent time learning about how we can talk to Jesus through prayer when we are worried or frightened. We have also thought about the people in our lives we can trust to share our worries and fears with.

Thank you to everyone who joined our phonics workshop yesterday. Supporting your children with their reading is one of the best ways you can help them while they are in school. Reading stories to them and hearing them reading the books we send home will really help. If you would like more support with this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Today we held a special time of worship to remember those who have given their lives fighting for our country. We met around the forest school church to share poems and lay poppies as an act of remembrance. It was a special time spent as a school community.

As the winter weather is upon us, please ensure your child has a coat in school with them each day. Please also ensure they are dressed in full school uniform every day. Spare clothes and lost property are in the box outside the office should you need any extras.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will look forward to seeing you on Monday for another week of learning to love and loving to learn!

Miss Phillips



A reminder that in the morning the school gate opens at **8:45am** and closes promptly at **8:55am**. Children who arrive after 8:55am will be marked as late.

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University  
Academies  
Trust**



Children in early years were busy making “mud sandwiches” afterwards they laid out their food and were selling it in their ‘shop’





## Children in Need 2022

The school council will be holding a cake sale on Thursday 17th November in aid of Children in Need. Please would parents help to support the cause by sending in cake donations on Wednesday 16th and Thursday morning (home made or shop) and then they will be on sale at home time on Thursday at 3pm & 4pm. If children are in the Ark until 5pm that day they will get the chance to buy some if they have any money.

Friday 18th November we invite everyone to come to school dressed in spots, to support this great cause.



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

15.11.22	Owls Y2
22.11.22	Owls Y1
29.11.22	Hedgehogs Reception
13.12.22	Hedgehogs Nursery

**DEAR LORD,**  
TEACH ME TO TRUST IN YOU SO THAT WHEN THE  
UNEXPECTED STORMS OF LIFE COME,  
I WILL EXPECT PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THOSE STORMS,  
KNOWING THAT YOU ARE NEAR,  
YOU HEAR MY CRIES,  
AND YOU ARE WITH ME AND FOR ME.



In our PSHE lessons this term, each class will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for: Privates are private Always remember your body belongs to you No means no Talk about secrets that upset you Speak up, someone can help. The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

## The Gigantic Star

### Whole school Nativity play



This year the whole school will be performing The Gigantic Star on the morning of Wednesday 14th December and the afternoon of Thursday 15th December (more information about tickets will follow)

Hedgehogs and Owls will be acting out the traditional nativity story and Class Foxes are already busy learning lots of songs for their role as choir.

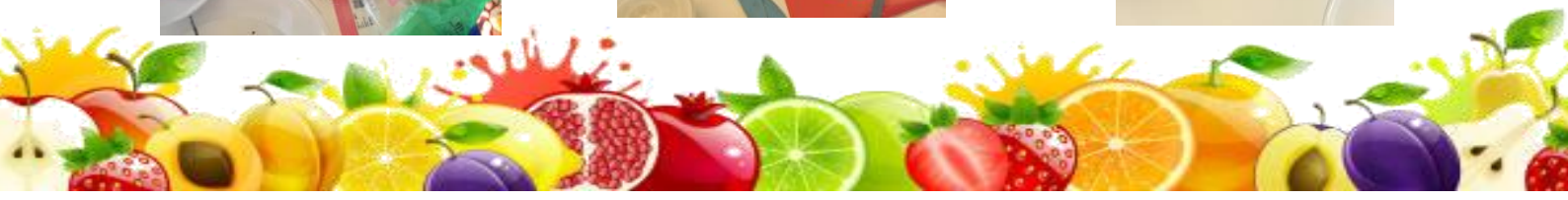
Owls and Hedgehogs parents, please look out for information about lines and costumes in children's bags. Nursery children are welcome to join in with the play if it isn't their usual day of attendance and they will need a sheep costume - please let us know if your nursery child will be joining in.

Class Foxes will need to wear a casual outfit which includes a Christmas jumper. We would be grateful if these items could be brought into school in a named bag by Friday 9th December in time for the dress rehearsal the following Monday.

# Fruit Salad



Children in Foxes have made fruit salad this week - learning how important it is to be hygienic when preparing food and how to use equipment safely.



