

Leonard's Life



'Where everyone is valued and together we seek excellence.' Issue: 15 22nd December 2023

A note from Miss Roberts.....

This week has been a wonderful last week in school and the children in EYFS and KS1 were very proud to present their Christmas plays to parents. They did ever so well learning so many new songs alongside their lines and I'm sure that you are equally as proud of them as I am!

Our older KS2 children enjoyed sharing some of the songs they've been learning this half term in their singing assemblies with parents on Thursday morning at our Christmas services. It really is lovely to see how much the children at St Leonard's love singing!

As well this week, we've enjoyed our Christmas party days as well as other fun festive activities. All in all, it's been a super first term in our new school building. The children have shown great resilience in adapting to the change and have worked incredibly hard.

On behalf of myself and all of the staff, we would like to thank you for your continued support this term and we hope that you all have a lovely Christmas break with your families.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 8th January. Happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

Woodland Area

We're pleased to announce that our forest school woodland area is now available for us to start using in the Spring Term. More information will follow in January with timeslots for each year group.

PTFA Thank You

Thank you to the PTFA for organising so many lovely Christmas events, including the Christmas hampers. We are extremely grateful to them for giving up their time to make our Christmas events so successful and enjoyable for us all. A special thank you also to Ms Marston for all of her help in collecting the money and organising the raffle tickets.

In total, we raised £374 from the raffle, £74 from the baubles and £34 from Guess the name of Santa's helper.



Christmas Plays Photography

If you took a photograph or any visual image during a school event, please remember that it **MUST NOT** be put onto social media. Thank you.



Year 5 and Year 6 Topic Wow Day

Year 5 and Year 6 will be having their Wow day for their new North America topic on Friday 12th January. Please refer to the email from Miss Bird and Miss Cooke for more information.

Guess the Name of Santa's Helper

Well done to Hetty in Reception who correctly guessed that the name of Santa's helper was Sparkle!

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

On Monday 18th December, we participated in a Y5/6 football tournament at Stafford Town F.C., competing against other schools from around Stafford and Stone. In the morning, our boys Excel team battled hard in all of their matches and came 7th overall and the boys Inspire team came 5th in their group. In the afternoon, our girls Excel team came 5th and the Inspire team came equal 1st. Many of the children had never played in a tournament before, so it was a wonderful experience for them. It was fantastic to see our pupils' football and, more importantly, teamwork skills shine. The organisers commented on how well behaved and enthusiastic our pupils were, which was great to hear. Thank you to all of the parents/families that were able to come along and support us.









<u>Thank You</u>

The staff would like to thank you for the lovely cards and gifts they have received from the children. They are extremely grateful for your kind words and generosity. Thank you!

Parent Forum

The minutes from our last Parent Forum meeting on 11th December are now on the school web site in the Parents and Carers section. The minutes can be found at the bottom of the Parent Forum page.



Reminder: Topic Wow Days **Cost of Living Household Support** Children in Y1 and Y2 will be taking part in their If you need support with the cost of living, new topic Wow Days on: please visit the following web sites, or come into school to speak to Mrs Callaghan to see if Monday 8th January for Y2 there is any support we can provide: Tuesday 9th January for Y1 https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/ Please refer to the letter sent out by staff. https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Community/ School Admissions for Reception Places Cost-of-living-support/Here-to-help.aspx The application process for a Reception place in September 2024 in now open. The easiest way https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Community/ to apply is online and further information can Cost-of-living-support/Here-to-help.aspx be found on the Staffordshire County Council https://www.warmwelcome.uk/? web site. The closing date for applications is I=47529173#map 15th January 2024. **DECEMBER 2023** Mon 22th Dec to Fri 5th Jan School closed – Christmas Holidays JANUARY 2024 Monday 8th January School reopens to pupils Monday 8th January Y2 Topic Wow Day—come to school in costumes. See letter for details. Y1 Topic Wow Day—come to school in costumes. See letter for details. **Tuesday 9th January** Friday 12th January Y5/6 Topic Wow Day—refer to letter from Miss Bird and Miss Cooke EEBRILARY 2024

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Thursday 7 th March World Book Day – Bedtime stories theme - Wear your pyjamas to school (non-un	iform)
Tuesday 12 th March Sports Enrichment Day – all children to wear their school PE kit	
Friday 15 th March Comic Relief—wear something red (non-uniform)	
Friday 15 th March 9:15 am – Special celebration assembly	
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Friday 15 th March Termly reports to go home	
Friday 15 th March School Discos after school	
Monday 18 th March 9:15 am Parent Forum meeting in school – everyone welcome	
Tuesday 19 th March Parents' Evening – booking information to come out nearer to the time	
Thursday 21 st March Easter Services in school	
9:15 am for Y4/Y5/Y6 10:15 am for Y1/Y2/Y3	
11:00 am – Nursery in class 2:30 pm - Reception Easter in class	
Friday 22 nd March Last Day – Non-uniform - £1 donation for school fund	
School closes for Easter	
Mon 25 th Mar to Fri 5 th Apr School closed – Easter Holidays	
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Monday 8 th April School reopens for pupils	

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Dance and preforming art classes.

All abilities welcome

Classes start from aged 3 up to Adult



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