

Friday 10th May 2024

FRIDAY POST

Our School Value: Service

"God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other. Peter 4:10"

Dear Families,

A beautiful week has put a smile on all our faces!

The 4-day week has been as packed as ever. We had a visit from the team at Perkins this week. We take part in their Eco-Award annually, and this year have been tasked with building a kit-car! As you can imagine, this is no small feat, and Mr Waters and Foxes have tackled it with full force! The team were very impressed with the progress we had made - well done all!

Alison Lloyd was back in for a lunchtime drop in on Thursday. She spent time talking with children about the things they love in school. We love having Alison visit, and she always loves coming to see us. Leaflets can be found in the main office about the Mental Health Support Team, should you wish to explore what Alison and the team can offer further.

Our Year Four buddies have spent time in Hedgehogs this week, preparing examples of the way they show service to each other in school. We are looking forward to sharing these at our church celebration on Thursday 23rd May - do join us if you are free.

Next week, Foxes head to Laches Wood for a two-night residential! We can't wait to share stories of how they get on! Wi-Fi signal at the centre isn't great, so we will be uploading photos as best as we can, and will have plenty to share on their return.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Phillips

Ascension Day Prayer

Father in heaven,
our minds were prepared
for the coming of Your kingdom
when You took Christ beyond our sight
so that we might seek Him in glory.
May we follow where He has led
and find our hope in His glory,
for He is Lord forever. Amen

Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery



This week Owls have been thinking about animals in Australia and have also been looking at traditional Aboriginal art. We created these fantastic pictures using cotton buds whilst listening to the didgeridoo!



Next week during worship we are learning:

'Praise ye the Lord'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuODF9Kbgnw>

Please follow the link above to hear the music



At last warmer weather!!

All children must come to school with a water bottle. We also recommend applying 8-hour sun-cream at the start of the day to reduce the need to apply in school - staff are unable to apply cream for children. Hats and sunglasses may also be worn, and rain-coats should be brought if rain is forecast.

It can be tricky sometimes to know when to keep your child off from school when they are feeling unwell. The NHS website has some helpful advice and guidelines: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



Attendance figures

School Attendance 7th May - 10th May 2024

Hedgehogs 100%

Owls 88%

Foxes 96%

Whole School 94%

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.

We have been looking at planes in our transport theme. Finding out about the first air travel by hot air balloon and then the Wright Brothers first flight. We went outside and found out how planes can fly using kites and foam planes. Nursery have loved making different vehicles out of junk and we even made a chariot after reading about how Elijah went to heaven in R.E. All of the children are really impressing us with their phonics knowledge and Reception have been showing how good they are in shared reading and their independent writing. In maths, Reception have been looking closely at 3D shapes and thinking how 2D shapes are used to create their faces. We then used lots of 3D shapes in our play to support our learning.



Summer Fayre

*Friday 21st June after
sports day.*

For more details and to help out
speak to Lucy Haynes or the
school office.

Watch this space!!

We are hiring!

We are looking to recruit an EYFS
Teaching Assistant and an After
School Care Teaching Assistant.

For more information please visit our
school website: [https://www.st-
leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/
vacancies/](https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/vacancies/)

Closing date: 13th May 2024 at 9am

Stars of the Week





Foxes enjoying
time in our school
library, The
Reading Tree



Golden Table Award

Joshua Ellis Edie

Harrison F Olivia R Aoife

Awarded by our Lunchtime Supervisors

Weekly House Point Tally

Oak

231



Holly

146

Sycamore

198

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.

Lunchtime Menu - next week is week THREE

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

Cost of a school meal for children in Nursery, Year 3 & Year 4 is £2.95 as of April 2024

	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)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) Bean 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)

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

Why do we learn?

Are rainbows real if we can't touch them?



