

Friday 17th 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,

It has been a bit of a different week in school!

Foxes headed to Laches Wood on Wednesday morning for a week of activity and adventure! They have all had an absolutely fantastic time; trying new activities, eating different foods and staying away from home. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Carrington for leading the trip, and Mrs Trumble and Mr Waters for supporting.

Mr Atkins visited on Wednesday afternoon and enjoyed both climbing and caving; he said what a pleasure it was to see the children thriving in a different environment, away from the classroom. I then spent a very soggy Thursday evening on site, singing songs and playing instruments around a camp fire - much fun was had by all!

With this week being Mental Health Awareness Week, it struck me again how important it is to get outdoors and try new things. Seeing Foxes do this over the past week has been wonderful and I hope their experiences of the last week will become stories they share for years to come.

In school, things have felt much quieter. However, Hedgehogs and Owls have been busy with their learning and are very much looking forward to hearing about Foxes' adventures next week.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Phillips

Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery



Foxes had a fabulous time at Laches Wood!







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, however with our ever changing weather please make sure your child has a rain coat too!

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 13th May - 17th May 2024

Hedgehogs 89%

Owls 93%

Foxes 99%

Whole School 95%

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.



Year 1 have been challenged to partition 24 in different ways, using tens and ones.



Owls were happy and sad to see their butterflies released today!





FOREST SCHOOL





Summer Fayre

Friday 21st June after sports
day.

Thank you to everyone who has already expressed interest in our summer fair. This will be taking place on Friday 21st June, 2.30pm - 4.00pm after Sports' Day.

If you are able to run a stall or support with running a stall please get in touch. We are also looking for 'big ticket' raffle prizes - if you are able to donate, or know a local business who can, we'd love to hear from you!

Please speak to Lucy Haynes, Steph Wilkes or drop us an email: summerfair@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk



Stars of the Week





In Maths we have been counting beyond 10 and creating numbers beyond ten. We have been learning about 'Bi planes' and making our own in the creative area, and there has been lots of collaboration with the loose parts this week in the outdoor area. We have been looking at patterns and painting repeating patterns ourselves and following pattern dances.



Achievements from home



Swimming



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.

Lunchtime Menu - next week is week TWO

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) Better Health	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] 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)
	18/01, 29/01, 19/02, 11/03, 01/04, 22/04, 13/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07	16/01, 05/02, 26/02, 16/03, 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

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

Can I be accused of cheating if I don't know the rules?

Why do we learn?

Edward "If we don't learn we won't know anything"

Orla "If we don't learn we won't be able to read"

Olivia "When you are a grown-up and are smart, you can help the children"

Dexter "You learn to get a good job"

George "the more you learn you get better"

Lucas "If you don't learn, you won't get better and will make mistakes"

Finley "It's important you learn so that you know what to do, or you might not be a rally driver"

Harrison A "You need to learn to get a good job and make more money"

Jovie "You get better at writing"

Imelda "You learn and get smarter"



Whilst working with Adina, Tommy said

"Dream work makes the team work, that's right!"



Quote
of the
Week

Today we have had a new PE coach, Mr Camacho, who has never been to us before, on arrival he said: "What a lovely hidden little gem of a school"



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

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!

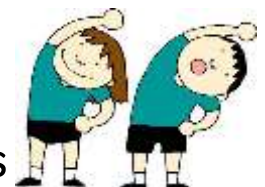
14/05/2024 Nursery

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



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1 Staffordshire Place
Tipping Street
Stafford
ST16 2DH

The Occupier

Enquiries: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportit
Website: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Highways/roadworks

14 May 2024

Our Ref: D0356B/Const/2

Dear Resident,

**Bridge Replacement Works
School Lane, Stafford**

As you are aware, we are currently replacing Dunston Bridge. I'm just providing an update as some people have raised queries regarding the rate of progress.

We are sorry to inform you that we have experienced some delays with the construction of the bridge, and this has affected the project completion date.

It has correctly been suggested that there have been periods where there has appeared to be little activity on site. Part of this was expected and part was not.

Once the road closure commenced, we had two weeks programmed for Severn Trent Water to install a water main diversion. This involved a period where water testing was being carried out and nothing was happening on the ground on site.

Severn Trent's work took a bit longer than expected but once this had finished, construction was able to start and was initially progressing well. However, a problem was encountered with the installation of the screw piles.

The installation of the piles for the west abutment did not meet the expected design criteria and it was necessary to carry out a survey and some redesign to ensure stability of the abutment. Consequently, the contractors were very restricted in what they could progress while this was being carried out.

Following completion of the redesign, construction has been progressing well. The west screw piles, pile cap and wing walls have been constructed and the abutment is planned to be cast shortly. Some photos are enclosed which depict this progress.

Our new estimated completion date is early July. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we tackle these unforeseen issues and apologise for the additional disruption caused. However, every effort is being made to deliver the project as quickly as possible and minimise the impact of the work.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Spence', written in a cursive style.

Mark Spence
Assistant Engineer
Staffordshire County Council

Dunston Bridge Progress Photos



Figure 1: Temporary Pedestrian Bridge (19/02/2024)



Figure 2: Water Main Diversion (26/02/2024)



Figure 3: West Temporary Works (18/03/2024)



Figure 4: West Screw Pile Installation (02/04/2024)



Figure 5: West Pile Cap Concrete Pour (26/04/2024)



Figure 6: West Pile Cap (01/05/2024)



Figure 7: West Wing Wall Stem Concrete Pour (08/05/2024)



Figure 8: West Abutment Shuttering (10/05/2024)

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FREE Autism Parent/Carer Workshop

Delivered by the Specialist Teaching Support Service
Autism Inclusion Team

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Friday 7 th June 2024	09.30-12.00	Families First at Faraday Road, Stafford, ST16 3NQ (Stafford Children's Centre)

If your child is aged 0-5 and has an Autism diagnosis or is on the pathway to an Autism diagnosis, we will offer support, practical ideas, and an opportunity to meet other parents.



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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](https://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk/) | [Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](https://www.childaccidentpreventiontrust.org.uk/)

Free from falls

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

Parent's testimonial to 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....

Child Safety Week June 2024

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

Child Safety Week 3 - 9 June 2024

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."

Doctor's report, bath and 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.

Out and about

- 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.childaccidentpreventiontrust.org.uk/) for simple advice for pedestrians, travelling in the car, cycling and driving.

Child Safety Week June 2024



PENKRIDGE FOOTBALL COACHING CLUB

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Nursery, Reception & Y1



5pm-6pm

Years 2,3,4,5 & 6

6pm-7pm



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PLEASE NOTE – THIS TRAINING IS FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE A DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM (inc. those not yet referred to our Service)

BITESIZE DAY: 25.06.2024

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
14.00-15.30	Managing Transitions

*** PARENTS CAN SIGN UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO SESSIONS ***

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