



Friday 8th December 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 had a busy week in school and things are certainly starting to look more festive following last week's light switch on!

On Wednesday morning, we enjoyed a performance of Sinbad the Sailor at the Village Hall. The pantomime performance had the children laughing, cheering and singing! It was great to be able to share the morning with the staff and children from All Saints, Bednall who are also part of Staffordshire University Academy Trust. Thank you to the team from The West Midlands Children's Theatre for putting on such a great show!

Alison from the YouthNet has also been in school this week - Foxes enjoyed taking part in a Christmas Reflections Workshop on Monday afternoon. The hall was transformed as they explored the story of the birth of Jesus. Hedgehogs have spent time with Alison this afternoon, answering the question - why do Christians have nativities?

We are very much looking forward to sharing our whole school nativity with you all next week - The Animals' Nativity! Both performances are sold out; please remember to pay any outstanding ticket costs on ParentPay - this helps us cover the cost of the Village Hall hire for both the performances and rehearsals. Have a wonderful weekend,
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

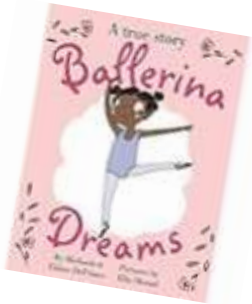
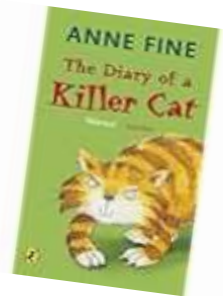
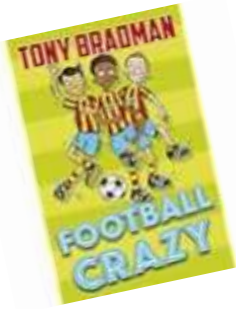
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Owls

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Hedgehogs

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Science



After testing items last week to see if they were conductors or insulators this week we have added a switch to see whether we could switch on our light bulb.



We are working hard on our Christmas stockings!



Peace

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord

Matthew 3:3

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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.

Quote of the Week

Ted H in Maths this week:

"I made a mistake and then I did it differently, but that's ok because we learn from our mistakes"

Wise words Ted!



Nurs 12.12.2023

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.

Achievements from home



Horse Riding



Gymnastics

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.

Weekly House Point Tally

Sycamore

160



Oak

102

Holly

102

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



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.

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.



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 THREE

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, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 26/12/23, 23/12/24, 19/12/24, 17/12/24
15/11/23, 22/11/23, 19/12/23, 18/12/24, 26/12/24, 24/12/24, 18/12/24
20/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 17/12/24, 22/12/24, 12/12/24, 4/12/24, 25/12/24

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

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain

Sinbad the Sailor Pantomime

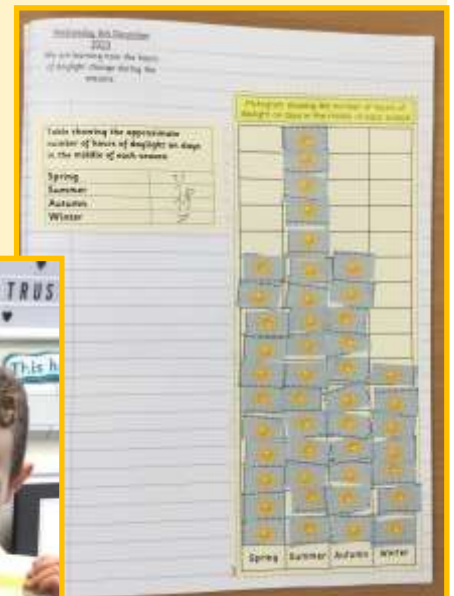




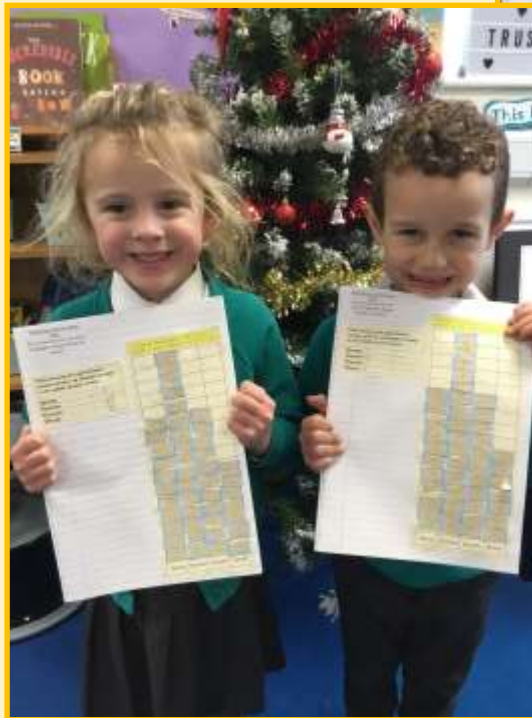
Christmas tree light switch on



Seasonal changes



Owls have been learning about seasonal changes in their science topic and this week found out about how the hours of daylight change over the seasons. We incorporated our maths skills into the science lesson by making pictograms to show how many hours of daylight we have in the middle of each season.



