

Friday 23rd February 2024

FRIDAY POST

Our School Value: Forgiveness

"Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ". Ephesians 4:32

Dear Families,

We have had a great week back in school, albeit dodging the rain at times!

On Monday, local councillor Mark Sutton visited school. We talked through the concerns that have been raised around School Lane and he has agreed to commission a speed and volume survey once the road is fully open. It is also Mark to whom we must pass on thanks for having the road signage re-arranged to make it more accessible for school drop-offs.

On Wednesday we had a visit from Rev. Manda who shared with us a bible story about this half term's value of forgiveness. The story was about a rich king who forgave a servant who owed him money, however the servant wasn't quite so generous with the man who owed money to him. The children listened well and were able to reflect on what the story might mean for us.

We also had a visit from LAC member Mrs Ashwood, who spoke with staff and children about how they are kept safe in school. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and it was encouraging to hear the children talk confidently about who they can talk to if they have a worry or feel unsafe.

On Thursday, Miss Laing spent time talking to children about their learning in maths. They were very keen to share everything they had done with her - well done everyone!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Phillips



Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery





In PE Owls are doing gymnastics



My Prayers

BE THANKFUL

God, thank you for _____
Thank you for loving me and watching over me.



PRAY FOR YOURSELF

God, I pray that you help me make the right choices. Help me understand what is right and wrong. Help me with _____

PRAY FOR YOUR DAY

Thank you for being everywhere with me. God I pray that you keep me safe. I pray for your peace over my day today.

CONFESS YOUR SINS

Sorry God for _____
Help me to obey your word.



PRAY FOR OTHERS

I pray that my family and friends will encounter your love.



FORGIVE OTHERS

God today I choose to forgive _____
for _____
God Heal this hurt in my heart In Jesus name. Amen

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Quote of the Week



When Miss Phillips was reading 'Harry & his bucketful of Dinosaurs' to the children in Hedgehogs, she mentioned a 'Tyrannosaurus Rex - Joel shouted out "Rex means king" - well done Joel and what fabulous writing too!


**Foxes have created
cross themed stained
glass windows.**



A book review by: Holly **Book Review**

Book title: Cake Plus



Draw your favourite part of the book



Who did you share the story with?

Did you enjoy the story?

dad
mom

A book review by: Isabella **Book Review** ★★★★★

Book Front Cover



Author:

Illustrator:

Did you like the book? Write about your favourite part

my favorite part was when he won first prize at the school talent show

What type of book have you chosen?

Fiction
non-fiction

Does this book remind you of any other story?

no and thats why I like it.

Draw your favourite part of the story



Who would you recommend this book to?

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BOOK REVIEWS

A book review by: Emilia **Book Review** ★★★★★

Book Front Cover

Hairy moses from Donkey's valley



Author: Lynley Dodd

Illustrator: Lynley Dodd

Other books written by the same author

Hairy moses book

What is the book about?

As soon as you see it you know it's a book about a donkey who goes to school and learns to read.

Genre (tick as many as apply to your book)

Fiction <input type="checkbox"/>	adventure <input type="checkbox"/>	humour <input type="checkbox"/>
non-fiction <input type="checkbox"/>	animal story <input type="checkbox"/>	other <input type="checkbox"/>
Fantasy <input type="checkbox"/>	historical <input type="checkbox"/>	

Draw your favourite part of the story



Soft fuzzy claws

Who would you recommend this book to?

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Achievements from home



Swimming



Swimming



Swimming



Football



Swimming



Horse Riding



Football



Brownies

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.



Nursery have been mark making, making circles and lines is the first step to fantastic writing - well done everyone!





Stars of the Week



This term we are singing ...

Lord I lift your name on high https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c12Ta6_WJrw

Mighty to Save <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68uitaNXtUo>

He calls me friend <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PpiezP6xRM>





It was lovely to see so many children come to school in their uniforms to celebrate 'World Thinking Day' yesterday.
 12th Berkswich, 1st Heath Hayes, 4th Stafford, 15th Stafford (Penkridge), 21st West Stafford Scout Group, 5th Berkswich Brownies



After School Clubs



Payment for clubs We have spaces left in Gardening, Street Dance & Football if your child is interested in joining please email the office.

Weekly House Point Tally

Oak 112



Sycamore 60

Holly 51

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.

FRACTIONS



Foxes have started their learning on Fractions - it's always made more interesting, if you can use sweets!



Laches Wood

A reminder to parents in years 3 & 4 that payment for their over night residential visit to Laches Wood is now due, payment is via your ParentPay account. Staggered payments can be made.

