

Friday 22nd September 2023

# FRIDAY POST

## Our School Value: Thankfulness

*Give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus. Thessalonians 5:18*

Dear Families,

We have had another fantastic week in school with two external visitors both teaching us about waste and rubbish!

On Monday we were joined by Lucy from Severn Trent who taught us all about what can go down the toilet and drains. I overheard lots of poo talk on the gate! It was a great assembly with lots of interaction from the children. If you get a moment, please fill out the feedback survey linked later in the Post.

On Thursday Hillary from Veolia came into school with a set of VR-headsets which transported children to the Veolia recycling plant. The looks on their faces were priceless as they explored what happens to our waste in such an exciting way.

In worship on Wednesday we spent more time exploring the value of love. To celebrate what we love, we are asking pupils to bring in photos, certificates, medals etc. to showcase their out of school achievements. We know so much learning and activity takes place outside of school and we want to celebrate this. We have park-runners, beavers, rainbows, swimmers, footballers, dancers, climbers, farmers, musicians and more amongst us! Please send in items to celebrate and we will share them in Friday worship and add copies to our entrance hall display.

Congratulations to Miss Tina who has passed her Environmental Health Inspection this morning, gaining top marks of a level 5 for her Food Hygiene standards.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Phillips

"GIVE THANKS IN ALL  
CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS  
GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST  
JESUS."

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)



Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery



# Homework

Please see below the homework expectations for each class.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Hedgehogs:

Reading book – to be read at home daily, these will be issued during the autumn term

Phonics and/or handwriting practice – sent home weekly, this will begin during the autumn term

Topic web with activities to choose from – sent home half-termly

Opportunities for show and tell – throughout the week



## Owls:

Reading book – to be read at home daily

Spellings – sent home weekly to be practised at home

Weekly learning task – linked to maths, English or wider curriculum work



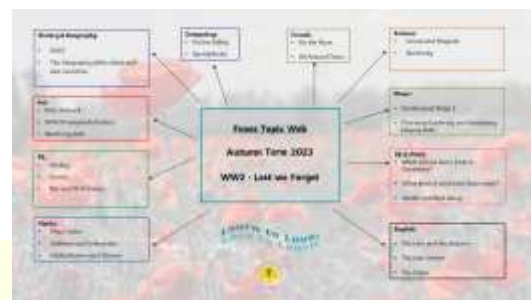
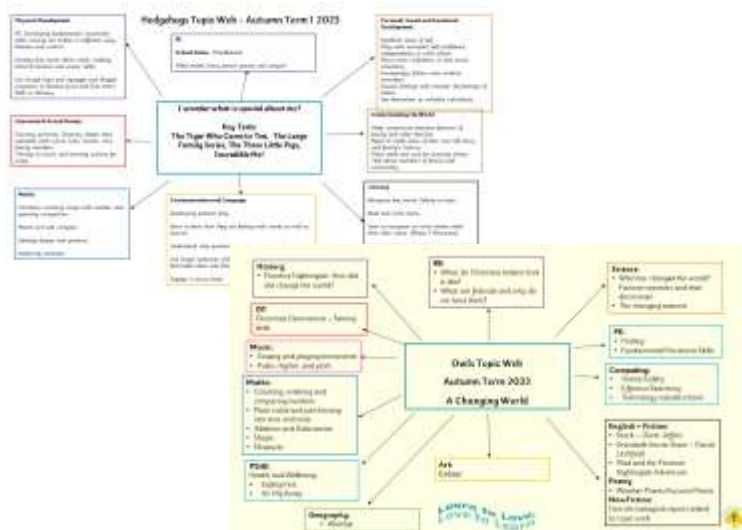
## Foxes:

Reading book – to be read at home daily

Spellings – sent home weekly to be practised at home

Times Table Rockstars – to be practiced at home daily

Topic web with activities to choose from – sent home half-termly



Your class topic web details what your child is learning this term. These can be found under the 'Curriculum' tab on our school website:

<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/hedgehogs-learning-nursery-reception/>



In forest school year 4 worked as a team or individually to create frames.