Collecting children's thoughts on the big question

Savannah *"Yes they are real, because if water and the sun mixes it makes a vibrant colour"*

Esme *"They are real but you can't feel them"*

Bow *"Yes, they are real but are like stars you can see them but can't feel them"*

Xander *"You can see them"*

Sophie *"Rainbows are real because it is when water and sun combine"*

Preston *"It's not real"*

Edie *"It's real and it's not real, you can't touch it because it's not really there and the closer you get ,it gets further away"*

Orla *"You can see rainbows but you can't touch them"*



Our Safeguarding Team

Miss Phillips is our Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Laing is our Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Should you hear or see something that concerns you, please contact the office to speak to either of them.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 15th - 17th May	Foxes - Laches Wood Residential
Thursday 23rd May	Church service - all parents are invited to join us
Friday 24th May	Inset Day
Mon 27th - 31st May	Half Term
W/C Monday 3rd June (2 wks)	Y4 multiplication checks
Wb 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening check
Friday 21st June	Sports Day - afternoon
Friday 28th June	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball fundraiser - more info to follow
Wednesday 3rd July - 9.30am	Penkridge Middle Transition Day - Year 4 only
Wednesday 3rd July	Transition Day to new classes
Wednesday 10th July	Chuckle Productions Arts Day - more info to follow
Friday 19th July	Last day of academic year
Monday 22nd July	Inset Day

Church services

Reverend Amanda welcomes any families to join in with her services at St Leonard's church, Dunston.

Dunston service is weekly at **11am** with communion and the first Sunday of every month is an all age service without communion.



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., or sunhats should the wear be on our side!

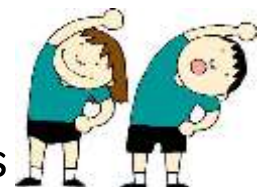
14/05/2024 Nursery

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

PE Timetable - Summer Term

Thursday - Owls & Foxes

Friday - Hedgehogs, Owls & Foxes





Child Safety Week 3 - 9 June 2024

Child Safety Week is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's (CAPT) annual community education campaign, acting as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities UK-wide.

CAPT help families build confidence and skills in managing the real risks to children's safety, wanting all children to have the freedom to grow and learn, safe from serious harm.

This year's theme is **Safety. Sorted!**

Sign up for free resources at [Child Safety Week | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](https://www.capt.org.uk)

Free from falls

*“ A preventable accident ends up with a shattered family.
And that's just very tragic. ”*

Paediatric Neurologist (a doctor who specialises in child brain injury)

Scrapes and bruises are a part of growing up. But even a fall from a highchair can cause a bad head injury. That's because babies' heads are much heavier than their bodies, which makes them top-heavy. And when they land, their head takes much of the impact. Stop serious falls....



Windows – what's that I can see?

Small children are curious, but have no real understanding of danger.

- Do not put furniture in front of windows, especially in children's rooms
- Get safety catches or locks fitted if you can



Cots, beds and changing tables

- Even small babies can wriggle off beds and changing tables, so change nappies on the floor
- Remove toys from cots so your baby can't stand on them to get out of the cot

Watch out in water



“This has highlighted the dangers posed when a child is left unsupervised for a short period of time and even in the shallowest of water.”

Coroner's report, bath seat drowning of 7-month-old

Drowning happens silently. A drowning child can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help.



Babies and small children

Get everything you need ready before bath time. Stay with your baby or child all the time they are in the bath.

- Don't rely on siblings to keep an eye on each other, they are too young to understand the danger.

- Teach older children to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards.
- Explain the dangers of swimming in open water, including strong currents, deep, cold water and things under the surface they can't see.
- Empty the paddling pool out after you've used it.
- Turn a pond into a sandpit, or fence it in or cover it while your children are little
- Make sure your child can't get to the neighbour's pond.
- Be alert to ponds, pools or hot tubs when visiting other people's homes.

Safe around roads



“One act of bad driving robbed the world of a beautiful, intelligent and caring young person. Our lives have been turned upside down by our daughter's death.”

Bereaved Dad whose daughter was killed in a car accident

It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe. Go to [Child Safety Week](https://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk) | [Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](https://www.capt.org.uk) for simple advice for pedestrians, travelling in the car, cycling and driving.

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Location = Families First at Faraday Road, Stafford, ST16 3NQ (Stafford Children's Centre)

TIME	COURSE TITLE
09.30-11.00	Understanding Autism
12.00-13.30	Raising Self-Esteem
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Staffordshire County Council are running a parents survey which is aimed at parents of early years children and those expecting a baby.

As part of the sufficiency duty they are required to engage with parents to find out their experiences of childcare and what they need in future. This is particularly important at this time with the new entitlements coming in and we know that providers are struggling mainly due to funding rates and difficulties with staffing needs.

Please could you share the below links with your parents, staff and any other groups as appropriate so that we can get as wide a range of views as possible. The survey closes on the 12th May 2024.

<https://letstalk.staffordshire.gov.uk/embeds/projects/24643/survey-tools/34940>

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Rookies

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