

Friday 29th 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 started the week with yet another visitor in school - Alison joined us from the Education Mental Health Support Team. She talked to the children about feelings and how it is OK to have lots of different feelings. The children watched the video Lucy's Blue Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UmrUV8v-KQg>

Alison will be calling in at lunchtimes to get to know the children and provide a listening ear. There are leaflets about the team's service available in the main office.

On Thursday we welcomed Mrs Sam Ashley into school. Mrs Ashley is the newly appointed Deputy CEO of our Trust. It was a pleasure to show her around St. Leonard's and share our school with her. Mrs Ashley enjoyed talking to staff and children at lunchtime and commented on the wonderful feel our school has!

We have also welcomed new families viewing the school ahead of September 2024! Appointments can be made via the school office if you know of anyone looking for a school place.

An email has gone out to Owls and Foxes parents to gauge interest in small group music lessons during the school day - these would be run in addition to the weekly whole class music lessons. If this is something you would be interested in your child accessing, please respond to the quick survey on the email. We are always looking for ways to further our children's education and working with the music partnership will be an exciting way to do this.

Miss Phillips

Gracious God,
Bless each
and every school
with your spirit
of Grace and love.
Keep
teachers, students,
parents
and all school staff
safe and healthy.
Amen.

Attendance figures

School Attendance 25th - 29th September 2023

Hedgehogs 95%

Owls 89%

Foxes 95%

Whole School 93.2 %

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)



Headteacher's Award



Achievements from home



If your child has something they would like to share with us, eg swimming, football, dance, Beavers, Brownies etc please send them into school & we will share them during our Celebration assembly on Friday.



Children in Hedgehogs enjoy their food at lunchtimes!



Postcards home from Miss Phillips



Foxes music sessions are exploring tempo, dynamics and layers of sound.

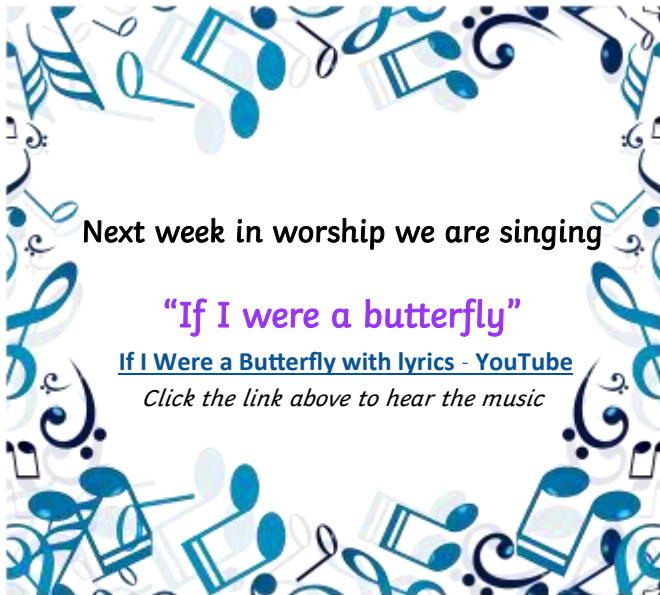


We used Force Meters to investigate whether pulling objects on a different surface would make a difference to the test.



We understood that we needed to measure our objects in newtons. We used everyday objects to complete this task but we made sure that we used the same object throughout the experiment to ensure we carried out a fair test.





Next week in worship we are singing

"If I were a butterfly"

[If I Were a Butterfly with lyrics - YouTube](#)

Click the link above to hear the music



We will be re-visiting the NSPCC Pants message with all children over the next few weeks. You can use the resources to support with conversations at home as well. They children love the song that goes with it too! Take a listen by going to the link below!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Harvest Service

All parent/carers are invited to join us for our Harvest church service at St Leonard's church, Dunston on 25th October. The doors to church will be open from 9am and the children will arrive at approx. 9:20am

Ark Invoices

Invoices have been sent out for October bookings and are now due via your ParentPay accounts.

Many thanks



Phonics

Reception & Year 1 Parents

Parents in Reception and Year 1 are invited to a Phonics workshop for parents. The session is on Thursday 12th October at 3:15pm - Children can be booked into the Ark at a cost of £3.80 for the hour, please speak to the office to book.

Weekly House Point Tally



Holly

152

Oak

139

Sycamore

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.



