

Friday 7th June 2024

FRIDAY POST

Our School Value: Respect

Do for other people the same things you want them to do for you. Matthew 7:12

Dear Families,

We have had a great week back in school following the half-term break!

Lots of learning is going outside this half-term, which we love to see. Hedgehogs are thinking about 'What happens next?' and looking at how animals and bugs grow and change. On Monday, they began hunting for mini-beasts around school - the children's language and knowledge around what they were finding was incredible!

Owls and Foxes are both exploring plants in their science topics. They have been busy planting seeds and are looking forward to seeing what grows. All this planting and caring for the environment fits in brilliantly with this half-term's value of respect. Remember, you can find lots of information about our curriculum on our school website.

We are all very much looking forward to Steve Smallman, author and illustrator, visiting us on Tuesday. Steve will be spending time with each class exploring illustration and story writing. We have begun to read his stories in school this week. Steve will be holding a book signing at the end of the day and selling books for £6 - if your child would like to purchase a book, please send cash in a named envelope.

Today, we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Jordan! Mrs Jordan has been in Hedgehogs since September and is moving on to a new position. We have loved working with Mrs Jordan, and know Hedgehogs' parents feel the same. We wish her well in her new role and thank her for all she has done for us.

Miss Phillips

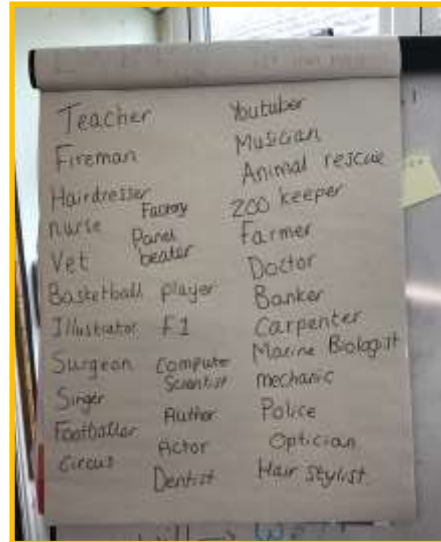
Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Following the announcement of Mr Water's retirement, we are recruiting. Please see details of the post on WB Jobs or on our website <https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/vacancies/>



Foxes have been exploring the need for jobs. We discussed why people have jobs and what sort of jobs there are available. We worked together in groups to come up with a job description for their chosen job.

Attendance figures

School Attendance 3rd - 7th June 2024

Hedgehogs 98%

Owls 98%

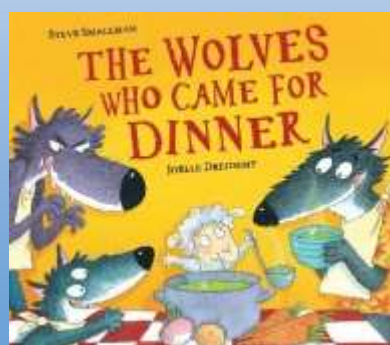
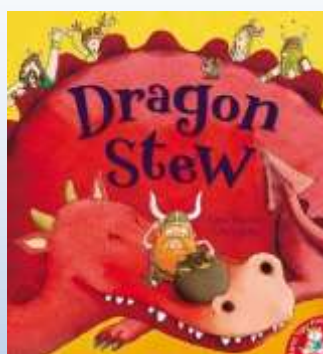
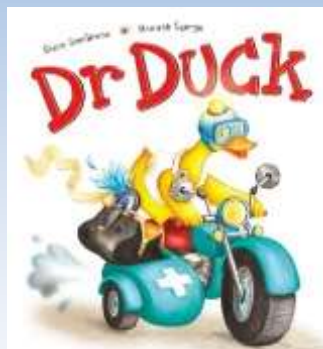
Foxes 94%

Whole School 96%

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.

Children in Owls have been busy preparing for next weeks author visit, they have been writing a story based on one of Steve Smallman's books.



