



Friday Post

Friday 9th June 2023

Our School Value: Respect

Do for other people the same things you want them to do for you. Matthew 7:12

Dear families,

What a fantastic week we have had back in school!

On Tuesday morning, we had a very exciting visit from the Midlands Air Ambulance charity. We had an informative assembly and then everyone had chance to sit in the pod and explore the buttons and controls. Please see details of their open day later in the post!

On Thursday afternoon, we welcomed the families of the children who will be joining us in September into school. It was great to spend time sharing with them all that we do here at St Leonard's.

It has been great to see so many of our Hedgehogs children bringing their robots into school this week - they are fantastic! Thank you for all the hard work that has taken place at home to make them. We can't wait to see the learning that will take place inspired by robots this half term.

Next week, we are sending a small team of staff and students to the Perkins Eco Awards - we wish them all the best and can't wait to hear how the day goes for them!

Do remember that our library - The Reading Tree - is open after school on a Friday for you to use.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Phillips

Our school hours from September 2023 will be 8.45am - 3.10pm (gates will open at 8.35am with Ark available from 8am until 5pm). Please note fees for Ark and Clubs will be reviewed by our LAC in July, any changes will commence in September 2023.

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Annual family-friendly event at our Tatenhill Airbase returns on Sunday 2nd July.



The popular open day which provides fun activities for everyone to enjoy is returning this year. The day provides activities including demonstrations of the lifesaving treatment our crew provide on scene, merchandise stalls, refreshments and a raffle. Other local emergency services including Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service and West Midlands Ambulance Service will also be attending to give a behind-the-scenes look at some of their vehicles and operations.

Free entry and parking.

Please note: We have official photographers at this event taking pictures throughout the day. If you do not wish to be photographed, please inform a member of staff, a volunteer or the photographer on the day. You can contact the charity on 0800 8 40 20 40 to withdraw your consent at any time.



A message from Hannah from the Air Ambulance Charity: *Thank you so much for sending your thank you letters, its lovely to hear they all enjoyed the visit and pressing all the buttons and remembering all the facts with the speed,*



After School Clubs

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payments are now due via your ParentPay accounts or if you are paying by a Childcare voucher scheme please let us know.

There are still a few places in Athletics on a Thursday and Football on a Friday, please contact the office if your child would like to join in.

Sports Day / Summer Fayre Thursday 29th June

We will be holding our Sports Day on Thursday 29th June which parents will be invited to. Afterwards we will be holding a Summer Fayre, if anyone would like to have a stall during the afternoon please let the office know.



Timetable

12pm - 1pm: families are invited to join us for our annual picnic.

1pm - 2pm: Sports' Day races!

2pm - 3pm: Summer Fair stalls and activities in support of our PTA.

After School Care

Invoices have now been emailed, please arrange payment via your ParentPay accounts or if you are paying by a Childcare voucher scheme please let the office know.



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.



This week during worship we are learning:

'Our God is a great big God'

[Great Big God \(Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)

Please follow the link above to hear the music





In English, Foxes have been introduced to a new text 'Stone Age Boy'. They have been looking at the two main character and writing descriptive character descriptions about them.



Attendance figures

School Attendance 22nd - 25th May 2023

Hedgehogs 96%

Whole School 97%

Owls 98%

Foxes 98%

The National target for attendance, as set out in guidance from the DFE is **95%**

Hanni and the Magic Window

Hanni's home has a very special magic window. But when Hanni sees something that upsets her, she struggles to explain what has happened. Can she find the words to get the help she needs? Click the link below to read Hanni's story.



https://issuu.com/childnet1995/docs/hanni_and_the_magic_window_spread/36

Weekly House Point Tally



Holly

219

Sycamore

113

Oak

139

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.



Mark making in the writing den



Our fabulous robots made at home!



Using Numicon to help with our maths



Keeping to a beat in music sessions





Lost Property / New to you rail!

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. Any items with a name on will be returned to their owner! Un-named items will be placed in our Lost Property box which can be found by the School Reception entrance. We have also introduced a rail in the school entrance hall which has a selection of uniform which parents can help themselves to. If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of and you would like to donate it to other parents then please place on the rail. Don't forget to cut out/cross out your child's name so the items don't come back to you!