Foxes are practising their hockey skills in PE



# Attendance figures

School Attendance 18th - 22nd September 2023

Hedgehogs 97%

Owls 99%

Foxes 95%

Whole School 96.4%

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

## Stars of the Week



### Bags to School - Friday 13th October 2023

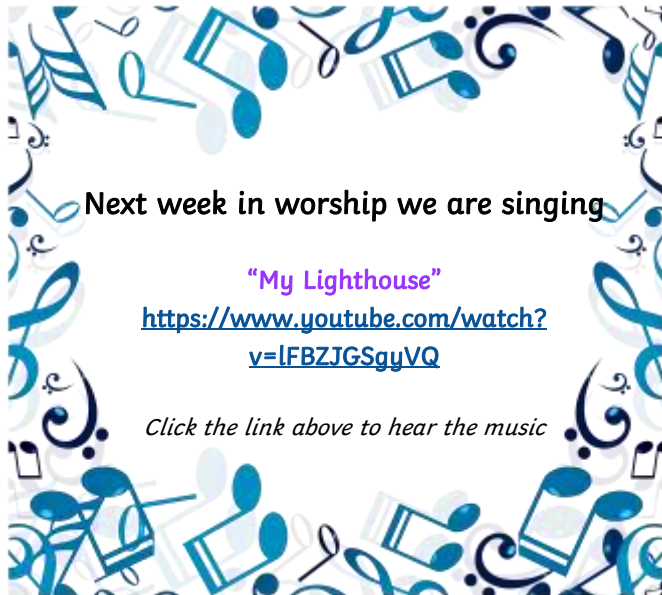
The PTFA have arranged for a Bags 2 School collection on [Friday 13th October](#) please support them by collecting as much unwanted items from the list below and bring to school on Friday 13th, the more items collected the more money we can raise for school funds. Thank you

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)  
Handbags - Hats - Bags - Scarves and ties - Jewellery - Lingerie - Socks - Belts Soft toys -  
Household linen - Household curtains - Household towels - Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



Gardening club have harvested all the produce they planted earlier in the year - a fantastic achievement, well done everyone!





Next week in worship we are singing

**"My Lighthouse"**

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

Click the link above to hear the music

## Club & Ark payments

Payments for after school clubs and for The Ark are now overdue, please pay via your ParentPay accounts asap.



Thank you



## Ark Payments & Bookings

Please can we remind parents that **ALL** sessions booked for after school care will be charged in advance, whether children attend or not. It is important that bookings for after school care are made in advance as we may not be able to accommodate all the late requests we are currently receiving.

### Medical conditions



If your child has a medical condition, we will be reviewing the information we have on record at parents' evening later this half term. If there have been any changes over the summer, please call into the office to make sure we are up to date.

### The Reading Tree



The school library is open every Friday afternoon at 3:10pm for parents & children to choose a book of their choice to take home. Returns can be brought back the following week.

# Weekly House Point Tally



**Sycamore**

**96**

**Holly**

**93**

**Oak**

**89**

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.

# Visitors in school



Much excitement in class Owls & Foxes this week as we welcomed Hillary from Veolia. Using VR headsets, the children had a virtual tour of the factory seeing how the factory recycles household waste and creates electricity.



On Monday we welcomed Lucy from Severn Trent Water who taught us all about what can go down the toilet and drains!



Lucy would appreciate parent/child feedback by completing the short survey at the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=mR5c4eN7XEmXjuynuOqfMR6MwD9FKgRjkvHKVv10yQBUMzi0WjM1WIJINDZaNfPYM0ICQURCM0VIUC4u>



To develop our philosophical thinking we will be asking a BIG question each week! As a family take time to discuss the big question! Miss Phillips will listen to the children's thoughts on the question during Worship on Friday.

## Next weeks BIG QUESTION

What shape is the colour blue?

What does the wind smell like?

**Ruby** "like dirt"

**Adina** "like the air"

**Teddy** "nothing"

**Alfie** "can't smell it and can't see it"

**Danny** "the only thing you can smell is whatever is in the wind"

**Preston** "it could smell of anything, you could spray something"

**Lucas** "like ice"

**Fran** "anything and nothing"

**Tovah** "depends on where you are"

# Introducing our new .....

**Worship Team**  
**2023 - 2024**



**School Council**  
**2023 - 2024**



Class Owls have been continuing to learn about colour in their art work. This week we found out about the work of the abstract Mark Rothko, who loved to mix colours. We experimented using the primary colours to mix secondary colours and then we created some colour field paintings in the style of Mark Rothko.





