



St. Leonard's CE (A) First School Newsletter

Friday 15th 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 ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Monday 18 th November 2019	3.30pm - 4.30pm After school Sports club
Tuesday 19 th November 2019 Mickey Mouse's 91 st birthday!	Lunchtime football 3.30pm - 4.30pm - After school STEM club
Wednesday 20 th November 2019 Welly Wednesday 	Lunch time Design and Technology club run by pupils 3.30pm - 4.30pm - After school rugby tots
Thursday 21 st November 2019	Port Vale Lunchtime football club. Pm - Flames road safety walk around the village 1.15pm - 3.00pm - Potential Visit to Crabtree farm
Friday 22 nd November 2019 I love numbers day!	Lunch time dance club run by pupils



School Attendance

School attendance for this week is 86% which is **below** our target of 96%.

Reception 100% Sparks

Year 1 and 2 64% Flickers

Year 3 and 4 94% Flames

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, wedges, carrots and peas	Sausage and mash, sweetcorn and green beans	Roast chicken, mashed potatoes, roast potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Lasagne, broccoli, Mediterranean vegetables	Fish fingers, chips and beans
Rice pudding	Banana and cinnamon cake	Orange shortbread	Chocolate and raspberry swirl cake	Chocolate crunch biscuit

Young Minds and Children in need

This week we have been supporting two very worthy charities.

On Wednesday it was British Roast Dinner Day supporting Young Minds.

The children were invited to wear yellow and tucked in to a delicious roast beef and Yorkshire pudding lunch thanks to the lovely Mrs Barks.

We raised £28 so thank you all so much!



Friday was Children in Need day so all the children too part in the Big Morning Move with The body coach, Joe Wicks.

We raised £30 for another fantastic cause.



Thank you!

Happy birthday

Happy Birthday Charlie, who celebrates his birthday this week.

We hope you have a great day!



Well Done!

Last week we congratulated Amelia on gaining her 15 metre swimming badge.

It was actually her 50 metre swimming badge that she achieved!

Amazing Amelia, well done!



Visit to Crabtree farm

On Thursday the whole school will potentially be visiting Crabtree Farm which is nestled between Ipstones and Cheddleton.

The farmers have very kindly agreed for the children to go and witness modern farming in action, milking the cows, feeding the animals and chilling out on hay bales!

Crabtree farm has robots that carry out some farming tasks which we are excited to see!

Mrs Stanesby will visit beforehand to assess the grounds and we will confirm nearer the time if the trip is definitely going ahead. Needless to say they will need their wellington boots and warm clothing on Thursday.

Free books for school

Help us get free books from The Sun newspaper.

From Saturday 23rd November The sun newspaper will be printing tokens in the paper to collect.

We need to collect 3,500 tokens by Saturday 18th January 2020 in exchange for £600 worth of free books.

THE Sun SPECIAL 4-PAGE PULLOUT **Books for Schools** Saturday, November 2, 2019

TODAY we are launching our Books For Schools campaign, which gives primary schools the chance to get their hands on more than 100 books – FREE!

We want to reignite a love of reading in our nation's children. So we teamed up with publishers HarperCollins to give away more than two million books. Some 20,000 schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will get the chance to get a free pack of books worth more than £600. It is simple to get involved. Primary schools can register now at thesun.co.uk/booksforschools until Friday, November 23. On Saturday, November 23, we will start printing tokens in the paper for you to collect. Each school must collect 3,500 tokens printed until Saturday, January 18. We have bonus tokens to get you started. Find them on the back page of this special pullout and in tomorrow's pullout. Once your target has been reached, we will post your packs, which include 100 Collins Big Cat Books from writers such as David Williams and Julia Donaldson.

Pupils at Worcesters Primary in Enfield, North London, are already getting excited. Head teacher Frances Ward said: "The Sun's free books have really caught the children's imaginations. We can't wait to start collecting tokens."

To mark the launch, we also speak to top authors, including Michael Morpurgo, about their love for books: **So, what are you waiting for? Join us.** © T&Cs apply. Online registration required. Multiple token collect. See thesun.co.uk/booksforschools

The fact The Sun is giving children from all backgrounds more books is incredible – **MICHAEL MORPURGO**

WRITE STUFF . . . kids from Worcesters Primary in Enfield, North London, with book pack

Your Free Books For Schools reading box is here!

HOW TO GET YOUR FREE BOOKS

1. Get your local primary school to register at thesun.co.uk/booksforschools by Friday, November 23, 2019. Only schools can register, so make sure you encourage yours to sign up
2. Help your school collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday between Saturday, November 23, 2019, and Saturday, January 18, 2020
3. Once your school has 3,500 tokens, they will need to return them by Saturday, February 8, 2020
4. Your school will receive the books in March 2020

Book covers visible: *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Lion and the Jewel*, *Fragile Earth*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Tiger Dead!*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Lone Penguin*, *Macbeth*, *The Bogeyman*, *Wild Cat*.

