



Friday 22nd 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.
Isiah 26.3

Dear Families,

Happy Christmas! We have enjoyed a festive week in school with the children - it is always one of the most exciting times of the school year.

Mrs Trumble tasked the worship team with spreading joy to our neighbours. The team came up with the idea of sending Christmas cards! On Tuesday afternoon, Foxes headed out into the village to deliver the cards which children in Ark have been busy making. We had some very grateful emails thanking us for the cards and hope this will be something of a new tradition.

Wednesday was Christmas party day! The children looked fantastic in their party clothes and enjoyed a varied day of crafts, Christmas dinner, games and parties. We loved celebrating together and are very grateful to our PTA for generously providing gifts for the children.

On Thursday, we gathered for worship and celebrated our Champions of Trust - not an easy value to display, but we are very proud of the way our Champions have gone above and beyond this half-term. We also shared more books which have been purchased from our wish-lists - thank you so much for your continued generosity. Team Oak then gathered after worship to celebrate their term's win with hot chocolates and Christmas songs!

However you are spending the Christmas break, I hope it is a happy and restful time filled with people you love. We look forward to welcoming you back into school in January.

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

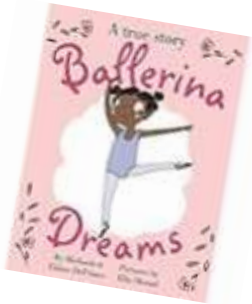
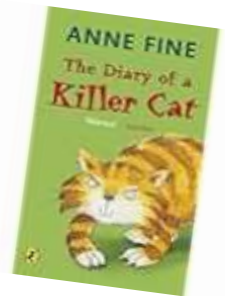
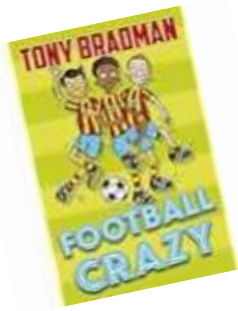
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Owls

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Hedgehogs

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for your generous donations!



Village Hall News

Unfortunately, there has been a delay with the village hall works these will now take place in January 2024, so please take care if you walk along the front of the village hall.

Thank you

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

Quote of the Week

Quote from Aliyah in Owls

"Maybe dogs have more odour receptors than humans!" referencing science learning from earlier this term into the work of Linda Buck.



Children playing postman after listening to the story of 'The Jolly Postman'



Children in Hedgehogs made a natural wreath



ParentPay®

Please could you check your ParentPay accounts and pay any outstanding Before or After School club fees and dinner money. Many thanks



Miss Phillips lit the 4th candle on our Advent Wreath



Wanted Hedgehogs

Please could the children bring a long tube for a craft activity after Christmas, eg inside of a kitchen roll tube. Many thanks Mr Atkins

Achievements from home



Swimming



Football



Swimming

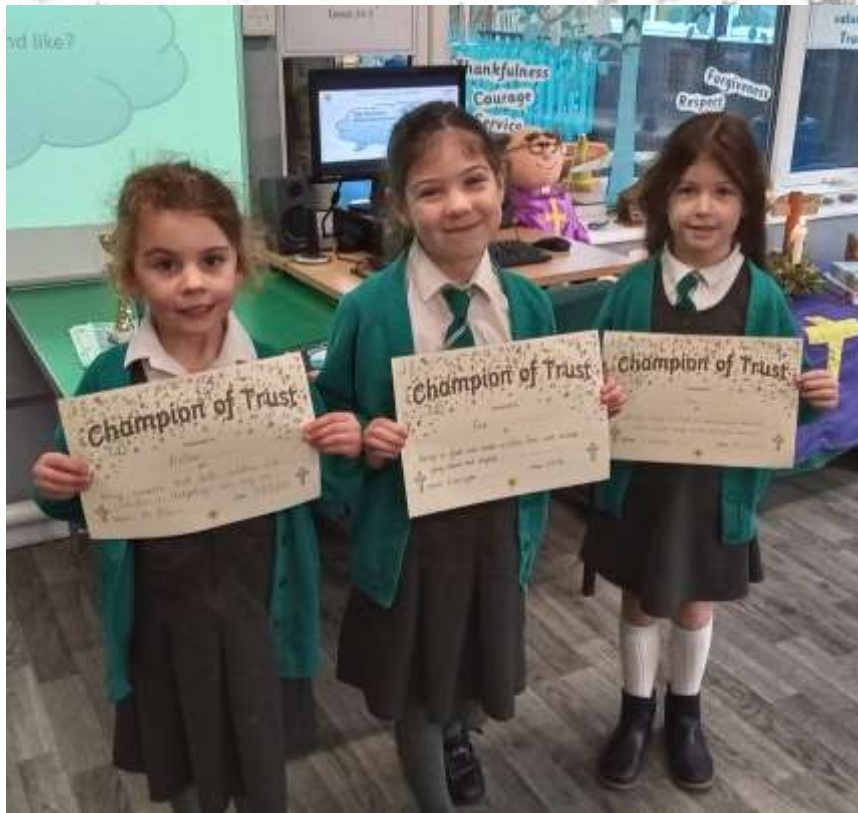
If your child has recently received an award they would like to share with us, eg swimming, football, dance, Beavers, Brownies etc please send them into school & we will share them during our Celebration Worship on Friday.

