



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,



This week's Worship theme has been forgiveness. The children have learnt about the importance of forgiveness and not holding on to issues. How many times should we forgive? Jesus was asked "seventy times seven" was his answer - reminding us that God's forgiveness is never ending, just as we should be.

With the snow and ice gone the children have enjoyed lots of playing outside. Our friendship area is a popular place, especially for the younger children who enjoy reading books and playing board games with their friends.

Once again some of our eldest children represented St. Leonard's splendidly in football as part of the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Sports Partnership tournaments. Congratulations to the team who enjoyed their matches.

As part of our Governor meeting this week, some children met with the governors to talk about PE. They spoke very positively about PE at St. Leonard's and explained what they are learning - referencing the 'Head, Heart, Hands' that runs throughout our PE curriculum to develop cognitive skills (Head), emotional and social development (Heart) and physical movement (Hands).

Have a lovely weekend - Spring is on its way!

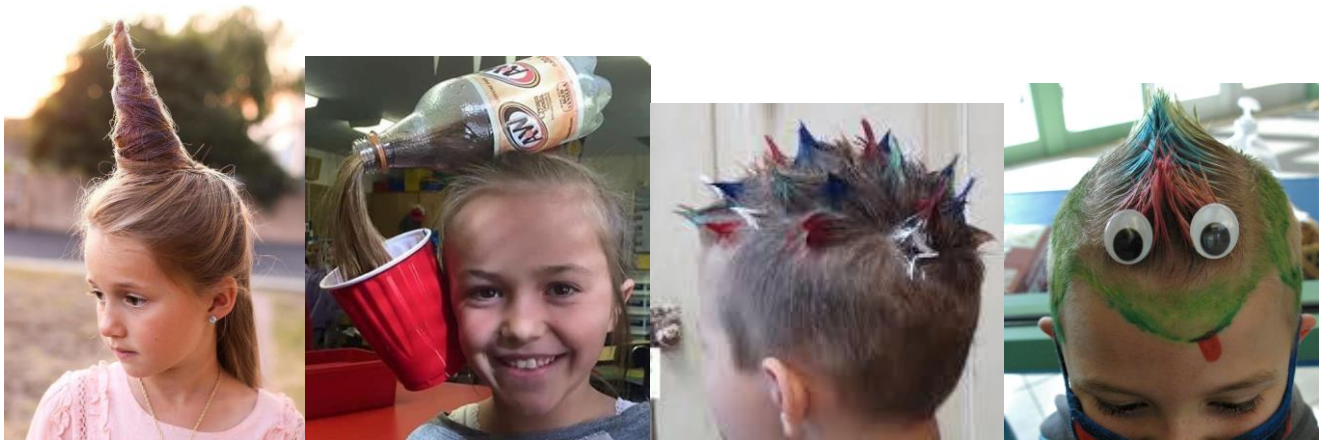
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We are so proud of one of our amazing children, Amelia, and her big sister, who are going to have their long hair cut off to donate to The Little Princess Trust on 20th February 2023.



To support this fantastic cause, we will be having a 'Crazy Hair' day in school on Friday 10th February. In exchange for a donation (suggested minimum £2), your child may come to school with the craziest, funkiest hair do they can think of - the wilder, the better. Prizes to be won for the craziest and most creative!



Reception Class Vision Screening - Tuesday 31st January 9.15 in school.

Letters and information (including an 'opt out' form, has been emailed out to all parents/carers of Blackbirds children.



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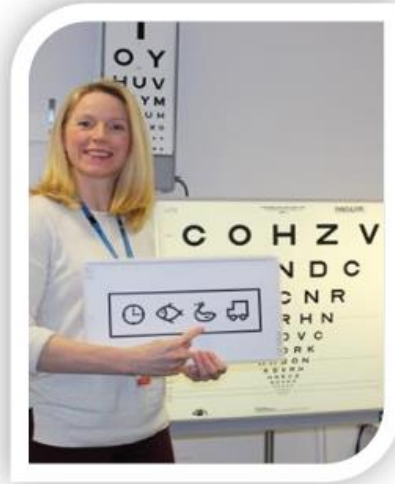
Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

Safe | Personal | Effective



Parking

An individual letter about this issue has been sent home with children tonight and has been emailed too.

