



Leonard's Life



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

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24th November 2023

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 is now open. The easiest way to apply is online and further information can be found on the [Staffordshire County Council web site](#). 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.

FESTIVE WINTER DISCO
THU 14 DECEMBER

PTFA

EYFS & KS1
3:30 - 4:30PM

KS2
4:45 - 5:45PM

Disco once again provided by the wonderful **AMP & DECK'S**

Please confirm your children's attendance and submit your payment on PARENTPAY by **WED 13 DEC '23**

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TAKEHOME



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

MERRY XMAS

St Leonard's PTFA WINTER WONDERLAND

There's plenty of ways to get involved & raise money for our school this Christmas...

- ❄ Mufti Day - Fri 01 Dec in return for items for our Festive Raffle
- ❄ Decorate a Christmas Bauble competition £1.00 per entry
- ❄ Enter our Festive Hamper Raffle - £1.00 per ticket
- ❄ Join us for our Festive Disco Thu 14 Dec - Tickets £3.50
- ❄ Name & win Santa's Little Teddy Helper Competition £1.00 per entry

See ParentPay for details



Stafford Grammar School Presentation Evening

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 www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

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.

Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents	Activities to extend learning at home Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities
Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety	Childline – under 12's Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. 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 www.nspcc.org.uk/pants .	

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TUESDAYS:

TUNSTALL METHODIST CHURCH

• Breakthrou'YOUTH (13-18 year olds) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

THURSDAYS:

ST JOHNS CENTRE, TRENT VALE

- Breakthrou'ADVANCE (18+) 1pm - 4.30pm
- Breakthrou'JUNIORS (7-12 year olds) 5.30pm - 6.15pm
- Breakthrou'ADULTS (18+) 6.30pm - 8pm



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Refreshments

MONDAYS:

BLURTON COMMUNITY HUB 3pm - 4pm

TUESDAYS:

TUNSTALL METHODIST CHURCH 1.30pm - 2.45pm

THURSDAYS:

NORTHFIELD CENTRE, STAFFORD 1.30pm - 2.30pm



Please follow this link to register:

<https://forms.office.com/r/GNkw8KE7y6>

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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 7 th 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 14 th 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 22 th Dec to Fri 5 th Jan	School closed – Christmas Holidays
JANUARY 2024	
Monday 8 th January	School reopens to pupils