

Friday 1st March 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 in school, and I must say that the visit from Penkridge Fire Service has to have been a highlight all around!

Matthew and the team led a great morning for the children. They learnt about fire safety, what the team do in the community, the role of the fire fighter, people who help us, the Great Fire of London, match safety and hoax reduction - the team packed loads in! Staff were dressed up in their uniforms and the children enjoyed climbing into the engine and using the hose. Letters of thanks will be headed their way in the coming days.

Mr Atkins welcomed Sean Cassidy into school on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Cassidy is a member of our LAC and came to see how we run our provision for our Early Years children. It is great when the members of our LAC get to see our school in action, and we are grateful for the time that goes into their voluntary role.

We also had visitors from SUAT in school on Tuesday who came to look at teaching and learning across the school. Miss Ashley, our deputy CEO and director of education, came along with Mrs Machin, who is Principal at St Edward's, Cheddleton. They were blown away by our welcoming school environment and the children's behaviour and attitude to their learning. We were encouraged by their visit and will be continuing to focus on how we can further develop independence in lessons, and our reading curriculum.

On that note, we are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday - don't forget to come in your pyjamas and bring your favourite book!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Phillips

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery





Children in Foxes will be supervising the Reading Tree on Monday, Wednesday & Friday lunchtimes. The role of the librarian will be to help other children to choose books or to read to younger pupils.

A book review by: Sophia **Book Review** Draw your favourite part of the book

Book title: The Fleeter - That's a unicorn in your book.

Did you enjoy the story? Yes

Who did you share the story with? Mummy

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BOOK REVIEWS

A book review by: Oliver **Book Review** ☆☆☆☆☆

Book Front Cover: Where the Wild Things Are

Did you like the book? Write about your favourite part: My favourite part is where the wild things hash their terrible teeth. I like their scowling eyes and show their terrible teeth. Does this book remind you of any other story?

What type of book have you chosen?
 fiction
 non-fiction

Draw your favourite part of the story

Who would you recommend this book to?
I would recommend my book to my friends

Author: Maurice Sendak

Illustrator: Maurice Sendak

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A book review by: Ethan **Book Review** ☆☆☆☆☆

Book Front Cover: Sam and the Ice Cream Truck

What is the book about?
A book about a boy called Ethan who goes to school and he has an ice cream truck. He likes to eat ice cream.

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"/>	

Did you like the book?
I like the pictures and the story about the ice cream truck.

Who would you recommend this book to?
All friends around the world

Other books written by the same author
Dragon world and Underwater world

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Achievements from home



Gymnastics



Swimming



Bike racing



Performing at the Gatehouse

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.



On Monday we had a surprise delivery during After School Care along with a letter from the House of Commons!

We received 3 boxes which contained 50 books from Theo Clarke MP as part of her 'Get Stafford Reading' campaign.

The children have been delighted with the new additions on their class bookshelves.



OUR FATHER
IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED
BE YOUR NAME.



YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.



GIVE US THIS DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD.



AND FORGIVE US
OUR DEBTS, AS WE ALSO HAVE
FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS.

LEAD US
NOT INTO
TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US
FROM EVIL.

FOR THE KINGDOM,
THE POWER AND
THE GLORY ARE YOURS.
NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN



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>





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.

School Council post

School council were excited to receive post this week! Chuckle House have sent a card to us all, thanking us for making them so welcome a few weeks ago.



Headteacher's Award



Weekly House Point Tally

Oak

145



Sycamore

81

Holly

80

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.

A visit from the Fire Fighters



I just wanted to let you know that F came home buzzing with excitement and sharing information about the visit from the Fire Service today. Thank you for arranging all the fun and varied things they get to do at school.

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.

School Meal Price Increase

Edwards & Ward, our catering service, have announced an increase in the cost of a meal.

After Easter children in **Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4** will be charged £2.95 for a school dinner, an increase of 4%.

Lunchtime Menu - next week is week THREE

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 logo	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) Veggie 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, 08/07

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

V - Vegetarian, Ve - Vegan, WG - Wholegrain



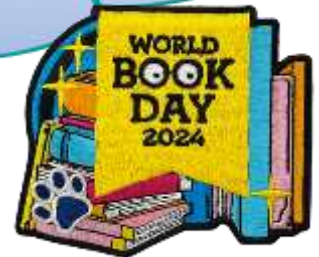
NO NUTS!

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

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

Books are always better than films? True or false?



Should a footballer be paid more than a nurse?

Alex "I know I'm a footballer but I think nurses should be paid more as they help people"

Ted "No, what if a footballer falls and breaks a leg he would need a nurse"

Tovah "Nurses should be paid more they help people, footballers just run around and make people's eyes bad following them"

Savannah "My mum is a nurse and she helps everyone - footballers just fall over and make a big deal about it"

Fran "I think footballers are paid thousands to kick a ball, Nurses who help lots of people don't get paid much"

Myla "footballers run around and kick a ball, nurses work hard and help people"

Imelda "Footballers just run around and exercise"

Attendance figures

School Attendance 26th February - 1st March 2024

Hedgehogs 87%

Owls 91%

Foxes 97%

Whole School 92.4%

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.



This week we went for a dinosaur hunt in the woods and tried to work out the code to why some dinosaurs were marked red and some were marked green. In the end, we solved the riddle and realised some were plant eaters and some were meat eaters. We also learnt their scientific names theropods and sauropods. The children have used this language in their play while making dinosaur paintings and drawings or in their imaginative play outside. In PSHE we have continued to think about healthy habits and what it means to be active with our bodies. We tested what movements made our hearts beat faster and why this was important. Outside we also worked on our understanding of capacity in our water play and continued to develop our understanding of 1 more and 1 less using Numicon to help us visualise it.



DINOSAUR ERA

To celebrate British Science Week, Ark Club will be conducting experiments galore each day wc 8th March! If your child doesn't attend the Ark but they would like to join in, please contact the school office to book them in, it will be £3.80 each night until 4pm (you don't have to do all nights)



 **BRITISH
SCIENCE
WEEK**
8-17 March 2024



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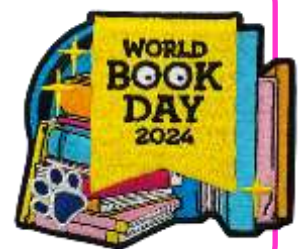
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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

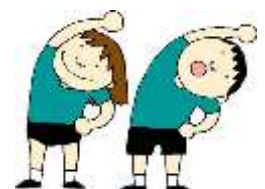
Children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas on **Thursday 7th March** and, if they want to, bring their favourite bedtime short story. We will be spending some time in our house teams for stories.



PE Timetable February 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



Action for Neurodiversity

Stronger Together

Do you have a child who is neurodiverse (autism, ADHD, Tics, Dyslexia etc.) or has traits of neurodiversity? Join our informal support group for parents and carers..

Next session will be 12th January 2024

2nd February 2024

1st March 2024

12th April 2024

10.30am - 12.30pm

Pye Green Community Centre

Bradbury Ln, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4EP

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