Ipads

We are excited to tell you that we have recently taken delivery on nineteen new ipads. This means there are almost enough ipads for each child in the school.

IPads have engaged, enthused and inspired the children and technology has become an integral part of their learning and teaching. It's another tool that children can access to support their learning. It doesn't replace our curriculum; it enhances it and the children love to learn via this digital method.



Games Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the games night on Friday 8th November.

It raised a fabulous £135.00 for our school fund.

The funds made from this allowed us to spend it on something very special for the children!

Keep reading below!



School pets

Welcome to Marshmallow and Toffee!

Our two guinea pig sisters joined our St Leonard's family this week.

They are living in a luxurious cage with hay and broccoli galore in the nature area.

They are already well loved and looked after and in return they are helping our children if any of them have any worries.

They make a little appearance, have a little fuss and make the children feel a bit happier if they are feeling a little bit sad.

We will be sending letters home to see if anyone would like to look after the school pets in the holidays.

The children all did a piece of writing on "How to look after a guinea pig", so they know what they have to do!



Christmas Trips

It's not long now until we will be taking the children on their Christmas trips.

The children are visiting the National Adventure Farm in Burton for a North Pole experience on Thursday 12th December and they are going to Cinderella, the pantomime at Buxton opera house on Monday 16th December.

Please could you make the necessary payments on Parentpay before the trips arise.

Thank you.



Fitness Friday fun

This week our children combined fitness Friday with learning their spellings.

We had three trampettes and each child was given the opportunity to "bounce out" their spellings.

It was so much fun and remarkably the children were significantly more successful in spelling their words correctly by using the bouncing method.

I think this is an activity that we definitely be doing again!



St. Leonard's (A) First School, Ipstones

Parents Association

Spanish for Beginners

This short, **introductory**, course is for **absolute** beginners. It is aimed at you being able to **speak**, and understand, Spanish in such places as restaurants, cafes, banks, medical centres and garages. Being able to **converse** in Spanish while you are in Spain enriches the visit.

The course will be enjoyable, without any pressures, and will initially last for six weeks. It will also include briefly looking at how the language is related to the life, and culture, of Spain.. There will be a maximum of fourteen places and we need a minimum of eight.

Learning a new language, many say, can keep your brain young and boost recall, attention span and concentration. And it's fun learning.

The course will start on the **Thursday the 9th of January 2020**, for six weeks, each session will be from **09.15 until 11.15** in the Ipstones Methodist School room. If there is sufficient support further sessions will be arranged

Refreshments will be available on arrival and during the break.

Each session will cost **Five pounds**. A small contribution (one pound) will be given to the Methodist Church to cover heating/light of the schoolroom. Four pounds is for the St.Leonard's (A) First School, Ipstones, **Parents Association**. The fee will be collected at each session.

The course will be led by Trevor Cook who lived, and worked, in Spain for over ten years. He has successfully led courses at U.3.A., in Leek, over the last three years and taught English in Spain in schools and surgeries.

If you would like to attend please leave your name and contact details (a telephone number and or an email address) either in the shop or at the school. Your details will be kept confidential.

I look forward to meeting you in January, 2020.

Lights, Camel, Action - The sequin!

Here it is, the long awaited cast list!

Hosts - Isla C, Aoife, Jessica

Voiceover - Poppy

Smallest sheep - Eliza

Funky camel - Amelia

Caesar - Elodie

Roman soldiers - TBC

Mary - Brea

Joseph - Jack

Nazareth neighbours - TBC

Shepherds - Leo, Isambard, Noah and Charlie

Sheep - Joseph, Henry, Alfie, Oscar and Ewan

Angel Gabriel - Vienna

Heavenly hosts - Polly, Hollie, Molly

Three wise men - Alice, Katie, Fletcher

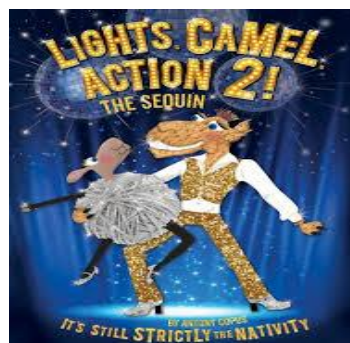
Camels - Rosanna, Lili, Olivia B, Olivia G, Nina, Taya

Star of Bethlehem - Lucy

Stars - Amy, Caitlin, Isla B, Neve, Lottie, Imogen

Please could you bring your child's costume in by Friday 6th December.