Thank you for your help with this.

Water Bottles

Expensive 'Air Up' bottles are fine to send in, but please be aware that accidents happen in school, such as children dropping things, and school cannot be held responsible for any breakages. Some children are also bringing in enormous bottles of water that don't fit into the water carriers in classrooms - please send in a sensible sized bottle.

Snacks

To help with the smooth running of the morning and maximising playtime, please remind children to take playtime snacks out of lunchboxes before the school day starts. Eg having their playtime snack in a coat pocket is a really good idea and reduces congregation in the corridors whilst children find snacks within lunchboxes.

Little Lennie's

We are now taking bookings for children to start Little Lennie's Pre-School from September 2024



If you have a child who was born between 1st September 21 to 31st August 22, they will be eligible to start pre-school in 2024/2025.

Government advice can be found below regarding free childcare. Please contact the school office for further information regarding places and additional hours. Spaces are filling up quickly!

All 3-to-4-year olds in England can get 570 free hours per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year but you can choose to take fewer hours over more weeks.

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>



Regular and frequent use of Reading Plus can have a real impact on children's reading speed and fluency, vocabulary acquisition and comprehension skills. Please encourage and support your child to use Reading Plus as often as possible at home.

Most Words Read this Week	
Herons	Alfie
Kingfishers	Amelia
Owls	Jack
Robins	Luke
Swifts	Ameen
Wrens	Oliver







Parents/carers Evening Tuesday 7th February 2023



Parent/Carer Evening booking is open and available on the main page of our school web site or by following this link : <https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/stleonardscofe>

Little Lennies' Parents' Evenings are on Thursday 2nd February and Thursday 9th February. Appointments for these are available by telephoning the school office.

This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Eagles	100
	Heron	99.3
	Blackbirds	98.9



Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



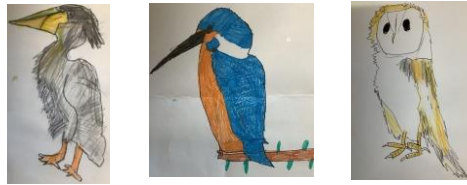
This week the youngest of our school family have been learning all about China and Chinese New Year. Our Nursery children have read the story about the Chinese Zodiac - 'The Great Race'. They have had great fun retelling the story using small world creatures and materials. They have also been developing their turn taking skills, playing games and creating some wonderful red themed collages, thinking about how red is a lucky colour in China. In Reception, we read the story of 'The Magic Paintbrush' to help us learn about different cultures and to develop our artistic talents. We have decorated our home corner spaces to celebrate the new year, made Chinese lanterns and even tried to do some Chinese writing. We have learnt about how different animals represent different years and even scored full marks on a Chinese New Year quiz! Lots of wonderful learning as always - well done everyone! 🌟

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



It's been another busy week in KS1 with lots of super learning in all three classes. The children have really enjoyed computing this week, learning how to program Bee-Bots. Art saw the start of amazing A1 sized group efforts based on the work of Roy Lichtenstein; incorporating pointillism, patterns, bold lettering and comics to make collages. We can't wait to see how they progress by the end of term! The children have enjoyed continuing dance based on different animal moves to music and beats in PE. Geography was all about dairy farming this week and learning more about what farmers do to get milk from cows to our homes! In RE we have been continuing to learn all about Jesus as a special friend and the miracle stories that bring this to life. Well done everyone in KS1 on a super week.

