

Friday 3rd 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,

Another week has flown by in school!

I spent a busy afternoon in Hedgehogs on Thursday and was blown away by the progress the children have made in their writing! Do check out the photos on our Facebook page. The reception children all composed their own sentences and wrote them using their phonic knowledge - well done!

I have also joined Owls and Foxes during whole class reading lessons this week and have loved hearing how fluently the children read. They have all been focusing on developing their reading comprehension and deepening their understanding of what they have read. Asking questions such as "who, what, where, when and why" when hearing your child read can really support this at home.

We have a four-day week to look forward to next week and have Academy Photography in school on Friday morning for class photos and Year 4 leavers' pictures. We are also welcoming Alison Lloyd, our mental health practitioner into school over lunch time on Thursday - Alison always enjoys catching up with our pupils and we are very grateful for her time and support.

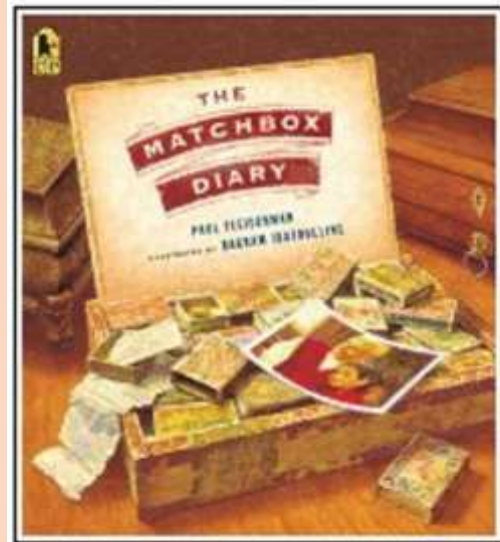
Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend,

Miss Phillips

Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery





Foxes are reading 'The Matchbox Diary' and have been writing a biography about what life was like in America in 1800's



Next week during worship we are learning:

'Give me oil in my lamp

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OGMjDlLEJM>

Please follow the link above to hear the music



Home time

Reminder: the trim trail must not be used by children at home time. Children must be supervised by the adult collecting them as they leave school, many children are running through the school gate towards the road and village hall without an adult.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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 29th April - 3rd May 2024

Hedgehogs 96%

Owls 90%

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.



In Art Foxes have been drawing celebrity portraits in the style of Andy Warhol.



Lost Property

Please may we remind you to name **EVERY** piece of school clothing, drinks bottles and lunch boxes. A permanent marker on a washing label works just as well as sew in or iron on tags. Any items with a name on will be returned to their owner!

Un-named items will be placed in our Lost Property box which can be found by the School Reception entrance.



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/>

Closing date: 13th May 2024 at 9am

Stars of the Week



for your generous donations!



Weekly House Point Tally

Holly

101



Oak

69

Sycamore

86

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.

Achievements from home



Gymnastics



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.



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Owls are pleased to see their caterpillars thriving they are growing everyday!

Owls are thrilled that Elsie has brought some tadpoles into school. We have found them a tank and some pondweed and we are looking forward to watching them change



Drinks Bottles



Please make sure your child has a drinks bottle at school every day. It is important that they are clearly marked with the child's name and that they can easily identify them so that they don't drink from the wrong bottle. As part of the schools healthy eating policy, bottles should only contain water.

The Reading Tree

The school library is open every Friday afternoon at 3:10pm for parents & children to choose a book of their choice to take home. Returns can be brought back the following week.



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)

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



**FOREST
SCHOOL**

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

Are rainbows real if we can't touch them?

Why do humans eat food?

Question by
Olivia in Owls

Pippa "Without food we will die"

Koby "We get energy"

Teddy P "Without food we can only survive 2 months"

Elijah "I think without food we can only survive for 6 weeks"

Thomas H "We eat to keep muscles & bones healthy"

Gracie "We will die"

Ruby "We get more energy"

Myla "Without food we will get skinny & ill"

Isla "We eat food to be healthy"

Belle "If we didn't eat, we would die of hunger"

New to you rail!