In Hedgehogs we are continuing to build new relationships and the children are remembering each others names. The children have enjoyed spending time in our new look reading area and trying out ideas in the writing area. We are continuing to think about what makes us special and we have shared our ideas for a classroom display. At the end of the week Hillary from Veolia visited us to tell us all about recycling.



## Lunchtime Menu - next week is week one

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<b>MONDAY</b>	Mac & Cheese (V) Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)(Wg) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)	Vegetable Lasagne (V) Lentil & Mushroom Keema Curry with Rice (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)	Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg) Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)	Chicken Paella (Wg) Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Sweetcorn, Green Beans Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)	Chicken Tandoori with Golden Rice (Wg) Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Sweetcorn, Green Beans Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Chickpea & Veggie Puff with Roasties (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Broccoli, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Homemade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Cauliflower, Carrot Batons Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Cabbage, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Tuna & Pea Pesto Pasta (Wg) Penne with Tomato Super Sauce (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Green Beans, Beans Chocolate Mousse with Peas (V)	Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg) Penne with Classic Tomato Sauce (Ve)(Wg) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Cabbage, Garden Peas Banana Custard (V)	Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg) Penne with Bean Bolognese (Ve)(Wg) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Sweet, Shredded Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Falafel Wrap with Mint Yoghurt & Chips (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Flapjack (Ve)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Vegetable Marinara Sab with Chips (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Iced Shortbread (Ve)

V - Vegetarian, W - Vegan, Wg - Wholegrain

Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 13th October	Bags to School collection
Tuesday 17th October	Parents evening - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 18th October	Parents evening - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 25th October	Church service everyone welcome at approx. 9:20am
Thursday 26th October	Flu Vaccinations - Rec to Year 4
Friday 27th October	Inset Day
Monday 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov	Half Term
Friday 1st December	Christmas lights switch on
Wednesday 13th December PM	Christmas play - <i>more info to follow</i>
Thursday 14th December AM	Christmas play - <i>more info to follow</i>
Thursday 21st December	Last day - school closes at 1:30pm
Friday 22nd December	Inset Day
Monday 8th January	Back to school
Friday 9th February	Inset Day
Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb	Half Term
Mon 25th Mar - Fri 5th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday school closed
Friday 24th May	Inset Day
Mon 27th - 31st May	Half Term
Friday 19th July	Last day of academic year
Monday 22nd July	Inset Day



On your child's forest school day, please send them to school dressed in old clothing you 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 wet weather.

26/09/2023

Year 3

3/10/2023

Year 2

10/10/2023

Year 1

17/10/2023

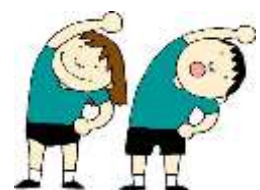
Reception

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. Thank you for your co-operation

## PE Timetable September 2023

Thursday - Owls & Foxes

Friday - Hedgehogs & Foxes



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**16+**

In UK and Europe:  
rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

...MSG ME...

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

### FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

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### VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

### CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

### VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safety on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



...HEY OSCAR...



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# TOGETHER WE THRIVE

## STAFFORDSHIRE

A **FREE** "one-stop shop" event for young people, parents & carers and education providers.  
A marketplace of SEND services to help families, find out what is available in your local area.



### DATE & LOCATION

Staffordshire County Showground  
Ingestre Suite

Tuesday 3rd October 2023  
9.30am – 4.30pm

Drop in anytime during the day

### ON THE DAY

- Keynote speakers on the
  - **Dynamic Support Register**
  - **Staffordshire's Co-Production Promise**
  - **New SEDIS Model & EAPDR Pathway**
- Variety of NHS Professionals
- Variety of SCC Professionals
- **New Family Hub**
- **SENDIASS** Coffee & Chat
- Further Education Providers
- Charities and Community Groups
- *Complementary Refreshments provided*

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