



Friday 8th November 2019

'From a tiny spark to a bright flame'

'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Stanesby Chair of governors: Mr Stephen Clancy

Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

Respect



Love



Endeavour



Curiosity



Weekly Diary
ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Monday 11 th November 2019 Remembrance Day	3.30pm - 4.30pm After school Sports club 10.30am - Year 3s and year 4s to visit the memorial hall for Remembrance day
Tuesday 12 th November 2019	Lunchtime football 3.30pm - 4.30pm - After school STEM club
Wednesday 13 th November 2019 Welly Wednesday	Lunch time Design and Technology club run by pupils 3.30pm - 4.30pm - After school rugby tots National roast dinner day - wear yellow to support Young Minds.
Thursday 14 th November 2019	Port Vale Lunchtime football club. Parent's consultation afternoon/evening from 2.30pm - 6.00pm.
Friday 15 th November 2019	Lunch time dance club run by pupils 11.30am- Operation Christmas child shoebox service at the Methodist chapel. Children in Need



School Attendance

School attendance for this week is 94% which is below our target of 96%.

Reception	100% Sparks
Year 1 and 2	100% Flickers
Year 3 and 4	83 % Flames

Your lunch menu for the 11th November - 15th November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti bake and sweetcorn	Chicken pie, mash, peas and cauliflower	Roast beef, mashed potatoes, roasted potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, carrots and sweetcorn	Meatballs and pasta, broccoli and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and beans
Pineapple tray bakes	Chocolate cake	Chocolate sponge cake and custard	Bread and butter pudding	Cake and custard

Well Done

A big well done to Leo who has passed his stage 4 swimming.

Amelia has also passed her swimming 15 metre badge.

Great job!

And a special well done to Poppy who wrote and read out a poem at her Grandma's funeral.

You are very brave Poppy, well done!



Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Poppy, Leo and Hollie who all celebrate their birthdays this week.

Have a super time celebrating!



British Farming assembly

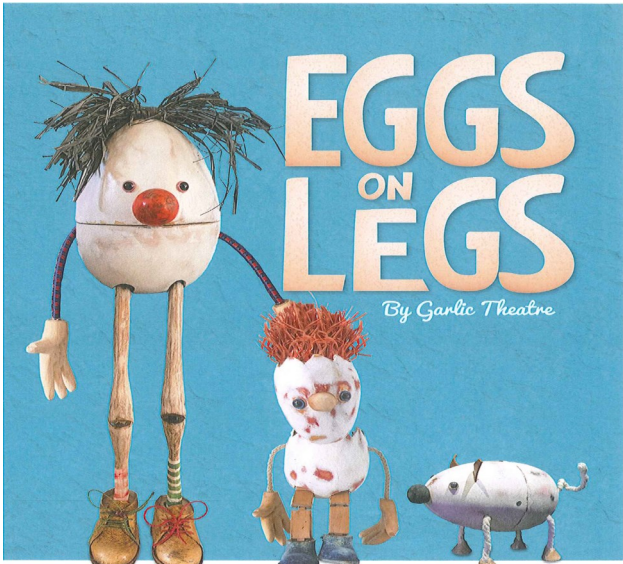
A special thank you to Alice's mum who presented a fabulous farming assembly to the whole school on Tuesday.

The children learnt many interesting facts such as;

- Farmers have to measure their grass in each field
- Farmers produce many different products, for example, leather, cotton and wood
- Farmers need lots of skills like maths, science and problem solving.

I think the children were surprised at how complex farming can be. They were fascinated by the assembly and asked lots of intelligent questions.





FOXT VILLAGE HALL (ST10 2HN)

Friday 15 November, 5:30pm

£10.00 (Standard) / £7.00 (Under 10)

BOOK NOW: Call Tony Holt: 01538 266 668, Celia Clowes: 01538 266 429
or Maureen Whilock: 01538 266 717. *Book early to avoid disappointment.*

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Plastic bottles

We will be making poppies out of plastic recycled pop/ water bottles in honour of remembrance day.