Owls have been continuing to find out about real-life scientists and their discoveries. This week we found out about Rachel Carson, a scientist who spent many years studying the ocean and is

widely credited with advancing the global environmental movement. She discovered that the water of the ocean had chemicals in it and that the animals that lived in the ocean also had chemicals in their bodies. She found out that pesticides used on farms and in gardens had got into the ocean and that these chemicals were very harmful for the sea creatures. Owls set up an experiment in a tray using gravel for the land, water for the ocean and different coloured glitters to represent different pesticides on the land. We sprayed the land with water to represent the rain and took water samples before, during and after. The glitter, did indeed as Rache Carson discovered, 'pollute' the water.



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

Can you tell a good lie?

What shape is the colour blue?

Alex "any shape can be any colour"

Aoife "a circle"

Pippa "a rectangle"

Orla "a triangle"

Lucas "a cuboid"

Teddy P "any 3D shape"

Ralph "a non-ogon"

Miss Phillips is very impressed with Y1's knowledge of shapes!

Jenson "depends on how much colour blue there is"

Sophie "a shape that hasn't been discovered"

Rohan "it depends on the item"

Thomas H "it's a colour not a shape"

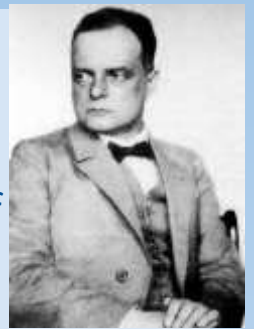
Lunchtime Menu - next week is week two

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	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)
TUESDAY	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 Rach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	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)
THURSDAY	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 Beany Bolognese (Ve)(Wg) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Sweet, Shredded Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)
FRIDAY	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 Vegeball 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)
	<small>*WEEK 20/21, 20/22, 20/23, 20/24, 20/25, 20/26, 20/27, 20/28, 20/29, 20/30</small>	<small>*WEEK 21/22, 21/23, 21/24, 21/25, 21/26, 21/27, 21/28, 21/29, 21/30</small>	<small>*WEEK 22/23, 22/24, 22/25, 22/26, 22/27, 22/28, 22/29, 22/30</small>

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



Owls have been continuing to find out about a range of abstract artists and their use of colour. This week we have been learning how to add white to a colour to create different tints. We looked at *Separation in the Evening*, a painting of the sunset by the abstract artist Paul Klee and noticed the different tints of colour. We then created our own tints paintings by adding increasing amounts of our chosen colour to a pot of white paint.



In Hedgehogs we have been looking at the Tiger Who Came to Tea story again and thinking about our favourite foods. We went for a food hunt outside and made our favourite food in the mud kitchen. In maths we have been grouping and matching. In Phonics we have been building confidence in word building using s, a, t, p, I, n



Reception have spent time with their Year 4 buddies this morning, celebrating 'What makes their buddy special'



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



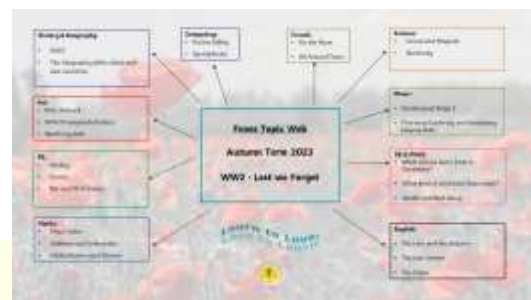
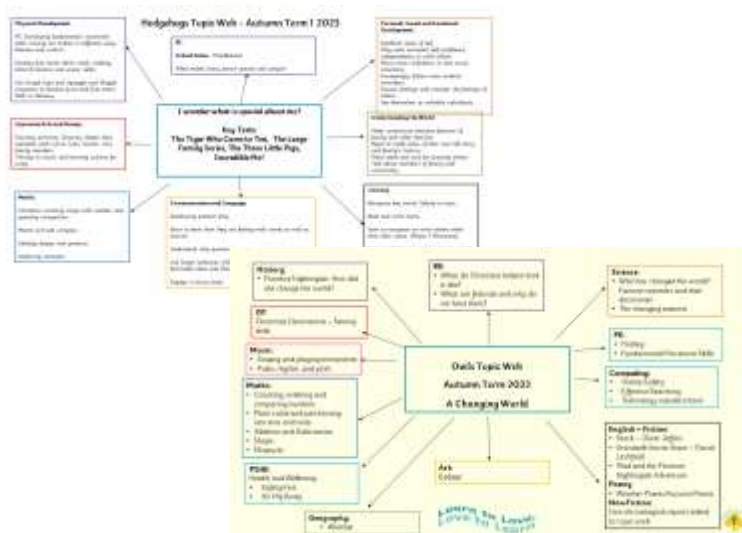
Foxes:

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/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 12th October 3.15pm	Reception & Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop
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.

