



# Leonard's Life



Issue: 21

23rd February 2024

## School Dinners

We have been notified that from 1st April 2024, Edwards and Ward are increasing the cost of a school meal to £2.95 per day.

## Phonics Parent Workshops for Reception/Y1/Y2

Reminder: Miss Jones will be holding some parent workshops on Tuesday 27th February at 9:00 am and 2:45 pm. The session is repeated in the afternoon so there is no need to attend both.

We look forward to showing you our new Phonics scheme and talking about ways that you can support your child's reading at home.

**PTFA**  
**SCHOOL DISCO**  
**FRI 15 MAR**  
**EYFS & KS1**  
3:30PM - 4:30PM  
**KS2**  
4:45PM - 5:45PM

Tickets are just £3.50 per child.  
Pay for your child(ren)'s ticket via  
PARENTPAY by: THU 14 MAR 2024  
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Disco once again  
provided by the wonderful  
**AMP & DECK'S**  
f @ampdecksstafford

**GATHER YOUR MATES  
FROM THE GATES**  
& JOIN US FOR THE ST LEONARD'S PTFA

**PUB QUIZ**

**THU 7 MAR '24**  
**7.30PM ARRIVAL** | **8PM START**

£4 per person or  
£20 per team  
(6 people max) -  
All proceeds raised will support  
the school. For more info and  
to Book logon to ParentPay  
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**CANDID**  
Units 4 & 5 Woodings Yard  
Bailey St, Stafford  
General knowledge & mixed  
rounds Prize courtesy of Candid

## School AWARDS

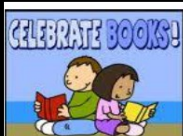
w/c	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award
19/02/24			
Year N		Aiden	
Year R		Kobie	
Year 1	Felicity	Logan	Charlotte
Year 2	Krisshiv	Ella	Robyn
Year 3	Ethan	Wesley	Zac
Year 4	Eilidh	Freddie	Zhayne
Year 5	Lucas	Vu	Yassmin
Year 6	Hollie	Jamie	Evie

Well done everyone!

## SPRING TERM 2024 DATES

### MARCH 2024

Tues 27 Feb to Tues 5 Mar	Book Fair in school. See email with times.
Tuesday 5th March	Reading Cafés 9:00—9:30 for Y5/6 2:45-3:15 for Nur/Rec
Wednesday 6th March	Reading Cafés 9:00—9:30 for Y3/4 2:45-3:15 Y1/2
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Bedtime stories theme - Wear your pyjamas to school (non-uniform)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Themed Lunch for Pupils
Thursday 7th March	PTFA Pub Quiz—book on ParentPay
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Enrichment Day – all children to wear their school PE kit
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief—wear something red (non-uniform) £1 donation on ParentPay
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15 am – Special celebration assembly Parents will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day Themed Lunch for Pupils
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Termly reports to go home
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	School Discos after school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15 am Parent Forum meeting in school – everyone welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening – booking information to come out nearer to the time
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> March	Last Day – Non-uniform - £1 donation for school fund. School closes for Easter.
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar to Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter holidays—School closed
<b>APRIL 2024</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for pupils



## Book Week 2024 News

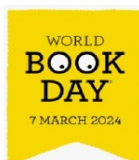


World Book Day is 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and we will mark the occasion with a range of activities here at St. Leonard's from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### Reading Cafés

Parents and grandparents are invited into school to listen to and share stories with their child. This event will take place in the school hall and we will be providing drinks and snacks for a small donation. The timings for this are below:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 to 9:30 – Year 5 and Year 6  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2:45 – 3:15 – Nursery and Reception  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 to 9:30 – Year 3 and Year 4  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2:45 to 3:15 – Year 1 and Year 2

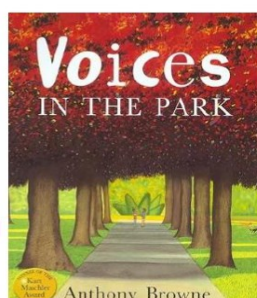


### Reading Photos for Display

We would like to create a whole school display to promote our love of reading in school. We would like to ask all pupils and staff to send us a photo of them reading their favourite book in an unusual place. Please email these directly to your child's class teacher by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### World Book Day – Dressing up

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, all children in school are invited to come to school in their pyjamas. Our theme this year is: Bedtime Stories. The children will still go outside for break and lunch so please wear suitable footwear and a warm coat.



### Competition Time

Make a shoebox of a scene from your favourite book. Entries will need to be in school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Winners will then be chosen from each year group and presented with a special reading prize during our celebration assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be in school again this year from 27<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> March. More information on the books available and how you can pay online will follow. The book fair will be open before and after school on the listed dates for you to visit.

### Whole School Text for Book Week

In school, we will be planning a week crammed full of exciting book-related activities. Across the school, the children will be focussing on the text 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne.

This will be used as the basis for all reading and writing lessons during the week as well as some special art work.



# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements. Pupils, who take the subject, will learn around 1,000 different signs. Fairfield High School (pictured in this week's poster) already runs a successful extracurricular club in response to pupils' interest in learning BSL.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever used sign language or seen it being used by others?
- > Is sign language a language you would like to learn? What do you think are some of the advantages of learning sign language?
- > Are there any other skills or subjects you believe would be useful to learn at school?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Parent/Carers Catch up and cake session with Mrs Callaghan and SENDIASS on **Tuesday 12th March at 2:30pm.**

Click the link to sign up <https://forms.office.com/e/cjAb7Z5jgp>

Parent/Carers Anxiety support session with Mrs Callaghan and Alison from the Mental Health Support Team on

**Tuesday 9th April at 2:30pm.** Click the link to sign up <https://forms.office.com/e/Hn02wTX8ck>

# NEXT PTFA MONTHLY MEETING

**Wed 20 Mar 2024 | 7.00pm**



**Starbucks, The Hough Retail Park**

Everyone is welcome to join us and help us organise events to raise money to support the school in providing additional activities & resources for your children.

Please email: [ptfa@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk) to confirm your attendance