Nursery - September 2024



We are now taking names for children wishing to start at our school nursery in **September 2024**. Places are limited so please could you drop in / contact the office for a form so we can add your child's name to our list no later than Monday 8th April - places will be allocated w/c 15th April 2024. If you are already in our nursery and wish to change or increase sessions for September then please email the office with your request.

WANTED

Do you have any unwanted toys that the children could play with at lunchtimes?

We are looking for anything that is robust enough to play with outside (no board games) eg cars, trains, My Little Ponies etc Many thanks for the donations we have received so far.



Lunchtime Menu - next week is week TWO

The children get asked each morning what they would like to eat at lunchtime.

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

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

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

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan WG - Wholegrain

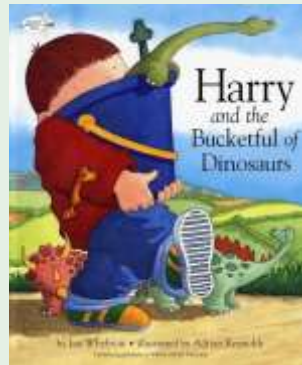


NO NUTS!

Please note do not send children to school with any items containing nuts due to children who have allergies. Thank you

We are finding out about dinosaurs to answer our topic question I wonder.....
What came before?

We read 'Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs' and came up with some actions for the different dinosaurs such as Stegosaurus and Triceratops. In the mud kitchen we made food for plant eating and meat eating dinosaurs. The children enjoyed role playing in our class museum and our prehistoric small world. We used Harry's bucket from the story to help us understand more about capacity in maths and started to think about Easter by acting out the Palm Sunday celebration.



This terms Topic Web can be found on the Hedgehogs Curriculum page on the school website:

<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/hedgehogs-learning-nursery-reception/>



To develop our philosophical thinking we ask the children a BIG question each week! As a family take time to discuss the big question! Miss Phillips listens to the children's thoughts on the question during Worship on Friday.

Our next BIG QUESTION

Should a footballer be paid more than a nurse?



Can you be friends with someone you have never met?

Tovah "Yes, because my dad has a friend in Scotland he's never met"

Finley "You can only be friends if they are friendly to you"

Jarrold "Yes, with old people"

Arthur "No not always you don't know if they are a criminal"

Edie "In the middle, because they could be a criminal like Arthur said but I have aunties I've never met who are a friend"

Sophie "You can as you can learn to know each other"

Ralph "You can, I would ask them can we be friends?"

Trixie "Maybe be careful because at the park there are strangers"

Edie "Not when you are on your Nintendo"

William "you have to think 'stranger danger'"

Attendance figures

School Attendance 19th February - 23rd February 2024

Hedgehogs 90%

Owls 98%

Foxes 99%

Whole School 96.2%

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.

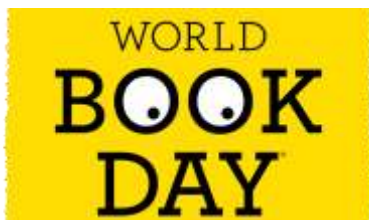


Class Owls were excited to welcome Education Mental Health Practitioner, Alison Lloyd into class on Monday. Alison delivered the first of four PSHE lessons exploring feelings. The first lesson explored the feelings of happiness and love. The children were thrilled with the two mood bears Alison brought with her.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 7th March	World Book Day - come to school in PJ's & bring a book
Tuesday 19th March	Parents Evening - <i>booking sheets in entrance hall</i>
Wednesday 20th March	Parents Evening - <i>booking sheets in entrance hall</i>
Friday 22nd March	Easter Church Service - parents welcome to join us at 9.15am
Mon 25th Mar - Fri 5th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday school closed
Friday 10th May	Academy Photography - Class photos & Leavers
Wednesday 15th - 17th May	Foxes - Laches Wood Residential - <i>more info to follow</i>
Friday 24th May	Inset Day
Mon 27th - 31st May	Half Term
Friday 19th July	Last day of academic year
Monday 22nd July	Inset Day



Come to school in your PJ's for World Book Day

Children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas on **Thursday 7th March** and, if they want to, bring their favourite bedtime short story. We will be spending some time in our house teams for stories.

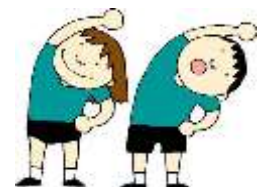
Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. Thank you for your co-operation

PE Timetable February 2024

Thursday - Owls & Foxes

Friday - Hedgehogs & Owls

Friday - Foxes will be swimming



Breathing Techniques

When we feel anxious, upset or distressed, it can be difficult to know what to do to feel better. By using these breathing techniques, we can reduce our anxiety and lower our blood pressure/heart rate. This helps us feel calmer and more focused and helps us to face our fears.