# Free School Meals



**Are you entitled?**

We all need a little financial help right now and one thing to check is to see if your child could be entitled to Free School Meals.. Even if you don't want your child/ren to have the meals, claiming them helps our school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives. To check to see if your child is eligible please click on the link below <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

## Sickness



We seem to have quite a few coughs & colds and cases of sickness going around. Please click the link below to find some useful advice about childhood illnesses <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> as always please inform any absences to the school office before 8:45am by either calling 01785 712488 or emailing [office@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk)

## Before School Club



A reminder that Miss King runs our Before School Club from 8am until school starts. To use the club you must be in Reception to Year 4 arrive before 8:30am and there is a cost of £3:50 with siblings being £2:50 each, payment via ParentPay. There is no need to pre-book this facility just turn up - you must however remember to keep your ParentPay account topped up.

## 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.**



# Year 3 Forest School





Class Owls have continued their Design and Technology topic and have been finding out how to make more moving pictures. We linked this week's work to Remembrance Day and made moving poppies by joining 5 parts together with a paper fastener. We presented our poppies at our 11am Remembrance service.



Today the whole school came together at our outside church . We had poems and prayers and each child laid a poppy which they made earlier in the week.



# stars of the week



Jarrod



William



Esme



Romy



Aliyah



Ava



*After School Clubs*

&

*After School Care*



Payment for After School Clubs and After School Care is now overdue please pay your outstanding balances to secure your child's place in clubs.

## Weekly House Point Tally



Holly

58

Oak

28

Sycamore

41

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.



Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the disco, the children had a great time! We raised a total of £190 which we will put towards the children's Christmas treats.

Friday 2nd December is our Christmas lights switch on, all parents and grandparents are welcome. There will be hot drinks, cake and a mini Christmas market. There will be a chocolate and wine tombola so we are kindly asking for chocolate and wine donations if you can bring them into school please. Children will be singing Christmas carols for us all to enjoy so please put this date in your diary.

PTA Volunteers are still needed if you are interested please get in touch.

Many thanks,

Leisha Hatton, Chair



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The children have really enjoyed the hymn the last two weeks, we have been really impressed by their enthusiasm in joining in and following the actions, it made for a very lively school worship this week!



# Lunchtime Menu ~ 14/11/2022



WEEK 3 MENU		W/C: 14/11 05/12 26/12 16/01 06/02 27/02 20/03 10/04		Chartwells So much more than just a fantastic food			
		NOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDI	
AUTUMN/WINTER 2022	MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Chilli Served with Wholegrain Rice	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	Strawberry Ice Cream with Fruit Slices
	TUESDAY	Sweet and Sour Chicken Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetable Chow Mein 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	Fruity Flapjack Bar
	WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Pastry Roll Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables 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	Lemon Drizzle Cake with Fruit Slices
	THURSDAY	Cottage Pie Served with Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Two Vegetables 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	Chocolate Slice with Fruit Slices
	FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce 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	Chocolate Milkshake served with a Chocolate Biscuit 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.

## *Advanced warning - School hours September 2023*

Please be aware that there will be a parent consultation after Christmas with reference to the Governments expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023.



### *Maths on the move*

Children in year 4 take part in weekly 'Maths on the move' sessions, they start by completing desk tasks but then take their learning outside for some 'maths on the move'



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Children in Early Years have been exploring numbers & shapes



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# DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 14th November	Reception School Nurses - heights & weights
Thursday 17th November	Cake Sale at 3pm & 4pm
Friday 18th November	Dress in spots for Children in Need
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Tree switch on at 3pm
Tuesday 6th December	Amerton Farm Trip
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 9th December	Nativity Costumes to be in school
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>
Friday 16th December	<b>School closes at 1:30pm - no after school care</b>
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:

'Trust in the Lord with all your Heart'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=07Rrux5wZmM>

Please follow the link above to hear the music



# CALLING ALL U7 PLAYERS (YEAR 2 2022/23)...

## MILFORD ATHLETIC FC ARE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

- FA Chartered Club
- FA Qualified / DBS Checked Coaches
- Fun & Friendly
- Free Trial

### TRAINING:

Saturdays 9 - 10AM @ Barnfields Primary School

### MATCHES:

Sundays in the Mid Staffs Junior League

[www.milfordathletic.co.uk](http://www.milfordathletic.co.uk)



If your child is a keen footballer **MILFORD ATHLETIC WARRIORS U7s** are looking for additional enthusiastic & competitive players to join their established squad for the current season.

If you are interested or for further details please contact Dan on 07866294589 or [milfordathleticwarriors@hotmail.com](mailto:milfordathleticwarriors@hotmail.com)



Respect

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:communityforestservices@gmail.com)

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