

Friday 20th October 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,

It has been another great week here in school, and we have definitely welcomed in the colder weather!

Thank you to everyone who came into school for Parents' Evening this week - we love sharing your children's learning with you and celebrating all they have achieved. Our teachers are always happy to catch up with you in between these more formal appointments if you have any questions about how things are going.

It has been a week of meetings with our first Worship Team and School Council meetings. The Worship Team have planned our Remembrance service for Friday 10th November - we look forward to sharing photos of this with you after half-term. The School Council are exploring local charities we could partner with - if you work for, or are connected to a local cause, we'd love to hear from you!



School Council

Next week, we have much to look forward to! Owls are off to Wolseley for the day on Tuesday. Wednesday is our harvest service at church where we will be joined by Rev. Manda Arthur - please join us if you are free. Alison Lloyd will be in over lunch on Wednesday for another drop-in - let's hope the weather is drier this time around!

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Phillips



Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery





Hedgehogs have continued to examine the seasonal changes around us and went on an Autumn walk on the field to see what we could discover. Nursery are really getting to grips with their squiggling in Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle. Our Forest Friend, Susan, came to join us for some Forest School and help us make leaf mobiles. To finish the week, we went for a walk over to church to look at the pictures of Jesus on the stained glass and get ready for our Harvest Festival.



Attendance figures

School Attendance 16th - 20th October 2023

Hedgehogs 96%

Owls 95%

Foxes 95%

Whole School 95.1%

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

Christmas jumper swop



Christmas is coming and along with that will be Christmas jumper days! These can be expensive and children grow out of them so quickly! If you have any jumpers that you are willing to donate to other families, please place them on our uniform exchange rail and help yourself to any that have been donated.

Stars of the Week





Owls have been learning about the difference between warm and cool colours in their art lessons and how artists such as Robert Delaunay use them in their work.



Don't forget you are welcome to visit The Reading Tree on a Friday at 3:10pm if you would like to borrow a book. Class Owls enjoyed their time in the school library yesterday!



*Year 3 & Year 4
Cross Country at
Marshbrook
First School*

Good luck to our children who are taking part in a cross country competition on Tuesday at Marshbrook First School.

*Owls trip to
Wolseley Wildlife
Centre*

A reminder that Class Owls will need waterproof coats, warm trousers/joggers and wellies for their trip on Tuesday. Children will need to bring a packed lunch if they haven't already ordered one via the kitchen.

**Quote
of the
Week**

Our 'Quote of the Week' comes from Alex in Foxes: When Miss Phillips showed around a prospective parent she asked class Foxes why the parent should choose our school he replied "the quality here is brilliant!"

Phonics

Reception & Year 1 Parents

Parents in Reception and Year 1 are invited to a rescheduled Phonics workshop for parents. The session is on **Thursday 9th November** 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.



Next week in worship we are singing

"Autumn Days"

[Autumn Days When the Grass is Jewelled \(singing and lyrics\) \(StF 121 / BBC Come and Praise 4\) - YouTube](#)

Click the link above to hear the music

Golden Table Award

Edward Teddy Preston

Ralph Elliott Harrison S

Awarded by our Lunchtime Supervisors



In Science this week, Owls found out about Alexander Graham Bell who invented the telephone.



We made telephones using paper cups and string and enjoyed exploring how sound travels.



IMPORTANT ParentPay Accounts

Please note that ParentPay accounts need to be topped up regularly if your child uses 'Before School Club' or if they have a school meal and they are in Nursery, Y3 or Y4.

Invoices are only issued for After School Care, due to bookings being based on individual needs and **MUST** be paid in advance.



Flu Vaccination - Thursday 26th October

Reception to Year 4 only



A reminder that the school nurses will be in school on the morning of Thursday 26th October. Please remember to complete the consent form using the details below:

To complete the on-line consent form, please using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

St Leonard's CofE (C) First School (Dunston) – 26 Oct 2023 – Flu

Your school code is: SS124248-23

All details have been emailed to yourselves on 20th September 2023

Weekly House Point Tally

Sycamore

94



Oak

75

Holly

82

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.

Foxes have learnt all about World War Two this 1/2 term, learning involved:

- ◆ Food from WW2 including tasting 'carrot jelly'!
- ◆ Building Anderson shelters
- ◆ Learning facts and stories from family members
- ◆ Completing a Kahoot quiz on the topic made by Lexie



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

We welcome donations of: UHT milk - Meal tins - tinned meat - cereal - tinned soup - tinned veg - tinned potatoes - tin fish - tin rice pudding - custard - tinned fruit - jam - marmalade - pasta - pasta n sauce packets - baked beans - tinned spaghetti - biscuits - tea bags - coffee - toilet rolls - shower gel - shampoo - deodorant

Your kind donations will be handed to Rising Brook Food Bank who support and help local families - please bring to church on the morning.