If you have any spare please could you bring them in to school.

Many Thanks.



Welly Wednesday

This week Mrs Mellor put her forest schools training in to practice by taking a small group of intrepid explorers to save a distressed spider that was stuck in its web.

The children tracked down where they heard the spider's cries and they came across a giant web.

In order to save the spider they had to carefully get across the giant web without breaking it to learn about the importance of looking after animals in their natural habitats.

The children will all take part in the forest schooling on a rota basis and there will be lots more fun to be had.



Lovers of reading!

At St Leonard's school we are aiming to be lovers of reading. 50% of our pupils are reading regularly at home.

Help us improve this in the run up to Christmas!



Games Night



St. Leonard's First School, Ipstones

Games Night + Social



Friday 8th November 6-9pm

Advance tickets - £4.50 per adult, £2.50 per child, under 2's free

On the door - £5 per adult, £3 per child, under 2's free

Buffet and soft drinks included

Bring your own adult drinks !!

Thanks you to everyone for supporting this event by supplying buffet food.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Rugby Tots

If your child wishes to continue for the rest of the term the cost is £18.00 for the remaining six weeks.

Please let the school office know if your child does not wish to continue.

Please send your child in with the correct money by Wednesday 13th November to pass on to the coach.



Entrance in to the school

Please could we ask that when the children come in to school in the morning that the reception area remains clear for them to pass through. If there are any parental concerns or queries please wait until all the children have entered the building.

Thank you.

Christmas dates

Thursday 28th November – 2.30pm – Advent service

Friday 29th November – 2.30 Christmas Fayre

Monday 2nd December – Sponsored reading week

Monday 9th December – Christmas card day

Tuesday 10th December – 2.00pm - Christmas play afternoon performance

Tuesday 10th December – 6.30pm – Christmas play evening performance

Wednesday 11th December – 2.00pm – Christmas play afternoon performance

Thursday 12th December – National adventure Farm

Monday 16th December – Cinderella pantomime at Buxton Opera House

Monday 16th December afternoon – Flu vaccinations

Tuesday 17th December – Christingle service

Thursday 19th December – Special worship for Reverend Evans retirement.



Christmas card day

This year instead of the children sending individual Christmas cards to all their friends in school and in the interests of being eco-friendly we would like them to create one big Christmas card to their school family.

The children's cards will then be entered in to a competition and a winner will be chosen on Monday 9th December.



Special worship assembly

Parents and governors are invited in to a special assembly on Thursday 19th December to say goodbye, good luck and thank you to Reverend Evans as he prepares to retire on 29th December.

It will be an opportunity to show our gratitude for all the love and support Reverend Evans has shown everyone during his time here at school and also within the local community.

Join us for coffee and cakes afterwards.





At this time of year, it's important to **Be Bright and Be Seen** when you are out and about near roads.

BE BRIGHT – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE – When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS – if you like to cycle, it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.

Coming soon!

Mr Cook, one of our very kind volunteers, will be starting a beginners Spanish class for adults.

The classes will start in January 2020.

More information to follow!

*te extraño Te amo buenos días
Español hola ¿Porque?
Amor Si Gracias*

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Thank you

A special thank you to Mr Brightman who created our colourful tile cross overlooking the spiritual garden.

The friendship tiles were all painted by the children and look so vivid and bright and each tile means something personal to the child that created it.



Christmas Performance

The children are performing the long anticipated sequel of "Lights,camel,action"

Lights,camel,action 2 will be coming to a school theatre near you on;

Tuesday 10th December – 2.00pm

Tuesday 10th December – 6.30pm

Wednesday 11th December – 2.00pm

Rehearsals have just started and are going well.

The casting is yet to be decided but we will let you know in due course.

Ticket order forms will be coming home with children the week commencing 19th November.

The cost will be £4.00 and are limited to three per family per show in the first instance.

If spare tickets are available at a later date we will let you know.



For the Fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

by Laurence Binyon