Congratulations Team Oak!



Well done for earning the most team points this term - Hot chocolate & Christmas songs as a treat!

Champions of Trust



	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	<p>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) VE Penne with Vegballs in Tomato Sauce (Ve)(WG) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Sweetcorn St Clement's Shortbread (Ve)</p> <p><i>Better Health</i></p>	<p>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) VE Beany Chilli with Rice (Ve)(WG) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Sweetcorn Lime Shortbread (Ve)</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) VE Penne with Veggie Bolognese (Ve)(WG) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Vanilla Iced Shortbread (Ve)</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Penne with Beef Bolognese (WG) VE Veggie Cottage Pie (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Garden Peas Apple Crumble (Ve)(WG) with Custard (V)</p>	<p>Cottage Pie VE Veggie Chow Mein (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Garden Peas Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Chocolate Custard (V)</p>	<p>Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy VE Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas Toffee Apple Sponge with Apple Custard (V)</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy VE Homemade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties, Yorkshire & Gravy VE Roasted Butternut Squash with Roasties, Yorkshire & Gravy (V) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots Jelly (Ve)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy VE Quorn Fillet with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Carrot Batons Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)</p>
THURSDAY	<p>Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (WG) VE Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Banana Bread (V)</p>	<p>Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes VE Veggie Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes (V) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Cooked Tomato Flapjack (Ve)</p>	<p>Chicken with Golden Vegetable Rice (WG) VE Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Jammy Dodger Flapjack (Ve)</p>
FRIDAY	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips VE Quorn Hotdog with Chips (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches (V)</p>	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips VE Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)</p>	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips VE Quorn Dippers with Chips (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Cocktail (V)</p>
	18/01, 29/01, 19/02, 11/03, 01/04, 22/04, 13/05, 05/06, 24/06, 15/07	16/01, 05/02, 26/02, 18/03, 08/04, 29/04, 20/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07	22/01, 12/02, 04/03, 25/03, 15/04, 06/05, 27/05, 17/06, 08/07

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan WG - Wholegrain

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

Party time!



Owls fantastic baubles!



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

Xander in Foxes has set our next Big Question for when we return!

How big is the universe?

What does the sun sound like?



Dexter "sizzling"

Aliyah "it doesn't sound like anything, it could depend on the weather"

Ralph "it sounds like a big fire"

Olivia R "it sounds of nothing"

Elijah "it doesn't sound of anything, it's very far up"

Edie "it's a crackling noise"

Jarrood "it sounds like the wind is blowing"

Joshua "if you were close enough it could be bubbling & sizzling"

Quote of the Week

Quote from Bow in Foxes

Following on from last weeks big question, is soup a food or drink Bow asked Miss Phillips "*is yoghurt a drink or food?*"

Attendance figures

School Attendance 18th - 21st December 2023

Hedgehogs 93%

Owls 94%

Foxes 96%

Whole School 94.7%

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

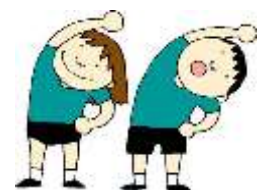
PE Timetable January 2024

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





Stafford (1)



Thursday 4th / 11th / 18th / 25th January

4:30 – 6:30pm

Ability Counts

6 – 16 years



Gnosall Village Hall, Lowfield Lane, Gnosall, ST20 0ET

Please note: No sessions running from 21st December to 29th December



Wednesday 10th / 24th January

5:00 – 7:15pm

Chuckle Chillout

5 – 18 years



The Chuckle House, Unit 10 Stone Business Park, Stoke, ST15 0SR



Wednesday 17th January

5:00 – 7:00pm

Bowling & Meal

11 – 19 years



Tenpin Bowling, Greyfriars Place, Stafford, ST16 2SD



From Friday 1st December:

To book a place on any of
the listed activities call:

0300 111 8007

(option 2, then option 3)



Children can have two free
activities every month!

Click here for further details:

[Aiming High - Activities and short
breaks | Staffordshire Connects](#)

Stafford (2)

Sunday 28th January

2:30 – 4:30pm

Pretty Pots Painting

7 – 18 years

76 Main Road, Milford, Stafford, ST17 0UW



We are still waiting for activities from Doves Care





National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS

Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.

2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.

3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE

This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.

4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS

This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.

5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION

Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.

6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.

7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES

Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.

8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.

9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.

10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.

11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.

12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY

Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.