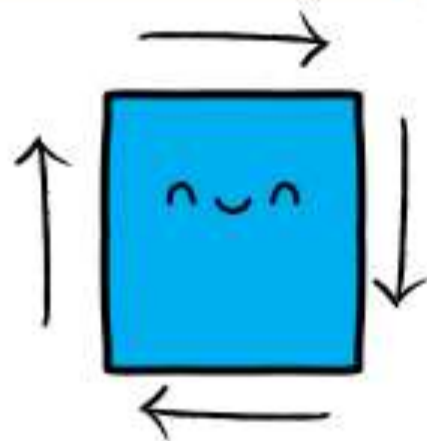
Belly Breathing



- Take a deep breath in and fill your belly like you're inflating a balloon.
- As you do this, count 1, 2, 3, 4 to breath in and fill the balloon in your belly.
- Pause and then let all of the air out of your belly like you're letting a balloon deflate.
- As you do this, count 1, 2, 3, 4 to breath out and let the balloon go down from your belly.

Square Breathing

- Imagine you're drawing a square with your finger in the air.
- Breath in while counting 1, 2, 3, 4 as you draw the top line and then pause.
- Breath out while counting 1, 2, 3, 4 as you draw the line down the side and then pause.
- Breath in while counting 1, 2, 3, 4 as you draw the bottom line and then pause.
- Breath out while counting 1, 2, 3, 4 as you draw the line up the side to make the square.



Finger Breathing



- Use your index finger to trace around the edges of the fingers on your opposite hand.
- Count 1, 2, 3, 4 and breath in as you go up the first finger.
- Count 1, 2, 3, 4 and breath out as you go down the finger.
- Repeat until you have traced up and down all five fingers, breathing 1, 2, 3, 4 in and 1, 2, 3, 4 out each time.

Top Tip! Practise these breathing techniques when you're calm so that you're better prepared to use them when you need to.



Count **slowly** when breathing in and out and **repeat** the technique as many times as you need to until you feel calmer.

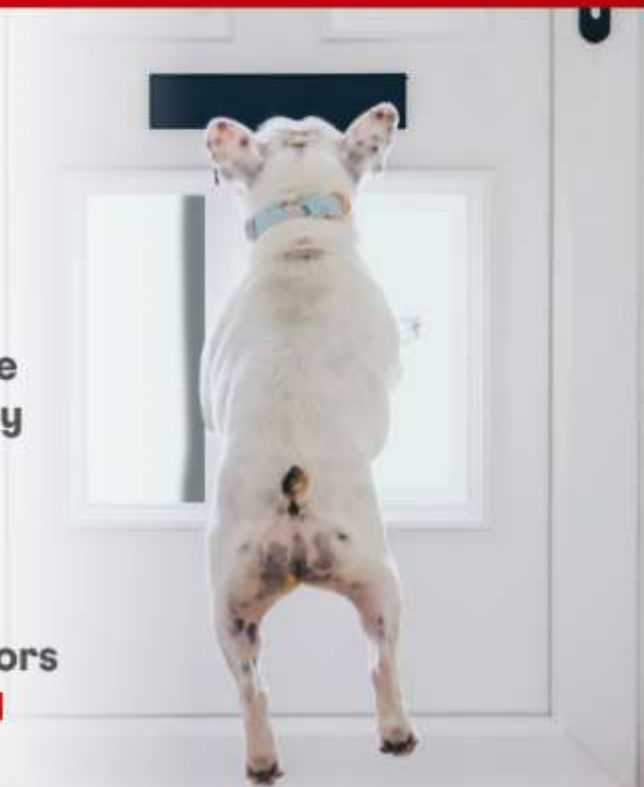
DID YOU KNOW?



37 Royal Mail employees a week were attacked by dogs in 2022/23. That's a total of **1,916** posties – with some suffering permanent and disabling injuries.

Please help us prevent attacks on our posties:

- **SECURE YOUR DOG** in a different room when the postie arrives
- **NEVER OPEN THE DOOR** to a postie when your dog is not secured away
- **INVEST IN A LETTER CAGE OR EXTERNAL DELIVERY POINT** to stop bites through the letterbox
- If your dog is running loose outdoors on your premises **YOUR MAIL CAN BE SUSPENDED**



For more information, please visit royalmail.com/dogawareness

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Following changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in May 2014, an owner or/and a person in charge of a dog, can be prosecuted if that dog attacks anyone, in any place in England, Wales or Scotland. Royal Mail can commence a prosecution if the police have failed to do so.