

A note from Miss Roberts.....

The first full week back at school has been another busy one with the children across school getting used to their new school and classrooms, and finding out all about their new topics. As I've walked around school, I have seen some super learning behaviour with the children all curious about their new class topics and engaged in their learning. Our new Reception and Nursery children are all settling in very well and busy exploring all the different areas of learning in their classrooms and the outdoor areas.

I will be restarting our Parent Forum meetings on Monday 2nd October at 9:15 am. These will take place in the school hall with myself and Mrs Callaghan. Please come along and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit and share your views with us on the school. I look forward to getting to know you all more.

Finally, you will have received a list of diary dates today from the school for the academic year. I hope this enables parents to plan ahead and book time off work if needed to attend important events in school.



MacMillan Coffee Morning Friday 29th September

We would like to invite you to our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. There will be an opportunity for you to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a delicious slice of cake with your child. We are hoping that lots of you will be able to join us for this worthwhile school event, with all of the money raised going to MacMillan Cancer Support.

The School Council will be helping to run the morning sessions. The coffee morning will run at different times for each year group:

Nursery/Reception/Y1 and Y2 - 9:00 - 9:45

Y3/Y4/Y5 and Y6 - 10:00 - 10:45

The school would be ever so grateful for any donations of cakes to be brought into the school office from Wednesday 27th September. Could we kindly ask that no cakes containing nuts are brought into school due to allergies? Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



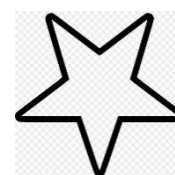
eco-points

w/c 04/09/2023		w/c 11/09/2023	
Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
R	97.78	R	96.33
1	93.33	1	96.0
2	100	2	98.33
3	96.77	3	97.74
4	96.77	4	98.13
5	95.97	5	98.71
6	97.70	6	95.86

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R		R	
1		1	
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5		5	
6		6	



School AWARDS



w/c 04/09/23	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award	w/c 11/09/23	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award
Year N				Year N	All of the new starters		
Year R				Year R	Drew		
Year 1				Year 1	Lewis	Isla-Rona	Charlotte
Year 2				Year 2	Ella	Stacey	Taylor
Year 3				Year 3	Marcus	Abdullah	Hunter
Year 4				Year 4	Harper	Freya	Lewis
Year 5				Year 5	Gabriel	Karim	Yassmin
Year 6				Year 6	Whole Class		

Well done everyone!

Autumn Afterschool Clubs

	Activity	Year Groups	Finish Time	Start Date	Teacher
Tuesday	German Club	3,4,5 & 6	4.00pm	26/09/2023	Miss Roberts
Wednesday	KS2 Sports Club	3,4,5 & 6	4.15pm	27/09/2023	Miss Bird & Miss Cooke
Thursday	Lego Club	1 & 2	4.00pm	28/09/2023	Mrs Hitchen

Diary Dates

Monday 18th September - Y5/Y6 Topic Day

Wednesday 20th September - 3:30 pm - Y6 Parent meeting for the residential trip

Tuesday 26th September - European Day of Languages - non-uniform in country's flag colours.

Nur/Rec - France (red, white and blue)

Y1/Y2 - Spain (red and yellow)

Y3/4 - Italy (red, green and white)

Y5/6 - Germany (red, black and yellow)

Wednesday 27th September - 7:00 pm - PTFA meeting at Starbucks on the Hough Retail Park. Everyone welcome.

Friday 29th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning - donations of cakes from Wednesday 27th September please.

9:00 - 9:45 - Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 10:00 - 10:45 - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 OCTOBER 2023

Mon 2nd to Fri 6th October - Y6 Residential trip

Monday 2nd October - 9:15 am Parent Forum meeting in school - everyone welcome

Thursday 5th October - Y5 Level 1 Bikeability

Monday 9th October - Leo's Den closed after school due to staff training

Tuesday 10th October - Hello Yellow Day - Mental Health Charity - £1 donation on ParentPay for charity

Friday 13th October - Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccinations in school for pupils - consent forms have been emailed

Monday 16th October - Y6 Level 2 Bikeability

Tuesday 17th October - Y6 Level 2 Bikeability

Tuesday 17th October - Early Years parents invited in for Stay and Play sessions. 9:00 - 10:00 am for Nursery 2:00 - 3:00 pm for Reception.

Friday 20th October - School Harvest - donations of non-perishable food items for the House of Bread food bank. Parents are invited into school at the following times: 9:15 am in school for Y1, Y2 and Y3 10:15 am in school for Y4, Y5 and Y6. 11:00 am - Nursery activities and songs in class 2:30 pm - Reception activities and songs in class.

Wednesday 25th October - 7:00 pm - PTFA AGM meeting in school. Everyone welcome.

Friday 27th October - 9:15 am - Special celebration assembly. Parents will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award

Friday 27th October - Wear it Pink - £1 donation on ParentPay for charity - wear something pink

Last day of term

Mon 30th Oct to Fri 3rd Nov Half Term Holiday

Monday 6th November - School reopens for pupils

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away from the school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Welcome to the start of a brand-new academic year at St Leonard's Primary School. I am the school Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) and endeavour to ensure the best possible educational experiences for our pupils.

