

Thursday 10th November 2023

FRIDAY POST



Our School Value: Trust

*You, Lord, give true peace. You give peace to those who depend on you. You give peace to those who trust you.
Isiah 26.3*

Dear Families,

We have loved welcoming everyone back into school after the half-term break - doesn't it feel like a distant memory!?

Today we had a wonderful Remembrance Service led by our worship team. They shared a prayer they had written, led a time of silence for us to reflect, and created a wonderful poppy themed paper chain. Thank you also to everyone who has donated to the British Legion poppy appeal this week.

Learning in classes has kicked off with new topics. Foxes began their science learning on electricity, Owls have started to learn about Florence Nightingale, and it has been all things fireworks in Hedgehogs. Do remember to visit the curriculum pages on our website for more information about your child's learning. We also upload weekly photos to the gallery pages where you can see for yourself more of the exciting learning taking place day to day. This week we have said goodbye to Mr Hawkins one of our PE coaches who has moved on to another post in a SEN school and we extend a warm welcome to Miss Goodwin who has already joined us before half term.

Next week is both anti-bullying week and inter-faith week - our big question is linked to these so do take a look and discuss this as a family at home. We love sharing these questions on Fridays in worship!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Phillips

Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery



Prayer written by the worship team for Remembrance:

Dear God,

Thank you for the soldier that saved us.

Thank you for the soldiers fighting for us to keep us safe. Thank you for creating the world and creating humans.

As well as them helping our world, help us to help the world too.

Thank you, God, for helping us,

Amen.



In our Remembrance Worship this morning children were asked to write their thoughts and feelings around WW2 and they were joined together to make a paper chain.



Foxes have made poppies from clay.





PTFA are in need of a Treasurer, do you have a little spare time to be able to help the PTFA by collecting any money raised from fundraising events and paying them in to the

PTFA bank account? If so, please speak to Leisha Hatton PTFA Chair or contact the office who will pass on your details. The PTFA are an important part of school life they raise funds to help school provide those 'little extras' that school funding doesn't cover. In the past the PTFA have subsidised school trips, played a huge part in our school library renovation, provided prizes for competitions, paid for new books in school the list is endless and without it the children will miss out on these nice things - please if you have a little time to spare consider helping out, it would be very much appreciated.

Attendance figures

School Attendance 6th - 10th November 2023

Hedgehogs 96%

Owls 94%

Foxes 95%

Whole School 94.8%

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.



Weekly House Point Tally

Sycamore

84



Holly

72

Oak

123

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.

stars of the week



Owls have been sorting 2D & 3D shapes by their different properties using Venn diagrams





Well Done!



From all the lunchtime staff!



Achievements from home



If your child has recently received an award 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 Worship on Friday.

TIMESTABLES

ROCKSTARS



Year 3 & Year 4 half term battle winners!



Reception 2024

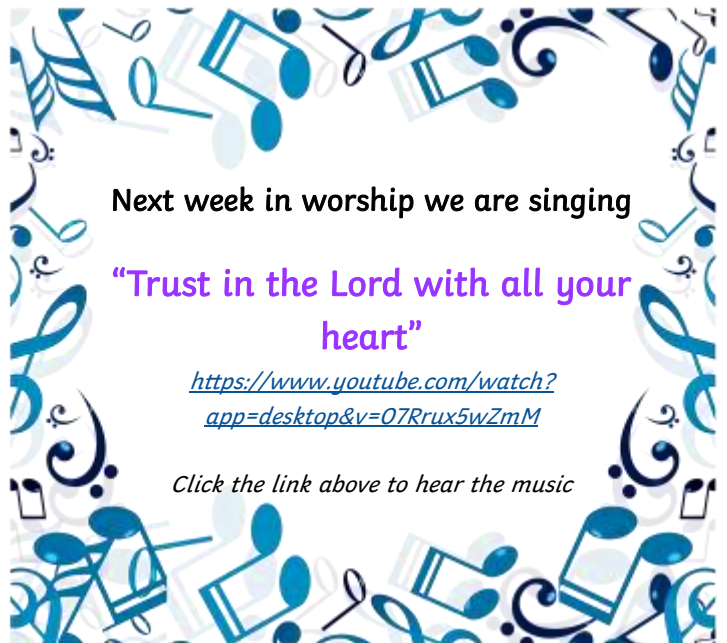
Do you have a child who will be 5 years old between 1/09/2024 to 31/08/2025? If so you will be able to apply online for a place in our Reception class from Friday 1st November 2021 the closing date is 15th January 2024. Applications should be made directly at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

Please note children who currently attend our school nursery will still need to apply for a Reception place.