A Christmas Poem by Fran in Foxes

Little baby Jesus is asleep,
Mary watches with a peep,
Can you see him in the hay?
On this special Christmas day?
The wise men see the star,
Upon them for the baby king afar.
The shepherds' sheep see the star,
And want to lead them to the king afar.
First Mary finds the sheep,
And wonders if they came to peep.
But in the hush comes shepherds with more sheep,
The king they have come to greet.
The wise men knock the stable door and Joseph says,
'Come in!'
They bow and give their gifts to the King.





Hedgehogs have started to think about how we celebrate Christmas and why we have Christmas trees. We looked at a timeline going back 1500 years to find out about the first Christmas tree that grew in Germany and how they were introduced to the U.K. This gave us lots of opportunities to decorate our

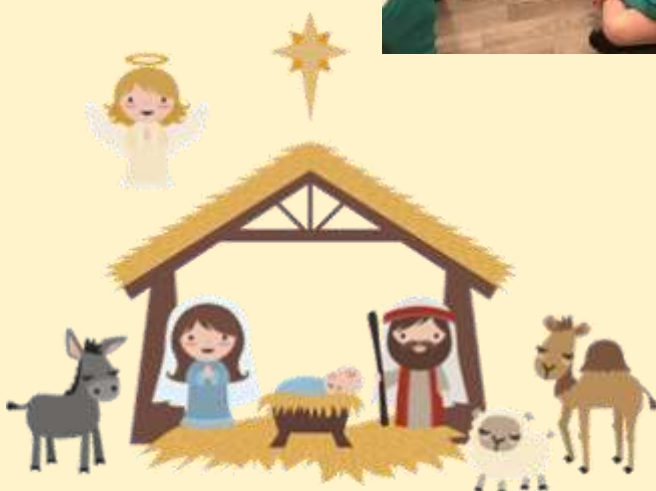


class tree, decorate our role play area and do Christmas tree craft. We also did some counting on a Christmas board game. In Forest School we had a break from our festive themes and used our team-working skills to make natural art installations.



Christmas Creations Workshop

This week in RE, we have been treated to a workshop from YouthNet all about Christmas Reflections. During our session, we were taken on a journey through the Christmas Story and completed practical activities to support this. We thought about people we trust, how we can help others who might be struggling and also thought of any wow moments that we have experienced in our lives. When the children arrived at Bethlehem, they were given a star to decorate. All children enjoyed joining in with the activities as well as being taken on a Christmas Journey through stories and using their imagination.



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

Is soup a food or a drink?

Which is more important, being right or being kind?

Edie "Kind is more important - You need to make the right choices to be kind"

Savannah "You need to be kind to make friends"

Elijah "You need to be kind, or you won't get any friends"

Ted H "Being kind is better than being right all the time"

Jarrold "if you're kind you move up the Champion chart"

Aliyah "kind is better, it's not about being right or being perfect all the time"

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 91%

Owls 93%

Foxes 90%

Whole School 91.3%

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.



Agents of Change!

Our Worship Team have set us the challenge of bringing joy to those around us! We will be making and delivering cards to our neighbours in the run up to Christmas. Thomas H made the great suggestion of families doing that in the places they live - if you do something to share joy with your neighbours, we'd love to hear about it!



Be on time at quarter to nine!
A reminder that the school gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am each morning. Any child arriving once the gate is closed will need to be signed in late via the school office. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 13th December PM	Christmas play
Thursday 14th December AM	Christmas play
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 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



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



UK Health
Security
Agency



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/minftec>.

Rising Brook Church's 2023 Christmas Show

The Lost Star



7TH - 9TH DECEMBER 2023

Thu 7th 7:30pm | Fri 8th 7:30pm | Sat 9th 2:30pm | Sat 9th 7:30pm

Rising Brook Community Church
Burton Square, Stafford, ST17 9LT



Book your tickets at risingbrook.org/loststar
£8.00 Adult | £5.50 Child (ages 2-16)
BSL interpretation available on Friday 8th Dec



Rising Brook Baptist Church, Burton Square, Stafford, ST17 9LT | risingbrook.org
Charity no. 1136190 | Company no. 7122684 | Email: church@risingbrook.org | Phone: 01785 214750

An event being promoted by Ellis, Esme & Lexie in class Foxes



FUNDRAISING

21ST WEST STAFFORD SCOUT GROUP

Everyone welcome!

Christmas Fayre

Saturday, December 9th - 11:00am - 5:00pm

THE CHURCH HALL, LOVELACE CLOSE, HIGHFIELDS ST17 9YB

Join in the Christmas fun with **21st West Stafford Scout Group!**

There will be stalls, games and activities for all ages as well as a variety of food and refreshments.

Everyone is welcome, bring your friends and family and help to raise funds for the Group.

BUZZZZ WIRE GAME
PENNY DROP
FIND RUDOLF

HANDMADE GIFTS
(BY THE SQUARE, BEANS, CIGLE KIDZ)

CAKE STALL
TOMBOLA

GRAND RAFFLE
BBQ HOOK A BAUBLE

LUCKY DIP
TREASURE HUNT

Plus much more...

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