Wellies

Could **ALL** children please have a pair of wellies at school. It is important that the children have wellies in school every day so they can join in with impromptu sessions in the forest area, wet play and **they will also needed when we walk across the farmers field to church next Thursday.**

Thank you.



REMINDER

Unless your child is in receipt of Free School Meals lunches provided by our school kitchen for children in **Nursery, Year 3 & Year 4 are at a cost of £2:83 daily.** Please keep your ParentPay accounts topped up to cover this. Thank you for your co-operation.

1 meal per week - £2.83 5 meals per week - £14.15 7 week 1/2 term - £99.05

Please check to see if you could be eligible for Free School Meals by going to the County Council website:

[Apply online - Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

You will get an instant result by using the checker above, please let the office know if you are eligible - thank you

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 week's BIG QUESTION

Should every story have a happy ending?

Do stairs go up or down?

Jenson "Both, you go upstairs before you can come down"

Rohan "If you're already upstairs, you've got to go down"

Finley "Both, if you stand at the bottom, you've got to go up"

Joshua "It depends where you are"

Ruby "Up"

Dexter "You go up the stairs and down, but stairs don't move"

Maddox "Both"

Esther "Down"

Jarrold "Up & down"

Darcie "It's what we are doing, as stairs don't move!"

Lunchtime Menu - next week is week TWO

Please note change of menu on Monday of week 2

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Mac & Cheese (V) Mild Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)(Wg) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)	Macaroni cheese 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 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)

*WEEK 1: 20/04, 21/04, 22/04, 23/04, 24/04, 25/04, 26/04, 27/04, 28/04, 29/04, 30/04, 01/05, 02/05, 03/05, 04/05, 05/05, 06/05, 07/05, 08/05, 09/05, 10/05, 11/05, 12/05, 13/05, 14/05, 15/05, 16/05, 17/05, 18/05, 19/05, 20/05, 21/05, 22/05, 23/05, 24/05, 25/05, 26/05, 27/05, 28/05, 29/05, 30/05, 31/05, 01/06, 02/06, 03/06, 04/06, 05/06, 06/06, 07/06, 08/06, 09/06, 10/06, 11/06, 12/06, 13/06, 14/06, 15/06, 16/06, 17/06, 18/06, 19/06, 20/06, 21/06, 22/06, 23/06, 24/06, 25/06, 26/06, 27/06, 28/06, 29/06, 30/06, 01/07, 02/07, 03/07, 04/07, 05/07, 06/07, 07/07, 08/07, 09/07, 10/07, 11/07, 12/07, 13/07, 14/07, 15/07, 16/07, 17/07, 18/07, 19/07, 20/07, 21/07, 22/07, 23/07, 24/07, 25/07, 26/07, 27/07, 28/07, 29/07, 30/07, 31/07, 01/08, 02/08, 03/08, 04/08, 05/08, 06/08, 07/08, 08/08, 09/08, 10/08, 11/08, 12/08, 13/08, 14/08, 15/08, 16/08, 17/08, 18/08, 19/08, 20/08, 21/08, 22/08, 23/08, 24/08, 25/08, 26/08, 27/08, 28/08, 29/08, 30/08, 31/08, 01/09, 02/09, 03/09, 04/09, 05/09, 06/09, 07/09, 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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 24th October	Owls Class trip to Wolseley Centre
Tuesday 24th October @ 4:15pm	Y3 & Y4 Cross Country at Marshbrook
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
Thursday 9th November 3.15pm	Reception & Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop
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.

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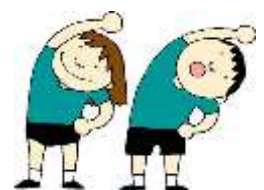
Reception

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

PE Timetable Autumn 2023

Thursday - Owls & Foxes

Friday - Hedgehogs & Foxes



Do you know a family who will be looking for either a Reception or Nursery place for September 2024? If so, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a tour with Miss Phillips.

St Leonard's C.E First School & Nursery

School Lane, Dunston, Stafford, ST18 9AG

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Email: office@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk

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Current availability in some year groups





FREE TASTER SESSION!
Saturday
4th November

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.



HALLOWEEN SOCCER SCHOOLS

Stafford Soccer School

Venue: Stafford Rugby Club, Blackberry Lane, Stafford, ST16 2TT
Dates: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023
Times: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Ages: Reception to Year 7
Cost: From £60
Booking Options: 3 days: £60 or 5 days: £90

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102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

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