Please help yourself to any of the items on our rail which can be found either outside of school or in the entrance hall. If your child has outgrown any uniform and you would like to donate for others to use, please make sure you have removed any names and then place on the rail for others.



Fruit

Children in Nursery through to the end of Year 2 are supplied with 1 piece of fruit per day from the Government. Please could children in Foxes (Y3 & Y4) remember to bring a piece of fruit to eat at break time, no crisps or chocolates please.



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.





The warmer weather has helped us think about the changes outside and the children have been helping to water our plants and explaining what plants need to grow. Nursery made hats using daisies they had picked from the field. In our class worship on Thursday we found out about the May Day Holiday and the history behind why we celebrate the start of summer. Also in our collective worship we have been secret service spies and tried to help others without them knowing. At the end of the day we put on our special spy sunglasses and explained what we have done. In our topic work about transport we looked at some incredible places where trains travel and wrote about them in our Golden Jotters. Nursery have been learning about the letter sounds s, a and t and trying to write them. In maths Reception have been reminding themselves what doubles are and see how many double facts they can remember.



Owls have been continuing with their Art topic, Animals Around the World. This week we've been thinking about African animals and looked closely at their colours and patterns. We cut out animal silhouettes and stuck them on a patterned background. Some children chose the pattern which matched their animal, whilst others opted for a different pattern.



One of the schools in our Academy Trust are hiring!

For more information go to their school website: <https://www.tynselparkesacademy.co.uk/vacancies/>



Site Technician – Permanent – 12 hours per week **Required immediately - NJC Grade 3 - £11.98 per hour**

Location: Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy
School Road, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. ST14 7HE

Telephone: 01889 221920

Closing Date: Friday 31st May 2024

Interviews: TBC

Hours: 12 – full year, permanent

N.O.R: 174

Age range: 3 – 9 years (Nursery to Year 4)

With immediate effect, the Principal and the Local Academy Council of Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy, in Uttoxeter, are seeking to appoint a permanent site technician contract of 12 hours per week, full year. The successful candidate will be responsible for opening and closing the site on a daily basis, mostly during term time but occasionally during holiday periods for contractor access.

Hours would be agreed but are anticipated to be opening school at around 6.30-7am, and closing school at around 5.45-6.15pm. These times may change according to activities being held within the school. Other duties would also include replenishment of toilet rolls, soap and paper towels throughout the school, emptying of outside bins, routine compliance checks such as fire alarm testing, gritting during adverse weather and occasional minor maintenance jobs as required. There is also the opportunity to work across other local academies in the Trust subject to probation and where site work is required. The Site Technician job description attached describes the role in full.

If you would like to know more about the role please email Mrs Sandbach on office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk or call 01889 221920.



Mr Cole from Penkridge Middle School has visited year 4 this afternoon to talk to the children about their move to Middle school in September.

He answered the children's questions about mobiles, swimming, friendships, clubs etc



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 6th May	Bank holiday school closed
Friday 10th May	Academy Photography - Class photos & Leavers
Wednesday 15th - 17th May	Foxes - Laches Wood Residential
Thursday 23rd May	Church service
Friday 24th May	Inset Day
Mon 27th - 31st May	Half Term
W/C Monday 3rd June (2 wks)	Y4 multiplication checks
Friday 21st June	Sports Day - afternoon
Wednesday 3rd July - 9.30am	Penkridge Middle Transition Day - Year 4 only
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!

7/05/2024 Year 4

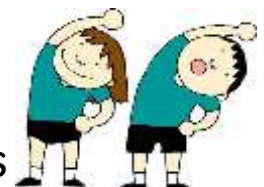
14/05/2024 Nursery

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



FREE Parent/Carer Training

Delivered by the Specialist Teaching Support Service
Autism Inclusion Team

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 ***

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE EMAIL RACHEL.WOOLLASTON@STAFFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK



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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>



THANK YOU!

For attending our Allergy Awareness Assembly
and helping us keep children with allergies safe

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