



Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 19th November 2021

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www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week all our classes have had a big focus on anti-bullying week. We started with Odd Socks day on Monday and celebrated that we are all different. In Worship, we learnt about treating everyone with dignity and respect, and valuing of each person as an amazing individual. It has been wonderful to see the children working to be even more kind and polite this week. The children are continuing to earn so many Star Cards when they demonstrate our core Christian Values. Well done to our first winners of the draw who enjoyed hot chocolate with me on Monday! It is lovely to reward that positive good behaviour in a special way. As part of anti-bullying week, staff continued to promote the worry boxes in each classroom, which are there for the children to speak up about anything that may be troubling them enabling us to help. We finished this week in great style with our pyjamas and onesie day in aid of Children in Need. Thank you so much for your participation and contributions, which will go to help children across the UK who are in need of extra help and support - £202 was raised!

Please see below for important information, our weekly class updates and of course our Stars of the Week!

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley

Start of the School day

From 8.45am, children are provided with a 'Start of Day' activity in their classroom. Getting your child to school at this time enables them 10-15 minutes extra learning time per day. These few minutes amount to around an hour's extra learning time per week. Every minute counts, so please try to bring your child to school for 8.45am if at all possible so they don't miss out!



Calling all Christmas Elves

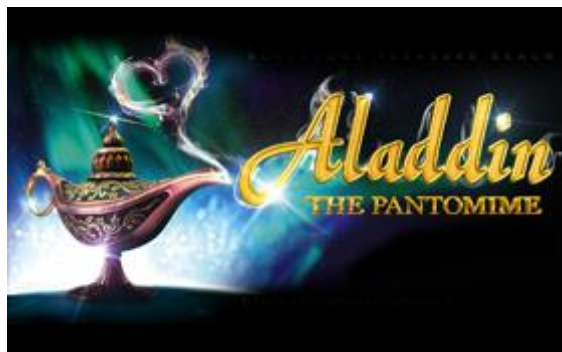
We have had an appeal from Father Christmas to help with some present wrapping of gifts for the children. If there are any parents or carers who would be able to help wrap some gifts on Tuesday 14th December at 9am, please let the office know info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk Mince pies and cuppa supplied ☕ Thank you in advance!

Christmas Dinner

If your child usually has a packed lunch, they are invited to have a Christmas dinner with the rest of school on Thursday 16th December at a cost of £2.30. Please let the office know by **3rd December** if your child would like one.

Pantomime

A reminder that the KS2 trip to the Panto to watch Aladdin will be on Tuesday 14th December - please send your contribution of £13 via Parent Pay by **Monday 29th November**. Many thanks !



Teacher Updates

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Dutton will continue as Doves class teacher for the remainder of the academic year.

Miss Waddicor will be leading 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week (Wednesday 24th November) for parents and carers of Kingfisher children. 3.40pm in the Kingfisher classroom or alternatively at 6.30pm on Zoom (link will be sent out via text message before Wednesday).

Headlice

Please check your child's hair this weekend as we have had a few children affected this week.

Parking

Please remember that the church car park is not to be used for pick up and drop off except in the case of blue badge holders, by prior arrangement. Please continue to be respectful of parking arrangements and mindful of others. Mytton Fold kindly offer the use of their back car park for drop off and pick up.

Holidays in Term Time

Please do all that you can to avoid taking your children out of school in term time – lost learning has a detrimental effect on your child's progress and attainment. Any absence must be requested on a Leave of Absence form (available from the school office), and these will only be granted as authorised absences if the circumstances are considered 'exceptional', meaning unavoidable. Family holidays cannot be authorised, however, please ensure you inform us using the absence request form, of any intended absence, even when these will be unauthorised. This is for safeguarding to ensure that school are aware of the whereabouts of your child when they are not in school. Many thanks for your continued support.



September 2022

If you know of any parents of pre-school children who are considering school places for next September, then please direct them to our website and encourage them to ring the school office. I am currently conducting small group tours in school, where parents may see what goes on during a school day, and ask questions.

Diary Dates

November

Sunday 21st November – St Leonard's CofE Church 9.15 Eucharist Service

10.30 Family Worship - All are welcome!

Monday 22nd November – Year 5/6 Boys' Football (separate information given)

Wednesday 24th November – Year 5/6 Girls' Football (separate information given)

Wednesday 24th November – Kingfishers Class Meet the Teacher with Miss Waddicor 3:30pm in school or 6:30pm on zoom.

December

Friday 3rd December – Non Uniform day in exchange for bringing chocolate.

Wednesday 8th December – Carol Service in Church for all 7pm-8pm

Friday 10th December – Christmas fair afternoon (From 1pm for children in school, then 3.30pm -4.30pm for parents/carers.

Monday 13th Christingle Worship – arrangements TBC

Monday 13th December 6:00pm – KS2 Carol Service (Year 3,4,5&6)

Tuesday 14th December – KS2 Aladdin Panto trip to Blackpool

Tuesday 14th December 9:00am – Christmas Elves present wrapping session

Tuesday 14th December 2:30pm & 5:30pm – Early Years Nativity Performance (Little Lennies & Blackbirds)

Wednesday 15th December – Year 6 and the Year 5 Choir Performing at Blackburn Cathedral

Wednesday 15th December 2:30pm & 5:30pm – KS1 Nativity Performance (Year 1 form the choir and Year 2 are acting)

Thursday 16th December – Non-Uniform Day and Party Day

Thursday 16th December – Christmas lunch in school

Friday 17th December 1:30pm – School closes for Christmas Holidays

2022 !

