



# Friday Post

Friday 21st July 2023

## Our School Value: Respect

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

Dear Families,

Where has the last year gone? In some ways September feels like only yesterday, and in others it feels like a lifetime ago!

This week there is much to celebrate. Our fantastic Year 4s will be saying goodbye to us on Tuesday and we couldn't be prouder. Over the last year they have each matured, grown in confidence and proven themselves more than ready to move to middle school in September. They are quick witted, creative, enterprising and adventurous and will leave a big hole in our school. If you are free, we welcome you to join us at St Leonard's Church on Tuesday for their send-off service.

We also look forward to welcoming our new families into school on the other side of the summer - all of whom are receiving their first copy of the Friday Post today! We have much to look forward to as these new faces become part of the St Leonards family. Do look out for them at the gate in September - new starts are exciting but we all know how the nerves can kick in too.

However you spend your summer, I hope you find time to rest and reflect on all that the children have achieved this last year. School years can fly by, but are full of precious moments and milestones. I have loved sharing the last year with you all and look forward to all that September has to bring.

Have a wonderful summer break - once we make it to Tuesday!

*Miss Phillips*

**School closes on Tuesday 25th  
July at 1:30pm for all children.**



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## Free E-book

Staying safe whilst having fun swimming,

<https://wildtribeheroes.com/samis-beach-rescue-ebook-download/>



## Leavers Service - Tuesday 25th July



Everyone is welcome to join us for our Leavers Service on Tuesday 25th July, at St Leonard's Church, Dunston. We aim for the children to arrive by 9:20am. Seating will be reserved for parents of Y4 children. **Please note** the office will be closed during the service.

# Attendance figures

## School Attendance 10th - 14th July 2023

Hedgehogs 84%

Owls 88%

Foxes 92%

Whole School 88.7%

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

This week during worship we are learning:

**'This little light of mine'**

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

Please follow the link above to hear the music





Year 3 made wildflower potions during Forest School this week.



Hedgehogs have been making kites & backpacks and solving maths puzzles!





## Last Week's Big Question: Do words have power?

**Teddy P:** "No, they don't have a charger"

**Ted:** "Yes, they make people talk"

**Thomas H:** "No, it's ridiculous!"

**Lola B:** "Yes, change of expression in your voice helps to communicate"

**JJ:** Yes, when you say something like 'stop it' you do it.

**Preston:** "Yes, they affect others emotions"

**Imelda:** "No. they don't have a socket"

**Ellis:** "Yes, you could say a powerful sentence"

**Sophie:** Yes, books have words and books are powerful"

Over the year the children have definitely expanded their philosophical thinking!

We look forward to hearing the children's thoughts on our Big Questions in September.

## Lunchtime Award



## Year 4 Lunch



THE LORD BLESS YOU & KEEP YOU

THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU

THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE

NUMBERS 6:24,25,26



Miss Phillips is taking on a sporting challenge this summer to raise money for Cancer Research. More information and the chance to support the team can be found here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/squatlikeastaffsgirl>

## YEAR 4 - Leavers hoodies

Children in year 4 are allowed to wear their leavers hoodie instead of a school jumper/cardigan on Monday 24th. However they will need a tie and school jumper for the church service on Tuesday. They may also bring a spare shirt for signing on Tuesday.



Foxes created bar charts using information that we have gathered.

We used smarties to gather our data. First, we separated the smarties into each colour. Then we added this result into a tally.

After this, we added the results to a bar chart.

Finally, we were able to eat them.

Yum!





# School Meal Price increase

We have been informed that as inflation continues to rise and prices for food have not reduced, the price of a meal will be increased to £2.83 from September 2023 this charge applies to all children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4.

Please could parents of children currently in Year 2 check to see if you could be eligible for Free School Meals by going to <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

If successful please inform the school office, not only will you get free school meals but you will also be eligible for subsidised clubs and trips.

