

# Friday Post

Friday 13th September 2024

## Our School Value: Thankfulness

**Key verse:** *Give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus. Thessalonians 5.18*

Dear families,

Our first full week back has been a busy one!

We have all been impressed by the way children across the school have settled into their new classes and year groups. Our Hedgehogs are exploring what makes them unique and have been creating some beautiful self-portraits. Owls have started to explore the United Kingdom in Geography and are developing their knowledge of our country. In Foxes, the children have begun to learn about where our food comes from.

We have been continuing to think about our school value of thankfulness. The children can confidently identify things in their life that they are grateful for, and we love to share these things as a school. We will continue to explore this value over the coming weeks in our worship times.

Children will now start to bring reading books home. Please ensure they are in school everyday so that we can hear them read. Our Reception and Year 1 books will be changed in line with their phonics teaching, and books for Year 2 - Year 4 will be changed on a Tuesday and/or Friday. This is to allow children opportunities to re-read books to help develop their comprehension and fluency.

Next week, we look forward to our Forest School sessions restarting and inviting Rev. Manda into school for worship on Wednesday.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Phillips



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Use your child's home learning tasks below to support their learning outside of school. Tasks should be brought in throughout the half-term to be shared and celebrated in class.

Thank you!

**Hedgehogs:** Please share your homework by email or bring in for Show and Tell

- Mathematics:** Play counting games and count objects that are ordered or unordered. Match amounts with numerals up to 5
- Writing:** Draw pictures of family members and label them. Drawing, writing and mark-making centred around their favourite books.
- Reading:** Spend time reading favourite books together especially bedtime stories. Visit the library
- Understanding of the World:** Bring in a family photo to add to our topic display in class. Look at photo albums and talk about family photos.
- Understanding of the world 2:** Learn about where we live. The name of your town or village. The street you live on and the number of your house.
- Understanding of the World 3:** Encourage your child to point to parts of their body. Play 'Simon says' and encourage your child to move body parts in different ways.
- Expressive Arts & Design:** Draw and paint pictures of faces and encourage to add detail such as hair colour and eye colour. Make a model of a person and add labels for the body parts.
- Physical Development:** Talk about the parts of their body they are using as your child plays at the park or in the garden. Encourage your child to take part in team games.

**Owls:**

- **Art:** Find out about the artist Andy Goldsworthy who uses natural materials in the outdoors. Make your own artwork using natural materials e.g leaves, stones, twigs. Bring in a photo of your art work.
- **Science:** Grow your own spring onions using these instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/HCcp-C35vKl> Can you think of a tasty way to eat them? Write down the recipe to show how you used them.
- **Geography:** Think of an interesting place you have visited in the UK. Design and make an information leaflet all about your chosen place which would encourage other people to visit. Include a map of the UK showing its location.
- **Science:** Choose a deciduous tree in your garden/local area. Over a few weeks, take a photo or draw a picture of the tree once a week and note any changes.
- **Maths:** Exciting information coming soon about Numbots. Watch this space.

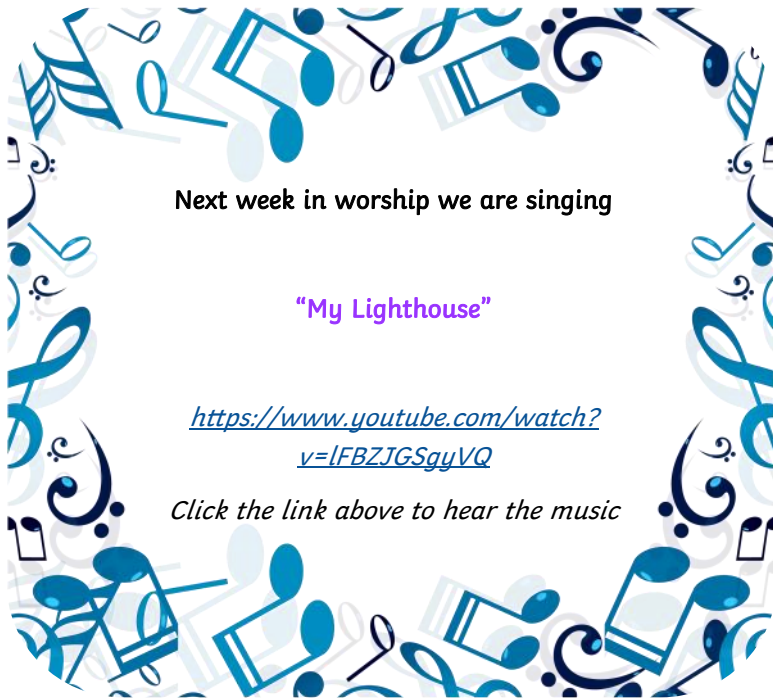
**Foxes:**

Geography - Design your favourite meal. Find out where each item of food originally comes from and how much of it is produced in the country each year.	Art - Write the definition of 'Still Life'. Take a 'still life' picture of an object in your house - for example, a piece of fruit. Practise drawing it using shading to show lighter and darker parts of the object.	Spellings need to be practised daily ahead of our quiz on a Friday. Remember to spot the spelling rule and think about other words you would use it in.
Science - Draw and label the different types of adult teeth and write their functions.	English - Draw and label your favourite meal. Write a persuasive advert and include reasons why people should buy it. Use persuasive phrases ambitious vocabulary.	TTRS will help increase accuracy and speed with times tables. Practise daily to increase both of these and move up the leader board!