Lunchtime Menu ~ 12/06/2023



	HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDD!	
MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pizzo Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Chili 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 Creams 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

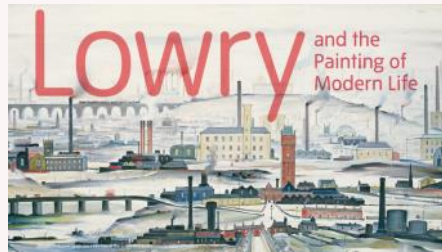
ALL MAIN MEALS SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES

Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain
 Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice Halal Available



NO NUTS!

Please note do not send children to school with any items containing nuts due to children who have allergies. Thank you



Class Owls' finished Lowry-style industrial landscape collages have turned out really rather well!





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There are lots of ways to feel calmer. It's about finding what works for you. The Childline website has some breathing exercises, activities, games and videos to help let go of stress.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>



School Council

Our school council met with Miss Phillips this week to discuss ideas for our Sports Day activities, later this month.

The Diocese have asked for our thoughts on a BIG QUESTION to feature on their Growing Faith newsletter!

The question is: Does prayer work?

Answers can be sent in via video
to: hannah.persaud@churchofengland.org

Please note a consent form must also be completed for your child's video to be featured: <https://churchofengland.tfaforms.net/4903581>



Joel told us all about his fantastic achievement, representing his football team in a competition in Holland.

Last Week's Big Question: Is there more future, or more past?

Lola B: For us we have more future for others they have more past.

Thomas H: There's more future as future is longer as time goes on, past is back in time

Oliver Q: More past as the sun gets bigger with a solar flare.

Xander: More future to go on

Harrison F: The we longer we go into the future the past grows

Danny: It's a silly question, we don't know when the past began

Imelda: more time in the future because the future never ends

BIG QUESTION

What shape is the sea?

We are definitely developing our philosophical thinking! As a family take time to discuss the above question - Miss Phillips will listen to the children's thoughts on this question during Worship on Friday.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

w/c 5th June (2 weeks)	Year 4 Multiplication checks
w/c 12th June	Year 1 Phonics screening checks
Wednesday 14th June	Perkins Eco-Day
Friday 23rd June	Sports for Schools Athlete visit
Thursday 29th June	Sports Day & family picnic - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 5th July	Year 4 at Penkridge Middle School Transition Day Current children will have a day with their September teacher
Friday 7th July 2023	Inset Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 25th July	Leavers Church Service
Tuesday 25th July	School closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Back to School!



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 in case of wet weather or sunhats and suncream applied before school for warmer days!

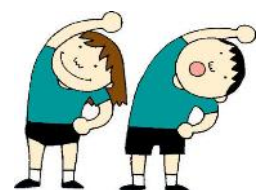
Year 4	13/06/2023
Year 3	20/06/2023

Year 2	27/06/2023
Year 1	04/07/2023
Reception	11/07/2023
Nursery	12/07/2023
Year 3	18/07/2023

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school, long hair tied back & earrings removed.
Thank you for your co-operation

PE Timetable Summer 2023

Thursday - Owls & Foxes
Friday - Hedgehogs & Foxes



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising; this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY


Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Brendan O'Keefe's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



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**Free 7 week online course
starting Thursday 8th June. For
families with children aged 2-5
years.**

**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!

As part of the course we invite your family to join us for a Teddy Bears picnic on Saturday July 8th 12pm - 2pm at Birches Valley, Cannock Chase.

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



**GROWING
WITH NATURE**



Wild About Words

**Free 4 week online course
starting Monday 19th June. For
families with children aged 5-10 years**

Join us to celebrate the wonder of words!

Each week we share a different story, linking in activities and games to encourage families take their love of stories outside! So whether you're looking to spark a love of reading or nurture an existing interest, this course will give you lots of practical ideas and inspiration!

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 12 hour course you will receive a certificate and ideas to continue your nature adventures together!

As part of the course we invite your family to join us for a Wild about Words Event on Saturday July 8th 2.30pm - 4.30pm at Birches Valley, Cannock Chase.

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