Warm Clothing



As it has suddenly gone quite cold, please make sure your child brings a warm coat to school everyday.



Next week in worship we are singing

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=O7Rrux5wZmM>

Click the link above to hear the music



Year 4 - Middle School Applications

Year 4 parents, please make sure you make your application for your next school of choice before 15th January 2024.

After School Clubs



Please make payment for any after school clubs by Monday 13th November, to secure your child's place.

November invoices

All November After School Care invoices have been issued, please make payment via your ParentPay account or Childcare voucher scheme asap.



Lunchtime Menu - next week is week TWO

Please note we will **NOT** be offering a sandwich option during winter.

NEW MENU

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

11/11/23, 21/11/23, 12/12/23, 01/12/24, 23/11/24, 10/12/24, 11/12/24 11/11/23, 17/11/23, 12/12/23, 18/11/24, 14/12/24, 24/11/24, 18/12/24 30/11/23, 02/12/23, 11/12/23, 11/12/24, 22/11/24, 11/12/24, 6/12/24, 25/11/24

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

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain

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 could children in every year group 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



In Science, Owls are learning about seasonal changes. We went outside to hunt for signs of autumn. We found lots of autumn leaves, conkers, sycamore seeds, pine cones, fallen apples and some tiny toadstools.



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.



		Y3	14.11.2023	Y2	21.11.2023
Y1	28.11.2023	Rec	05.12.2023	Nurs	12.12.2023



FOREST SCHOOL

This week in year 4 created

natural materials inspired by the artist James Brunt.

Children displayed fantastic teamwork to produce their wonderful creations.

forest school, artwork using





Our PTFA will be arranging a Christmas tree to the children again this year. The tree will need to be filled with decorations to fill us with Christmas cheer so **we are asking all the children to create an eco decoration that can be put on the tree.**

Entries will be £2.00 each. Please note money will need to go directly to our PTFA by putting the money in an envelope with your child's name on the outside and placing it in the PTFA . Children and parents can enter and everyone can enter more than once. We are looking forward to seeing your creations. Please have your finished decoration in school by **Monday 27th November** - there are prizes to be won - 1 per class!

A letter has been sent home this week about a Film Night for all children on Wednesday 22nd November. If your child wishes to attend please **return the slip with your £5** and place in the PTFA post box in the school entrance hall.



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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.

Our next BIG QUESTION

Does everyone have to believe in the same thing?

Inter Faith Week



[Little Kids, Big Questions: What Do Kids Think About Religion? - YouTube](#)

Who decides what we remember?

Trixie: "you can remember good and bad"

Xander: "we control what we want to remember"

Lola: "Your brain tells you"

Thomas T: "Anyone can decide"

Fran: "We just do it"



NON UNIFORM DAY - Friday 24th November

Chocolate tombola donations

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 24th November in return for a donation for a chocolate tombola which will be held on Friday 1st December at our annual Christmas Tree lighting (more info will follow about the afternoon)

Foxes enjoying the books in the Reading Tree



WANTED!!

We are in desperate need of girls tights, pants and socks as we currently have none in our spares box. If your child gets sent home in our spares please could you wash and return. If you have any your child has grown out of we welcome donations! Thank you





Lots of talk about Bonfire Night this week, children made a bonfire and pretended to toast marshmallows,, and have made glittery pictures .



We have talked about Remembrance day and dressed up as soldiers, made Duplo poppies and coloured red poppies.



We collected leaves and sorted them into colours



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 1st November	Reception 2024 Admissions opens
Thursday 9th November 3.15pm	Reception & Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop
Wednesday 22nd November	PTFA Christmas Movie night
Friday 24th November	Non-uniform day - donations for a chocolate tombola
Friday 1st December	NO DODGEBALL CLUB
Friday 1st December	Christmas lights switch on - gates open 2:45pm
Wednesday 6th December	Whole school Christmas Panto - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 13th December PM	Christmas play
Thursday 14th December AM	Christmas play
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

PE Timetable Autumn 2023

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

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

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