



Friday 15th December

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.
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Dear Families,

I am sure you will all join me in saying what a fantastic week we have had!

Thank you to everyone who came to watch The Animals' Nativity - both performances were packed and it was wonderful to share the children's hard-work with you. They really gave a knock-out performance! Thank you again for the support shown at home with the learning of lines and the creation of costumes.

We also welcomed two of our governors, Helen Ashwood and David Woodward, along with James Capper, CEO of our Trust, to Thursday's performance. Gathering together as a school community continues to be one of my favourite parts of school life and it was great to involve our wider team at this special time of year!

Thank you also to everyone who has purchased books from our class wish-lists - we are blown away by your generosity! The teachers are very much looking forward to sharing these books with the children in the new year.

Finally, we must thank Mr Wetton, who sadly leaves us today to begin a new career venture in January. Staff and children have loved working with Mr Wetton and he will be sadly missed, as William said "everyone loves Mr Wetton". We look forward to continuing to work with Miss Goodwin on a Thursday and Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend, and will we look forward to seeing you next week for final Christmas celebrations before the holidays begin.

Miss Phillips



Amazon Book Wish Lists

Are you able to help us to acquire new books for our children?

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum here at St. Leonard's. We encourage children to read for pleasure and incorporate reading into every subject at every opportunity. Following a recent overhaul of our curriculum, staff are now desperate for a range of books which link to the learning which goes on in school over our new curriculum's 2-year cycle.

Each teacher has drawn up a wish list of books on Amazon and we are hoping to gradually accumulate them. If you would like to donate a book from your child's class list, we would be extremely grateful. Some children bring sweets to share with their classmates when it is their birthday – how about donating a book instead? A book really is a gift which keeps on giving and will give pleasure to many children (and their teachers!) for years to come.

If you choose to donate a book from the list to your child's class, the book will be presented to the whole school during assembly and will have a sticker placed on the inside cover stating the name of the child who kindly donated it. Please do check if Amazon sell any second hand copies of the books, as these can be picked up quite cheaply and we will be more than happy to receive them.

The books on each wish list have been prioritised and are labelled either high, medium or low priority. The high priority titles will match the topics being taught straight after Christmas.

Foxes

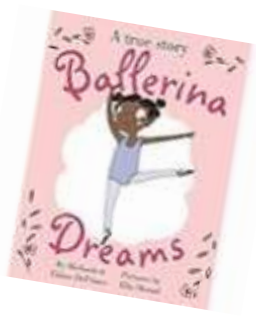
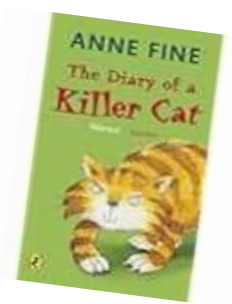
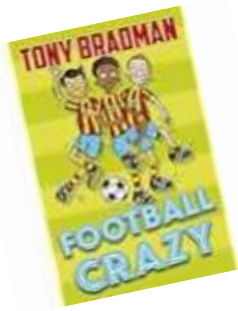
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Owls

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Hedgehogs

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for your generous donations!



Class Foxes

Children in Foxes will be delivering Christmas cards to the local residents next week. This is covered by our local trip permissions already held.

Village Hall News

We have been informed that there will be works being held in the village hall next week, so please take care if you walk along the front of the village hall.

Thank you

Quote of the Week

Quote from Jakey in Foxes

The Christmas plays here get better and better each year! I've been here for many years now and they just keep getting better!

Wanted Class Foxes

Could all children in class Foxes please bring an empty & clean jam jar to school in the new year. Many thanks Mrs Carrington

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.

The Animals Nativity

A traditional nativity seen through the eyes of the many animals who were part of that very special night.

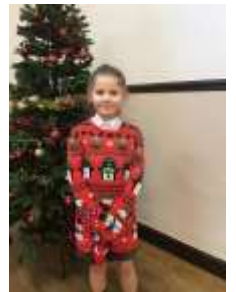




We hope class Owls families have a spare branch on their Christmas trees. Owls are using their newly developed sewing skills to make baubles. Some children chose running stitch and some tried overstitch.



We look forward to seeing the end result next week!



December After School Care invoices

All payments for December after school care are now due, if you haven't already done so please make payment via your ParentPay account as a matter of urgency. Thank you



Weekly House Point Tally

Sycamore

151



Oak

120

Holly

81

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.