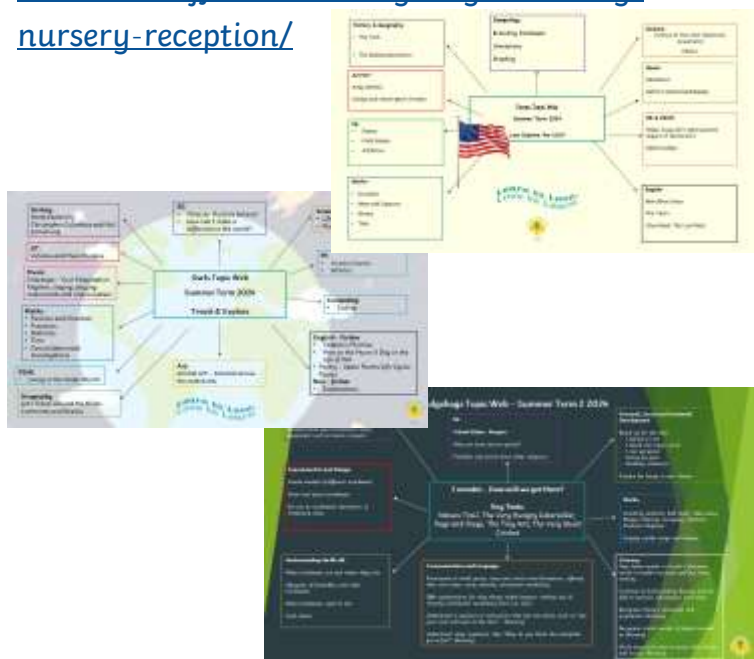
Stars of the Week



Topic Webs

Don't forget your class topic web is available to view on our website under the Curriculum page - this gives a brief insight to what your child is learning this term. <https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/hedgehogs-learning-nursery-reception/>

To plant a seed is to believe in tomorrow





SUNFLOWERS

Year 3 have been planting sunflower seeds as part of their new topic on planting.



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 add your name to the stall list which will be in the entrance hall next week. 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! There is a box in the entrance hall for any raffle/tombola donations.

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



June Invoices

All invoices for The Ark after school care have now been issued.

Reminder that payment is due by tonight. If you need after school care and have not yet booked in, please contact the school office.

After School Clubs



REMINDER: payment for after school clubs for the HALF term should be paid using ParentPay by tonight to secure your child's place at the club.

Please can everyone check their ParentPay accounts and pay any outstanding debts - payment of £3 for the author Steve Smallman visit is outstanding for everyone who hasn't already paid including Nursery children who attend on a Tuesday.



Next week during worship we are learning:

'I'm so Blessed'

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9NWmC8CnRQ)

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Please follow the link above to hear the music





Forest School

Year 4 really enjoyed their final forest school session, toasting popcorn on the fire - yum!!



Weekly House Point Tally

Oak

322



Holly

269

Sycamore

257

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 - 10th June 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) VE 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) VE 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) VE 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) VE Veggie Cottage Pie (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Garden Peas Apple Crumble (Ve)(WG) with Custard (V)	Cottage Pie VE 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 VE 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 VE 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 VE 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 VE 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) VE Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Banana Bread (V)	Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes VE 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) VE 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 VE 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 VE 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 VE 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



Our new topic is I wonder... what will happen next? During this topic we will be looking at changes around us. We have started finding out about minibeasts by reading Nature Trail by Benjamin Zephaniah. We went for a bug hunt to see what we could find. The children have enjoyed searching for insects and other minibeasts all week and now want a place for them to stay. At the end of the week we started to make bug hotels. The children have enjoyed crafting their own minibeasts in the creative area. In maths, Reception are showing how good they are at understanding addition and subtraction using Numicon to represent their calculations



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

What can you see?

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

Fran "Yes and No, if cheating was one of the rules then it would be ok!"

Dexter "Yes, as you might be doing a running race when it should be a jumping race"

Thomas H "No, you can't be cheating if you don't know the rules"

Aoife "If the rules were there and you haven't read them then it's your fault"

Achievements from home



Swimming & Fishing



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.



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

Wb 10th June	Y4 multiplication checks
Wb 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening check
Tuesday 11th June	Steve Smallman Author visit
Wednesday 12th June	Perkins ECO & Stem Day
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!

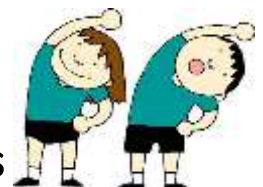
	25/06/2024	Y1
11/06/2024	Y3	
	02/07/2024	Rec
18/06/2024	Y2	
	09/07/2024	Nurs

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](mailto:rachel.woollaston@staffordshire.gov.uk)



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The Sandbox

The Sandbox is an innovative digital mental healthcare service for Children and Young People. Mental health struggle is something most of us will experience at some point in our lives – it's simply part of being human. We're here for you when that happens.

We work together with the NHS, local government, and other organisations to help Children and Young People with their mental health.

Everything on **The Sandbox website** can be accessed **without registering**.

<https://thesandbox.mindler.co.uk/>