**WEEK 3 MENU**

	HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDDI	
MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 <small>Served with Potato Wedges</small>	Vegetable Chilli 🌱🌱 <small>Served with Wholegrain Rice</small>	Tomato Pasta 🍝 <small>Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta</small>	Packed Lunch <small>See below for details</small>	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 <small>with a choice of hot and cold fillings</small>	Strawberry Ice Cream with Fruit Slices 🍓
TUESDAY	Macaroni cheese	Vegetable Chow Mein 🌱🌱 <small>Served with Two Vegetables</small>	Tomato Pasta 🍝 <small>Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta</small>	Packed Lunch <small>See below for details</small>	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 <small>with a choice of hot and cold fillings</small>	Fruity Flapjack Bar 🍓
WEDNESDAY						
THURSDAY						
FRIDAY						

**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

If your child needs a special diet from our kitchen and you haven't already done so, please register with the new catering provider **BEFORE** we come back in September, thank you.



## Special Diets Registration

At Edwards and Ward, we take great pride in our special diets process and continually strive to make it as simple and inclusive as possible to help us ensure that all children can be fed safely and effectively.

If your child is at primary school and requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition, you will need to register with us.

Even if you have already registered with the school or a previous catering provider, you still need to register with us as your details cannot be shared.

Our special diets registration form can be found on our website along with a full list of FAQs.

[edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/](http://edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/)

If your child has medical dietary requirements and is not registered with us, we may be unable to provide them a school lunch.

If there are any concerns about this, please contact our Special Diets Team for advice.



[specialdiets@edwardsandward.co.uk](mailto:specialdiets@edwardsandward.co.uk)



@EdwardsandWard

Please note the following changes to the school day plus the changes to the hours and charges of After School Care with effect from 5th September 2023.

## School Hours September 2023

School hours from September 2023 will be: **8.45am – 3.10pm**

Gates in the morning will open at: **8.35am**

Registers will be taken at: **8.45am**

Registers will close at: **8.55am** (after which point children receive a U mark)

### *Nursery hours:*

Morning session: 8.45am – 11.45am

Afternoon session: 12.10pm – 3.10pm

### *The Ark hours and costings:*

\*an increase of 20p, all other prices remain the same due to the length of the session being shorter than it is currently.

	8.00am - 8.35am	3.10pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 5.00pm
Nursery	n/a	£4.50	n/a
Rec - Y4	£3.50	£3.80	£4.00*

## Term dates

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
INSET: Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Open: Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Open: Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Open: Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET: Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET: Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
INSET: Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term: Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term: Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Half term: Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Holiday: Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET: Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
INSET: Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December		Holiday: Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
Holiday: Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January		



Please can we ask that all debt on ParentPay is paid before we break up for the summer holidays - particularly if you are in year 4. Thank you.

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 25th July - approx. 9:30am	Leavers Church Service - all welcome
Tuesday 25th July	School closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Back to School!
Friday 27th October	Inset Day
Friday 22nd December	Inset Day
Friday 22nd February	Inset Day
Friday 24th June	Inset Day
Monday 22nd July	Inset Day



Thank you to Farmer Richard at Lower Drayton Farm who is welcoming our Year 4 leavers children for a fun filled afternoon today!.



## *SEND support (Nur-Y3):*

If your child is on our SEND register, you will have received an updated learning plan or passport - unless they are under the SALT team. If you have not received either of these and believe that your child should be on the SEND register, please contact the office



A September reminder, that a school tie should be worn with a shirt for all children in years 1 - 4. Thank you



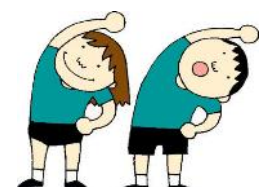
On your child's day, please send them to school dressed in old clothing they do not mind getting dirty. Please also ensure they have wellies to change into, if they are not kept at school. Layers and waterproofs are advised in case of wet weather or sunhats and suncream applied before school for warmer days!

Year 4	19/09/23
Year 3	26/09/2023
Year 2	03/10/2023
Year 1	10/10/2023
Reception	17/10/2023

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 September 2023*

Thursday - Owls & Foxes  
Friday - Hedgehogs & Foxes



# STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

THINK  
BEFORE  
YOU  
POST

SHARE FEEL-GOOD  
CONTENT & LEAVE  
POSITIVE COMMENTS

NEWS  
DOUBLE CHECK  
STORIES –  
DON'T FALL FOR  
FAKE NEWS!