Thursday 6th January 8:45am – School Re-opens for Spring Term

Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th January – Blackbirds Balance Bikes (more details to follow)

Blackbirds Stay and Play will be in Spring 1 – (more details to follow)

Tuesday 18th January – Early Years and KS1 Visiting Panto in school.

Class Updates

Little Lennie's



This week our theme has been the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs and the children have enjoyed putting on puppet shows pretending to be the pigs or the Big Bad Wolf! We have also played 'Three Little Pigs' board game practising taking turns and being patient! The children have been doing lots of works with shapes this week. We have had lots of activities in the classroom incorporating shapes including making robots, I spy games, board games and playing with the Lego. We also went on a shape walk around school! What a super week we have had in Little Lennies.



Blackbirds



This week we have been reading the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have used the story to help us learn more about bridges. We have learnt names of bridges such as 'beam,' 'truss,' 'arch' and 'suspension.' This week we made beam bridges, strengthening paper by folding and sticking so that they would hold play people without collapsing. Later in the week we have used our own ideas for building, making lots of models. We have discovered some new construction kits to help our hands and fingers become strong, ready for early writing. In PE we have been learning about different types of rolls which we have enjoyed. Our classroom has new small world and snack spaces to give us even more opportunities to talk to one another and share our ideas about the world around us. Well done Blackbirds - another great week.



Doves



For anti-bullying week, we have been discussing how we can follow Jesus' example of walking with kindness and the consideration of others. We have had a focus on always using kind words and actions when interacting with others.

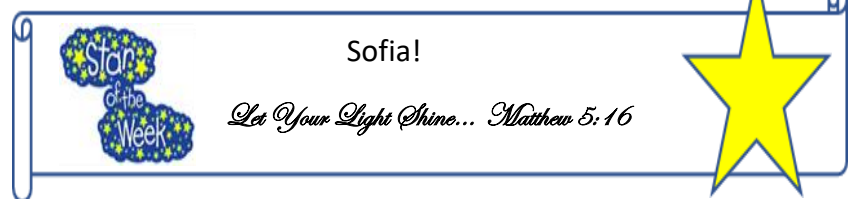
Doves have also been learning about Samuel Pepys, his role in the Great Fire of London and we created a fact file about Pepys. In Science, we have explored different materials and how we can describe its properties. For guided reading we have been reading 'A Squash and A Squeeze' and enjoyed the rhyming patterns.



Eagles



We have had another exciting week in Eagles! The children have all been working incredibly hard and it has been wonderful to see them enjoying their learning. This week we have been thinking about tolerance and how it is important to be kind to one another. In History, we continued our learning about the Great Fire of London and created a timeline of the key events. We continued to think about the fire as we continued our dance routine in PE...whilst wearing our pyjamas! Well done Eagles, another super week!



Falcons



This week in Falcons, we have been science investigators. We are exploring materials and their suitability for everyday purposes. Discovery Dog helped us identify the best material to mop up spillages based on its absorbency. We also explored a range of dog toys, the materials used and then, designed our own based on the properties needed.











Hérons



We have had a super week of learning in Herons Class and the children have enjoyed their learning. In History we identified changes in housing from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We learned about the famous Palaeolithic cave paintings in Lascaux, in France, and the children recreated their own Stone Age scenes. They even created dance moves for our Stone Age dance in PE! For Anti-Bullying week they enjoyed wearing odd socks on Monday and have followed on with activities and discussion throughout the week. Pyjama day for Children in Need was another great highlight and the children looked fabulous. A great week for the Herons.



Kingfishers 	<p>Kingfishers have been working extremely hard all week and have produced some incredible pieces of work. In History we discussed the changes in housing from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age, comparing these to our homes today. The children also created and began to perform their very own superhero dances in PE. In Art, we have been again exploring cave paintings and this week, the children created their own based on our surroundings. The children produced some fantastic work that has been placed on the walls of our classroom. We focused on using and storing medicines safely in PSHE as part of our topic 'What keeps us safe?'. Brilliant work again, Kingfishers!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Halle! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i>  </p>
Owls 	<p>Owls Class have had a week packed full of learning. The children enjoyed taking part in the events for 'Anti-bullying week' and have been involved in some in-depth reflections and discussions. The children worked well as part of a team in PE by working together to create a sequence of movements to 'create' a specific place. The children also enjoyed learning about the changes in housing during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Owls Class ended the week focusing on activities based on Children in Need. Well done everyone!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Zayn! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i>  </p>
Robins 	<p>This week, Robins had a go at another popular dance from the 1940s as they stepped in time with the Lambeth walk in PE. They were amazed to discover how refraction of light, bending as it travels through dense materials like glass or water, can give the impression of things being broken, flipped or even disappearing altogether. Also, in history, they used thinking hats to organise information about evacuees and researched the life of Winston Churchill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Alyssia! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i>  </p>
Swifts 	<p>This week we have continued our work on WW2 through an interesting lesson looking at sources relating to one evacuee, we had to look through the sources to learn about what he was like and what he experienced through the war. In Science we explored refraction of light by doing lots of observations using glasses of water. In DT we have begun planning our Anderson shelters ready for construction. Super work again Swifts, have a lovely weekend.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Annabel! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i>  </p>
Wrens 	<p>This week, we have reflected on Anti-Bullying week and had some thoughtful discussions around bullying and what we can do if we need help. We were very impressed by the sensible and mature contributions that the children made to class discussions. We have continued to prepare for our Christmas Carol services in December and have learned some new carols as well as polishing up some old favourites. The children really do produce a lovely sound which is very exciting for our performances. Our dance unit in PE continued this week with the Lindy Hop and we saw some very bouncy and energetic dances. Well done Wrens - keep up the good work!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  James! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i>  </p>