Congratulations Team Oak!

For being this terms overall team winners! Your house captains have chosen hot chocolate and Christmas songs with your staff team leaders, next week!

stars of the week



CHRISTMAS

Traditional Christmas Turkey,
Pig in a Blanket & Festive Stuffing
or
Christmas Quorn Fillet &
Festive Stuffing (Ve)
with
Roast Potatoes
Carrot Batons & Peas
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Christmas Biscuit or Ice-cream

edwards and ward
a recipe for success



Children can wear their party clothes on this day

Our Christmas post box is now in the entrance hall. Please post your cards and they will be delivered to class. Last Post will be Wednesday 20th December.



Lunchtime Menu - next week is week ONE

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

	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 Cabbage, 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 Vegetarian 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)

18/11/23, 22/11/23, 18/12/23, 21/12/23, 23/12/24, 19/12/24, 17/12/24
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Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily.

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain



Mrs Carrington was very impressed with the Science Homework around Electricity this 1/2 term.



Our completed Christmas stockings aren't they fabulous!!



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

What does the sun sound like?

Is soup a food or a drink?



Thomas T "basically it's a food because it's made out of different foods eg carrots or tomatoes"

Edie "it's a kinda drink, because it's like a smoothie"

Ruby "it's a drink, because you can drink it"

Finley "it can be both"

Arthur "it's a drink you have soup without any teeth!"

Imelda Food because it's in a bowl"

Elijah "I did think it was food, but now I'm thinking it's a drink, because it's like juice"

SEND support

If your child is on the SEND register, teachers will be reviewing their support plans before Christmas. A copy will be sent home along with the usual feedback form.

If you think your child may have special educational needs and is not on our register, you can contact the office to make an appointment to speak to their class teacher.

Attendance figures

School Attendance 27th - 1st December 2023

Hedgehogs 95%

Owls 87%

Foxes 99%

Whole School 93.8%

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

Please note fixed penalty notice referrals will be made to the Local Authority for term time holidays.

Hedgehogs have had busy week they have explored the question 'Why do Christians have a Nativity?' and acted out the Nativity story with Alison from YouthNet. They have been completing jigsaws, practicing their writing skills and enjoying forest school!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 20th December	Christmas parties & lunch - wear your party clothes
Thursday 21st December	Last day - school closes at 1:30pm
Friday 22nd December	Inset Day
Monday 8th January 2024	Back to school
Friday 12th January 2024	Foxes start swimming
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



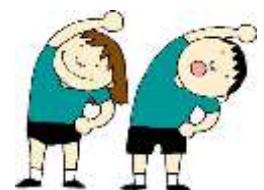
PE Timetable January 2024

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

Thursday - Owls & Foxes


























Friday - Hedgehogs & Owls

Friday - Foxes will be swimming



WINTER SELF-CARE BINGO

The winter break is a great time to take some time out.
How about trying this self-care bingo?
Try to complete a column, a row, or a diagonal of these activities.
Let me know how you get on!

 GET COZY WITH A BLANKET	 GO FOR A NATURE WALK	 HOT CHOCOLATE TIME	 STARGAZING NIGHT	 PRACTICE GRATITUDE
 CREATIVE ART EXPRESSION	 READ A WINTER BOOK	 WARM BUBBLE BATH	 GAME NIGHT	 WINTER SPORTS ACTIVITY
 CONNECT WITH A FRIEND	 CREATE A WINTER PLAYLIST	 COOK A COMFORTING MEAL	 LISTEN TO THE WINTER RAIN	 RELAXING EVENING ROUTINE
 JOURNAL THOUGHTS	 CREATE A COZY SPACE	 DEEP BREATHING EXERCISE	 SET PERSONAL GOALS	 REFLECT ON YOUR WINS
 WATCH A WINTER MOVIE	 SELF-CARE SESSION	 MORNING STRETCH TIME	 INDOOR PLANT CARE	 RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Julia Alford designs and delivers the UK's only specialist safeguarding and mental health qualifications. They're award-winning and support education professionals at local authorities – as well as school leaders and staff with their knowledge and tools to shape their settings and inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and staff is protected.



The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

It is essential that you contact the school before 9.00am on the day that your child will be absent due to illness. Please leave a message or send an email for each day of absence relating to the illness. Thank you



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.