All children should be heard reading their school book a minimum of 4 times a week. Re-reading a book helps develop fluency and comprehension.

Books will be changed on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.





Next week in worship we are singing

**"My Lighthouse"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJG-SgyVQ>

Click the link above to hear the music



### After School Clubs

REMINDER: payment for after school clubs for the HALF term should be paid using ParentPay by Monday 16th to secure your child's place at the club. Please contact the office if you require any assistance with ParentPay.

Monday - Gardening

Tuesday - Choir

Thursday - Basketball

Friday - Tag Rugby

Sports clubs are all weather and children will be expected to have appropriate kit for this e.g. joggers, jumper, trainers suitable for outdoors, waterproof coat.

### September Invoices

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

Reminder that payment is due by Monday 16th September.

If you need after school care and have not yet booked in, please contact the school office.

Ark is getting busy and it is important that places are pre-booked with the office so we have the correct adult to child ratio to supervise. We can not guarantee that there will be a place available should you not pre-book.



### 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 you 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. Thank you.



# THANK YOU!



*for your generous donation!*

## Quote of the Week

*"Together we can achieve good"* was Sam Ashley's quote this morning, as she met with Miss Phillips and our LAC.



## *Wellies*

If they haven't already please **ALL** children please have a pair of **NAMED** wellies at school. It is important that the children have wellies in school every day so they can join in with impromptu sessions in the forest area, wet play and they are also needed when we walk across the farmers field to church. Thank you.

## Democracy in action!

Children have been put into their new house teams this week and have each had a vote to decide who their team captains are - as always voting was extremely close!



Sycamore: Captain Alex Vice Captain: Fran

Oak: Captain: Darcie - Vice Captain: Xander

Holly Captain: Bow - Vice Captain: Rohan



Updating the leader board!

## Weekly House Point Tally

Holly  171

Oak 125

Sycamore 80

## Achievements from home



Swimming



Football



Gymnastics



Cubs



Dentist

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.

# Attendance figures

School Attendance 9th - 13th September 2024

Hedgehogs 100%

Owls 97%

Foxes 99%

Whole School 98.7%

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.

## ATTENDANCE

## WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160  
4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



4 children & 2 parents =  
£1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.  
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child  
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000  
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



Owls have been finding out the names and where the four different countries are in the United Kingdom. They played a game where they had to place a coloured cube in the right place on their map when Miss Laing asked them!



Owls have been finding different ways to represent 10, using ten frames.

Year 1 used two colours

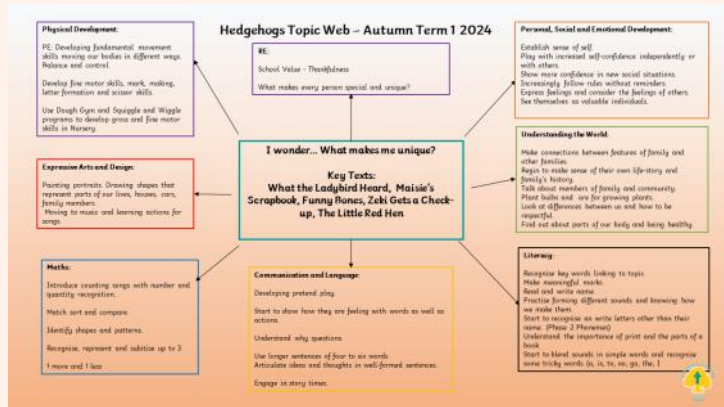
Year 2 used 3 colours



Wearing a school watch!

## Hedgehogs Topic Web Autumn 1 2024

<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/hedgehogs-learning-nursery-reception/>



Hedgehogs continue to build new relationships through play. The children have been fascinated by the multitude of ladybirds they found investigating outside. We have been reading What the Ladybird Heard and the children have enjoyed joining in with the memorable parts of the story. Exploring the ladybird has helped us think about counting objects and we have learnt some funny new counting songs where we count like monsters, opera singers and babies! At the end of the week, Reception were joined by their buddies where they spent time on activity thinking about our value of thankfulness.



## *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.



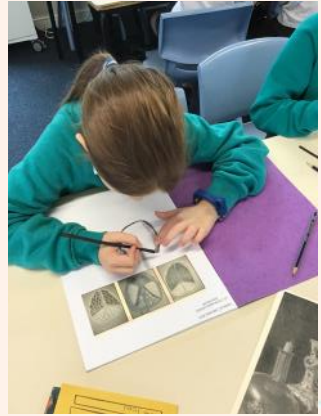
Helen Ashwood is our Safeguarding representative on our LAC. She supports the school in ensuring that Safeguarding is a priority.

