Leonard's Life



'Where everyone is valued and together we seek excellence.'

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A note from Miss Roberts.....

This week in school has been National Road Safety week. On Tuesday, we welcomed Debbie from Staffordshire's Road Safety team into school to lead an assembly with the children on theme Be Bright, Be Seen. The children learnt some important information during this session.

Also this week, some of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils took part in a football tournament on Monday morning. All of the children played ever so well and were a real credit to the school. Well done everyone!

Volunteers Needed for Reading

We would like to ask if there are any parents or grandparents who would like to help us in school and come in regularly to listen to our children read? All volunteers would need to have a DBS check completed prior to them coming into school and would not be placed in the same class as their child/grandchild, as per our volunteer policy. Full training would be provided. Please let Miss Roberts or Miss Cooke know if you would be interested. Many thanks.

New Date for Year 4 Parents' Evening

The new date for the Year 4 Parents' Evening is Thursday 7th December after school. Thank you for bearing with us as we found a new date for the sessions to take place. Please follow the link sent out via text to make your appointments.

School Admissions for Reception Places

The application process for a Reception place in September 2024 in now open. The easiest way to apply is online and further information can be found on the <u>Staffordshire County Council</u> <u>web site</u>. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England would like to hear from all children aged between 6—18 years and has put together a short survey to collect their views. Please click on the link below:

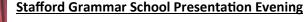
https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ the big ambition/

Children in Need Fundraising

In total, we raised £109.50 for Children in Need last Friday. Thank you for your donations.







On Wednesday evening this week, Miss Roberts and Miss Cooke went along to a special awards evening at Stafford Grammar School, along with two of our pupils, Jacob in Year 3 and Jessica in Year 5.

Earlier in the term, all of our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a special poetry competition organized by Stafford Grammar School. Jacob and Jessica both won prizes in their year group's category with both children receiving 3rd place certificates and prize bags.

Miss Roberts and Miss Cooke were incredibly proud of Jacob and Jessica. They did ever so well reading their poems aloud in front of an audience full of visitors!

The children also had the opportunity to meet, and have their photograph taken with Pep the Poet who had worked alongside Stafford Grammar School to select the winners of the competition.

I'm sure you'll join with us in congratulating both Jacob and Jessica. Well done!









NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's** *Speak out. Stay Safe* **programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe*. programme visit <u>www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout</u>.

5—7 year olds https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVpfbOOCcL8

7-11 year olds https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhHTfYr3mK0

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

	Activities to extend learning at home
Take a look at information, support,	Take part in games and activities at home
advice and activities from NSPCC for	to help children learn about speaking out
parent and carers.	and staying safe.
www.nspcc.org.uk/parents	www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub	Childline – under 12's
For information on a range of	Childline have an accessible website with
different online safety topics	advice, support, games and activities.
including gaming, social media,	Children can change the language,
sharing images, parental controls	enlarge text and also listen to the
and more.	content.
www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety	www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)
	www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at <u>www.nspcc.org.uk/pants</u>.



DECEMBER 2023		
Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform in exchange for donations of gifts for the Christmas hampers	
Tuesday 5 th December	Sports Enrichment Day – all children to wear their school PE kit	
Wednesday 6 th December	Morning – Whole school panto visit	
Thursday 7th December	Rearranged date for Year 4 Parents' Evening after school with Mrs Watton and Miss Bayliffe	
Friday 8 th December	Nursery and Reception Santa Trip – details to follow	
Monday 11 th December	9:15 am Parent Forum meeting in school – everyone welcome	
Tuesday 12 th December	3:30 pm – Year 5 Parents invited in for a Topic Showcase	
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch in school - Wear your Christmas Jumper	
Thursday 14th December	School Discos after school	
Friday 15 th December	9:15 am – Special celebration assembly	
	Parents will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award	
Friday 15 th December	Termly reports to go home	
Monday 18 th December	9:30 am – Nur/Rec Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Y1/2 Christmas Play	
Tuesday 19 th December	9:30 am –Y1/2 Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Nur/Rec Christmas Play	
Wednesday 20 th December	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Party Day– children to wear party clothes to school	
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Services for Key Stage 2 at 9:15 – 9:45 for Y5/Y6 and 10:15 – 10:45 for Y3/Y4	
	Nur/Rec/Y1/Y2 Party Day – children to wear party clothes to school	
Friday 22 nd December	Last Day – Non-uniform - £1 donation for school fund. School closes for Christmas	
Mon 22th Dec to Fri 5th Jan	School closed – Christmas Holidays	
JANUARY 2024		
Monday 8 th January	School reopens to pupils	