MAKE THE  
MOST OF THE  
OUTDOORS

Stay off devices just before bed

USE CAUTION  
ON PUBLIC  
WIFI

ENABLE PRIVACY  
SETTINGS

BE KIND  
& BE  
TOLERANT

Report bullies &  
ignore trolls

KEEP YOUR  
PERSONAL  
DETAILS  
PRIVATE

AVOID BINGE  
STREAMING AND  
ALL-DAY GAMING

TAKE  
FREQUENT  
BREAKS

ENJOY  
SCREEN-FREE  
ACTIVITIES

BE CAREFUL  
WITH IN-APP  
SPENDING



National  
Online  
Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday

# THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE **OPEN** OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Wednesday 26th July - Friday 1st September

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us\* between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.

We can help with:

- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Worry
- Panic



Burton and Uttoxeter  
01283 504487

Gannock and Stafford  
01283 352113

Tamworth  
01785 301027



\*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.

## STAFFORD MHST

Schools we work with:

- Burton Manor Primary School
- Castlechurch Primary School
- Doxey Primary & Nursery School
  - Flash Ley Primary School
- John Wheeldon Primary Academy
  - King Edward V1 High School
  - Penkridge Middle School
  - Sir Graham Balfour School
- St. Leonard's CofE First School
- Stafford Manor High School
  - Veritas Primary Academy
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
  - St Leonard's Primary School
- St Austin's Catholic Primary School
  - Walton Hall Academy
- Walton Priory Middle School
  - Silkmore Primary Academy
    - Marshlands School
- Blessed William Howard Catholic School

@SouthStaffsMHST

You are invited to  
GUARDIANS OF ANCORA

# HOLIDAY CLUB

for children & young people aged 5-13

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August to  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Each morning 10am – 12.30pm  
at St Michael's School



For further details and to apply:  
email [penholclub@btinternet.com](mailto:penholclub@btinternet.com)

or contact

Esther on 07806 804943.

See also July's Fishnet and posters



GUARDIANS OF  
**ANCORA**  
HOLIDAY CLUB  
Ages 5-13  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> August – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> August  
10.00am – 12.30pm each day  
at St Michael's School  
Come with this on an adventure finding  
treasure in the stories about Jesus.  
There will be lots of games, fun, craft, music,  
drama and bible stories.

Scripture  
union

# School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

**Schools** please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

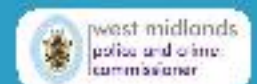
## Skips Educational

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Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with



Families' Health and Wellbeing



Midlands Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust  
*A Keele University Teaching Trust*

# School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

Every  
Thursday  
from  
3.30 - 4.30pm



The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.



Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.

We provide a confidential and friendly service

[mpft.live/schoolnurse](https://mpft.live/schoolnurse)



# JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS



£25 per day

9.00am-3.00pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August

The Chase Golf Camps promise to be incredible days of fun, excitement and achievement, with prizes and certificates to be won. A fun camp for boys and girls of all ages & abilities covering all aspects of the game.

Find us on:





Please contact the Golf Professional team on  
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[www.thechasegolf.co.uk](http://www.thechasegolf.co.uk)

THE CHASE



# Wildchild FESTIVAL

Wednesday August 2  
10am - 4.30pm

Get Wild with us at The Wolseley Centre for craft and construction zones, dancing, theatre plays, nature trails, wildlife spotting, delicious food, and so much more. It's going to be a blast!

Booking is required

More info





ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

## Winter Coat Drive

PLEASE DONATE ANY UNUSED COATS



This summer Stafford Sports and Performance Academy are looking to collect 300 winter coats. All coats collected will be given to House of Bread Charity to use this coming winter for those people that are in need. Coats need to be in good condition (no rips) and also clean (please have them washed prior to donating.) All sizes appreciated. If you have coats to donate then please contact Stephen Glover on:

07793891029

or email [stephenglover@staffordsport.co.uk](mailto:stephenglover@staffordsport.co.uk).

If multiple coats these can be collected in the Stafford Area. Alternatively SSPA will be accepting coats at any of their community dance classes, or their Summer Holiday Sports Clubs at Blessed William Howard School. PLEASE SUPPORT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.




### Stafford (2)



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> July

Ability Counts  
4:30 - 6:30pm  
6 - 16 years

Gnosall Village Hall, Lowfield Lane, Gnosall, ST20 0ET




Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Flip Out  
10am - 12pm  
5 - 19 years

Stone Business Park, Opal Way, Stone, ST15 0SS