As SENDCo, my primary goal is to ensure that each and every pupil with additional needs receives the necessary support to achieve their full potential. I am here to serve as a resource for both pupils and families, providing guidance, advocacy and coordination of support services. Whether your child requires additional assistance in the classroom or specialised interventions/equipment I am here to collaborate with teachers, staff and external professionals to tailor an individualised plan that meets unique needs. Open communication is key and I encourage you to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns or insights you may have about your child's educational journey. By working together, we can create a strong partnership that nurtures a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Please feel free to email me at

ccallaghan@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk

You can find more information about our SEND provision and the support on offer at St Leonard's and Staffordshire on our school website. <https://www.stleonardsstafford.co.uk/page/?title=SEND+AND+INCLUSION&pid=22>

Leo's Den



The children in Leo's Den have settled in to the new provision really well. The children have taken part in various activities including painting, salt dough and using chalks to create their own master pieces.

To book a session in Leo's Den please contact the School Office.

What have we been doing in our classes?

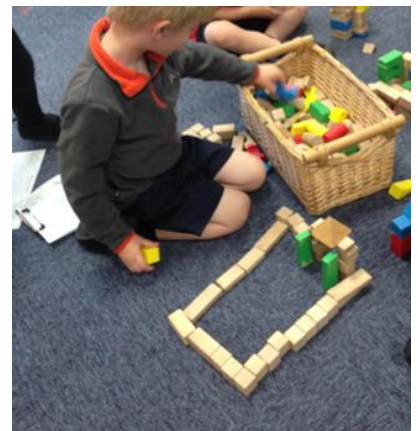
Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely start to the term in our brand new school. We all think our new classroom is fantastic and everyone is very happy. Over the past week we have concentrated on settling the children in and getting to grips with our routines and surroundings. This week we have all made a birthday card ready to keep in our birthday box to give to our friends when we celebrate birthdays. This links in with our topic 'All about me' and sharing our very special boxes that we are bringing in from home.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning all about ourselves and each other. We have been finding out about the areas within our new classroom and really enjoyed exploring in the different spaces. We have been cooking in our home corner, building models of our new school using a range of materials and drawing and labelling our favourite things.



Year 1

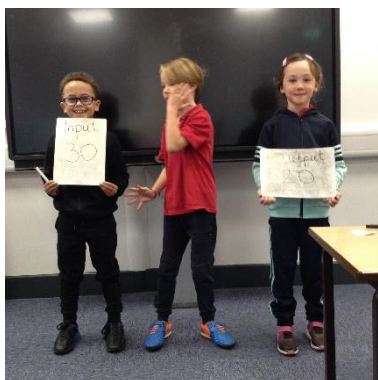
Year 1 have had a fantastic week settling into their new class and getting to know their new school! The children have started their Topic and have been learning all about dinosaurs; they had lots of fun hunting for the hidden dinosaurs in the classroom! They also created their own dinosaur puppets and artwork for our display.



Year 2

Year 2 have been reading Tyrannosaurus Drip in English this week. This book is linked to our topic and they have begun learning about dinosaurs. They have used drama and role play to sequence, retell and remember the story.





Year 3

Year 3 have had a great full week in school. They have read 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and explored their thought, feelings and emotions in English. As well as this, they have focused on place value for maths and have represented, partitioned and compared 3-digit numbers. In computing, they have looked at IPO (Input Process Output) systems and pretended to be computer robots during the process, trying to figure out what the output should be. How many IPO systems can you find at home?

Year 4

Year 4 have settled back really well into the routines of school life and our new classroom. This week the children have completed some lovely pieces of writing based on the story Dear Teacher. This is the tale of a child who is reluctant to return to school and comes up with all sorts of elaborate excuses explaining why he will not be there on the first day back.

Excuses that Year 4 came up with included being signed for Man Utd., competing in the Minecraft gaming world championships and getting stuck at the top of Mount Everest without a compass! In Jigsaw we have been thinking about how we can use our hands in kind ways. We enjoyed decorating paper hands with all of our amazing ideas!





Year 5

Year 5 have settled back into the school routine brilliantly. They are settled in their new classroom and can confidently find their way around our new school. We have been hard at work in maths learning about numbers up to one million and in English we have started our class text *War Horse*, which we are really enjoying. On Monday we are launching our new term's topic, which is all about World War One and Two, with our WOW Day. Baking Anzac biscuits and making propaganda posters are a couple of the activities we will be taking part in. We are looking forward to seeing the children come in dressed up, if they wish, and immersing themselves in the past.

Year 6

Year 6 have settled in brilliantly since they returned back to our new school last week. We have spent lots of time getting to know one another and establishing rules and routines as well as thinking about how to develop our 'Growth Mindset'. I want every one of our class to think - they can achieve anything! They have also produced some beautiful artwork in the form of their silhouettes with illustrations of what is important to them and what represents them. All in all a great week or so.





AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP



**For parents of children with ASD,
come and chat with people that
understand the difficulties
and also adults with ASD, come and
chat with others .**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
come and have a free cuppa or 2**

**on Monday afternoons
from 1pm to 3pm**

at

**Castlechurch Community Hub
Castlechurch Primary School**