# Stars of the Week





Foxes have been drawing fruit & vegetables using charcoals.



Information videos from the school nurses reference the flu vaccines,



**Video for children**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JepMe0BkDil>

**Video for adults**

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



If your child has a school lunch it is important to keep your ParentPay account topped up with funds.

For children in our Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 there is a cost of £2.95 per day or £14.75 per week,

*WC 16th September - Week Three*



	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<b>MONDAY</b>	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Sultana Shortbread (Ve)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Pork or Veggie (Ve) Sausages with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Apple Sponge (V)	Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Carrot Cake (V)	Chicken Meatballs with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Jelly (Ve)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Penne with Beef Bolognese Veg of the Day Sultana Flapjack (Ve)	Chicken Korma with Rice Veg of the Day Apple Flapjack (Ve)	Mac & Cheese (V) Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)
	2/9/24, 23/9/24, 14/10/24, 4/11/24, 25/11/24, 16/12/24, 6/1/25, 27/1/25	9/9/24, 30/9/24, 21/10/24, 11/11/24, 2/12/24, 23/12/24, 13/1/25, 3/2/25	16/9/24, 7/10/24, 28/10/24, 18/11/24, 9/12/24, 30/12/24, 20/1/25, 10/2/25

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan

Choice of **Classic Tomato Pasta** or **Filled Jacket Potatoes** also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, yoghurts, jelly and fresh drinking water.



*No nuts please*

Please note due to children in school with allergies please do not send any products containing nuts into school for break or lunch times. Thank you for your co-operation.

# Do Animals have feelings?

**Arthur** "Yes, we are all actually animals"

**Fran** Yes, we show our feelings towards animals, and they show us theirs"

**Summer** "Yes"

**Teddy P** Yes, animals will try and make friends with you"

**Orla** "Yes, if you run to them as a stranger they might get scared like us"

**Rohan** "Yes, a dog will wag it's tail if it's happy"

**Olivia R** "Yes, a horse is happy if it is ridden"

**Savannah** " Yes, they will get 'hyped' if they see other family they know"

To develop our philosophical thinking we ask a BIG question each week! As a family take time to discuss the following question! Miss Phillips will listen to the children's thoughts on this question during Worship on Friday.

## BIG QUESTION

What is inside a mountain?



### School Photos

Please return your school photo order before 27/09/2024 alternatively you can order directly by going to <https://www.academyphotos.co.uk/online-ordering>

### A Prayer for our School

Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our School.  
Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.  
Help us to learn, play and share together,  
So that the wonderful world you have made becomes more beautiful everyday.

Amen.



Please search for  
St Leonards First School  
& Nursery

Don't forget to keep up to date by following us on ..



Our School website

<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/>

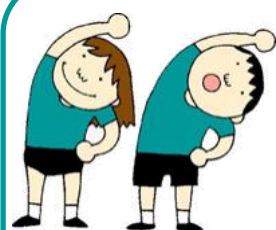
# dates to Remember

Thursday 10th October	Wear Yellow to raise awareness of Mental Health
Tuesday 22nd October	Parents Evening - more info to follow
Wednesday 23rd October	Parents Evening - more info to follow
Friday 26th October	Harvest Celebration in church - everyone welcome to join us at 9:15am at St Leonards Church, Dunston
Monday 28th October Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 23rd December Friday 3rd January 2025	Christmas Holidays
Friday 31st January	Inset Day
Monday 31st January	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 11th April	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
Monday 2nd June	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
Monday 21st July	Inset Day - school closed to pupils



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.

Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Reception	Nursery
18/09/2024	25/09/2024	2/10/2024	9/10/2024	16/10/2024	23/10/2024



## PE Days

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on the relevant days.

- Hedgehogs - Fridays
- Owls - Thursdays & Fridays
- Foxes - Thursday & Friday



STAFFORDSHIRE  
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# Open Day



Sunday 15th September  
Police HQ, Stafford

11am - 4pm

Save  
the  
date!

**MMS**  
Recovery



**Berkswich Jets U8s  
Girls team have  
opportunities for YOU!**

*We have opportunities for girls to  
experience developmental league  
football and train in a safe, enjoyable  
environment supported by F.A. qualified  
coaches.*

*Come and join us and let the fun begin!*

*Contact Rich: 07790497486*





I hear there is a special service at church on 28<sup>th</sup> September and we can take our human pets along. Now I have trained them I can take mine.

Yes, I'm taking mine - I just hope they will behave and not embarrass me! It should be fun!!



# **PET SERVICE**

## **SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**9:30 AM - AT - ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, COPPENHALL**

**11:00 AM - ST. LEONARD CHURCH, DUNSTON**

**YOU AND YOUR PETS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE OF SONGS AND READINGS TO CELEBRATE AND BLESS FAMILY PETS, FARM AND WORKING ANIMALS**



**Smaller pets will be welcome inside church**

**- dogs on leads and other pets in suitable carriers please.**

**Larger pets are also very welcome**

**- but will remain outside church to greet people.**

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