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



In Y3 and Y4 this week we have been using our imagination to group paragraphs together in a sensory description of Pompeii, using the correct tense. Classes enjoyed making predictions about what has happened to the main character Lila, in our novel the Firework Maker's Daughter, by skipping forward chapters to analyse what could have happened previously using the evidence in the text, then ascertaining if our predictions were correct. Science has continued to make our brainwaves 'spark' with our electricity topic and our rivers theme has meandered closer to home, using Google Earth to explore and map the River Ribble from source to mouth – the street view was also used to 'virtually visit' local settlements. Children 'Thrilled' with their opening dance sequence to the Michael Jackson classic through PE and RE allowed some deep-thinking about the concept of authority and when it might need to be challenged. Lyrical knowledge and recall was tested with our enthralling visit by Let's Go Sing, in preparation for our performance at King George's Hall at the end of March and the week finished with further exploration of texture in art, making printing stamps and motifs. Well done to all - who says January is a dull month??!!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5


As the term continues, so does the learning. We started Hamlet in guided reading and a new unit about multiplying fractions in maths. Those who are unsure of normal multiplying and dividing should keep practising, including TT Rock Stars. Some continued science with dissolving (while others will do this next week). In RE, we looked at the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount (asking what our attitudes should be). Most children enjoyed learning the hand jive in PE and adapting it to do 'The Monster Mash.' Swimming is bringing in improvements in technique and strength. Thursday's Spanish ran alongside brass - regular practice will help them get ready for their performance.

Lastly, Geography was about the changes there have been in the local area over the years, why those changes happened and using an overlap map explorer on the internet to see where those changes took place.

Year 6

Wrens have enjoyed another great week of learning ! The children wrote excellent newspaper reports in English about the 'Selfish Giant' and in Maths have solved some tricky algebraic fractions. In RE, the children learned about the Beatitudes and explained what they meant to them. In Geography, we considered Marine Protected Areas and researched endangered marine animals. In Art the children created their sketches ready to paint inspired by Picasso's Guernica. In Science the children researched the evolutionists Mary Anning, Charles Darwin and Arthur Wallace. They learned the notes E and F on the flute and the week was rounded off with PE where they enjoyed dancing and games. Well done everyone !

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	<u>Little Lennies</u> <i><u>Olivia</u></i>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <i><u>Alba & Arthur</u></i>
<u>Doves</u> <i><u>Maisie</u></i>	<u>Eagles</u> <i><u>Esme</u></i>	<u>Falcons</u> <i><u>Orla-Mae</u></i>
<u>Hérons</u> <i><u>Charles</u></i>	<u>Kingfishers</u> <i><u>Roman</u></i>	<u>Owls</u> <i><u>Rosie</u></i>
<u>Robins</u> <i><u>Jacob</u></i>	<u>Swifts</u> <i><u>Tabetha</u></i>	<u>Wrens</u> <i><u>Edward & Lilly</u></i>

Diary Dates

Monday 30th January	Kingfishers Swimming
	Eagles Woodlands Learning Session 2 of 2
Tuesday 31st January	Year 5 Visit to Jodrell Bank
Thursday 2nd February	Little Lennies' Parents' Evening
Monday 6th February	Final Kingfishers Swimming Lesson
	Doves Woodlands Learning Session 1 of 2
Tuesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8th February	Final Year 5 Swimming Lesson
Friday 10th February	Crazy Hair Day! (Please send in a donation)
	3:30pm School Closes for Half-term holiday
Half-Term Holiday	
Tuesday 21st February	8:45am School Re-opens after half-term holiday
Wednesday 22nd February	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 23rd February	3.30pm Muddy Church (Letters sent out)
Monday 27th February	First swimming lesson for Herons clas
	Doves Woodlands Learning Session 2 of 2
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day (Information to follow)

Sunday Services

9.15 Eucharist
10:30 Family Service

Monday

4pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

12pm Midday Prayers (with light lunch on 1st Wednesday of each month)

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Please see our school website for this academic year's term dates. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/holiday-dates>