3/10/2023

Year 2

10/10/2023

Year 1

17/10/2023

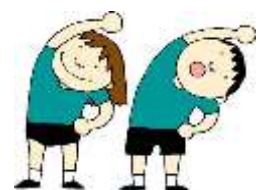
Reception

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





**WATCH. LISTEN.
TALK. ACT.
WE'RE BACKING
PLAY SAFE 2023**



NSPCC

This weekend is the FA's Play Safe weekend. English football is promoting their countywide and nationwide campaign to focus attention on the vital importance of safeguarding across the national

game.

The campaign focuses on the role that everyone including coaches, parents and carers can play in keeping children safe, in all settings. There is also a [free awareness course for parents and carers](#), and they are asking that clubs and leagues at every level sign the [Play Safe Pledge](#).

Please view the following link for further information <https://www.thefa.com/>



STAFFORD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Where: Stafford Rugby Club, Blackberry Lane, Stafford, ST16 2TT
When: Saturday mornings
Who: Mixed session (boys & girls) Reception to Year 7
Times: 9:30-10:30am Reception to Year 3
10:30-11:30am Years 4 to 7

To book, visit coaching.wolves.co.uk or email footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk for more information.



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
info@staffspcf.co.uk
BOOK NOW: [Click Here](#)

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care System

What Parents & Carers Need to Know About



EBAY



eBay is the world's biggest online auction platform: a digital emporium where you can buy practically anything, new or used. Although eBay has made huge strides with protecting buyers in recent years, there are still dangers to be mindful of: particularly when it comes to children using the site. Here's how to minimise the risks.

Shop by category

Search for anything

All Categories

Search

Advanced

It's not for Children



Although many items on the site – toys, video games, DVDs, etc – will appeal to them, it isn't intended for children. eBay's policy does state that "a person under 18 can use an adult's account with the permission of the account holder" – but note the next line: "the account holder is responsible for everything done with that account". So you could be liable for bids made on your account, which might result in unexpected bills or an account suspension. Think carefully before letting an under 18 loose on eBay.

Overspending

It's easy enough for adults to get drawn into eBay bidding wars – and find themselves paying more for an item than they can really afford. For children, who often aren't aware of the financial consequences of their actions, that temptation could be even stronger. Allowing children to bid on eBay auctions is fraught with risk.



Counterfeit/Illegal Items



Despite tightening restrictions, eBay is still rife with counterfeit, unlicensed or illegal items. It's not uncommon, for example, to find cheap internet TV boxes for sale that promise access to premium sports and movie channels, often using illegal streams. Some listings are deliberately misleading. You might, for instance, find an Xbox box shown – but literally all they are selling is the box the console came in. However, a child might see an Xbox selling for £100 and make a bid, thinking they're getting a bargain.

Off-site Communication



Rogue eBay sellers may try and get buyers to contact them away from the site, to avoid paying eBay fees. Any transactions conducted off the site, however, don't offer the protection that you get on eBay itself (in terms of feedback, returns and refunds). Off-site trading can often involve swapping mobile phone numbers or email addresses, which poses obvious risks if a child is using the site.



Advice for Parents & Carers

Visit the Safety Centre

eBay's Safety Centre (pages.ebay.co.uk/safetycentre/) publishes good advice on how to avoid scams. Pay particular attention to the guidance on fake 'second chance offer' emails, which often arrive when you've just missed out on an item. Again, children who desperately want a product are more susceptible to such tricks and could inadvertently infect the computer with malware or hand over personal details to fraudsters.

Use Two-Factor Sign-in

eBay has a security facility that requests confirmation from the eBay mobile app when you sign in. That way, even if your child (or someone else) knows your password, they won't get access to your account. Install the eBay app on your smartphone, then on the computer click the 'Hello, [your name]' link at the top of the screen. Select 'Account Settings', then 'Sign-in and Security'.

Adjust Content Filters

If you don't use eBay, you can block it using the filters provided by all leading internet providers. Instructions on how to implement these filters vary, but all will offer the facility to block certain sites to any user on the Wi-Fi network. These filters aren't foolproof, however: they won't stop access if your child visits eBay using 3G/4G mobile data on their phone.

Secure Your Account

Remove temptation and don't leave your signed-in account accessible on a family computer. Ideally, give your children separate accounts on the computer so you're not sharing the same web browser and apps. Alternatively, ensure you log out after an eBay session, so it's not possible for your child to make bids or sell items using your account. You're left logged in by default, so make sure you click on the 'Hello, [your name]' link in the top left of the screen and sign out.

Meet our Expert

Benny Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and ITV News at Ten. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.