If you wanted to check with the school to see if they had a costume first for your child's part in the play please don't hesitate to ask!



Christmas Fayre

Any donations for the bric-a-brac and tombola stalls would be most appreciated.

Please bring them in to school before Wednesday 27th November.

Thank you for your support.

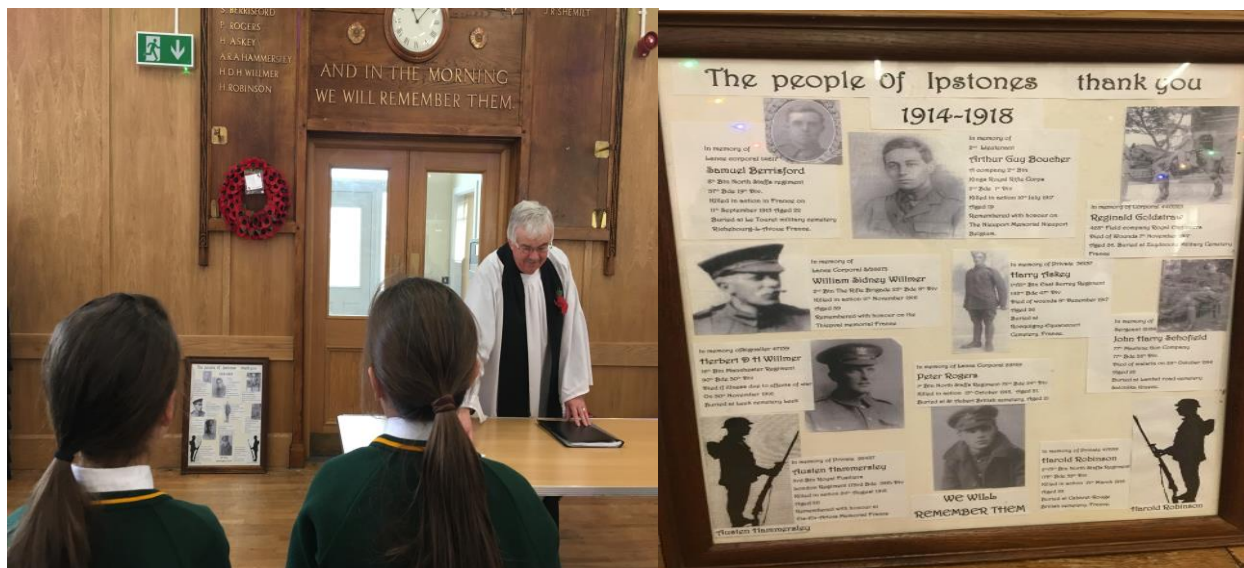


Remembrance Service

The children attended 2 remembrance services to remember the fallen soldiers.

The whole school attended the Garden of remembrance service at St Leonard's church and our year 3's and 4's visited the memorial hall on Monday where a service was held by Reverend Evans.

They were exceptionally well behaved and showed their respects beautifully.



Free Zumba class for kids!

On Friday 6th December there will be a one free off kids Zumba class at Kingsley Village Hall. The class starts at 7pm, adults £5.00, kids free.



Road Safety Week

Highway code for kids

Children Crossing Roads Safely

All children need to know how to cross a road safely. Teach kids the rules before they get left unsupervised around streets and highways.

After some practice in basic road safety, kids will soon develop confidence. They will learn how to make prudent decisions when crossing the roads.

These 5 road safety rules for children guides them into a better understanding of the dangers for kids near traffic.

1. Find a Safe Place to Cross the Road

- Always use any available [zebra, pelican or traffic light](#) crossing.
- Ask a police officer, traffic warden, or school crossing patrol (lollipop lady or man) for help crossing the road if they nearby.
 - If there is no crossing nearby, stop at a place where you can see along the road clearly.
 - Find a place to cross where all road users can see you and you can see all traffic.

2. Stop and Look Around

- Stop and stand on the pavement when you are ready to cross.
- Stand back a short distance from the kerb but close enough that you can see all vehicles.
 - Take time to look around in both directions.

3. Look and Listen for Traffic

- Children should use their eyes and ears to look and listen for traffic.
- You often hear traffic in coming before you can actually see it.

4. Do Not Cross Until it's Safe

- If you see traffic coming, let it pass by.
- Do not cross the road until there is a safe gap and you have enough time to reach the other side of the road.

5. Look and Listen While You Cross

- Walk across the road (do not run) when it is safe.
- Walk straight across the road to the other side (not diagonally).
- Keep looking and listening as you safely cross the road.

Just for fun



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Guinea Pig Dot to Dot

