



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

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 10th September 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to say that the beautiful sunny weather we have been blessed with this week has more than been reflected within school. Children have had a busy week of learning, thinking about how we can demonstrate and be proud of our special talents and abilities, and use them to make a difference and help others to 'shine their light'. We have all been celebrating our individuality throughout school, and our corridors are filling up with lovely work showing how our families are all different and all equal.

I'd like to extend my thanks to all our parents and carers for their support in getting used to our new end of day collection arrangements, which have improved the way children are dismissed, with safety as our first priority. Staff have enjoyed meeting you all this week at 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, and I hope you have all found these to be useful as we get back into new routines.

Please remember, although 3.30pm is not an easy time for staff to speak with you about your child, we are always here to support you and your children. If you would like to speak to a teacher, please contact the office who will let the teacher know to ring you or arrange a meeting. If it's a quick message you'd like to pass on, again office staff can pass these on for you. The office email is [info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk) or phone 01254 247156. Alternatively, you can pop into the office to leave a message in person at any time.

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

### **PE and Uniform**

As children are now coming to school wearing PE Kit regularly, it is important that this remains part of their 'uniform' and that the children are comfortable as well as smart.

On PE day, weather dependant, please ensure your child is wearing:

- ✓ Shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms – **Plain black.**
- ✓ T-shirt – **Plain white t-shirt or blue t-shirt with school badge**
- ✓ Top layer– **Plain navy blue hoody or school badged turquoise sweatshirt.**
- ✓ Trainers or indoor pumps – **Plain and dark (eg black/Navy/Dark grey)**
- ✓ Socks – **Plain black or white**

Children are **not** to wear:

- X** Any patterned or coloured t shirts or tops
- X** football tops.
- X** Cropped tops showing tummies.
- X** Jewellery
- X** Coloured, patterned, bright trainers
- X** Coloured, patterned, branded top layers Eg Hoodies or sweatshirts

## Jewellery and nail polish

With the exception of **plain stud** earrings, **please keep all jewellery at home**. Jewellery causes children upset when it gets lost or broken, it isn't part of our uniform and can cause injury when it gets caught. Also please make sure children don't wear nail polish or other kinds of make up at school.

## Dogs

As I am sure many of you know by now, Mrs Lindley is a big dog lover and this week a few parents have enquired whether dogs are allowed onto the school grounds. We recognise not everyone shares this enthusiasm for dogs, and so for the health and safety of all children and families, with the exemption of guide dogs and trained, working therapy dogs, pet dogs must not be brought onto the school grounds.

## Medicines in school

Staff are only able to administer, named, in date **prescription** medicine received in the original container, to children with written parental consent. Please discuss with office staff if needed. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept nor administer over the counter medicines such as Calpol, throat sweets etc to children. If this is needed, parents may come to school to administer this themselves.

## Attendance & Punctuality

We place huge importance on high attendance and punctuality at St Leonard's due to the impact that missing time at school has on children's learning. Particularly following the pandemic, every minute in school counts and we ask that you completely avoid taking children for holidays during term time. Many thanks in advance for your support with this. Please be aware that children arriving late to school are missing out on start of day activities, and minutes of lost learning add up quickly, putting your child at a disadvantage.

## Class Updates

<p><b>Little Lennie's</b></p> 	<p>It has been such a brilliant first full week back in Little Lennies. It is wonderful how independent and familiar with routines the children already are. The older children in Little Lennies have loved making new friends and being a great example for our new friends to follow. The children have played with just about everything this week! They have enjoyed playing in the sand and creating lots of different objects. They have been solving jigsaws and exploring making ramps for cars. The children have also been very creative chefs in their mud kitchen with lovely pretend stews made out of different ingredients they found in the outdoors! The children have enjoyed lots of singing too and are learning some of our favourite St. Leonard's songs. Well done Little Lennies on another super week! Mrs Bolton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Zach! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i> </p>
<p><b>Blackbirds</b></p> 	<p>We have had a wonderful first full week at school in Blackbirds class!</p> <p>We have read the book 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School' and from the book we found five interesting words. These were - thoughtful, excited, nervous, special and belonged. We have talked about what these words mean and tried hard to use them in our own sentences. We have counted dinosaurs and are learning that everything can be counted. We have counted aloud up to 10 and back again!</p> <p>We have sung songs about dinosaurs as well as learning some new Fischy songs. We have had time to look at some musical instruments and we ended our week by joining our whole school family for worship.</p> <p>We are very tired but very happy! Well done everyone. 😊 Mrs Harris</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Esme! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i> </p>

## Doves



We have had a super week in Doves settling into new routines. The children have loved finding out the colour of each new book for every lesson. In English we are reading 'Wanted: The Perfect Pet', it has been fun thinking about pets and then doing drama and stepping through the 'magic mirror' to become a new character. In Maths, we have worked on number formation and done lots of practical sorting into groups. In RE, we thought about Harvest and in Science we had fun drawing round friends and labelling human bodies. In Geography, we thought about our place in the world. We had super fun in the woods, hugging trees and trusting our friends in a long blind-folded train! What an amazing and very busy week. I am so proud of how we are trying so hard to be brilliant Doves. Have a lovely weekend ready for another fun-filled week! Mrs McMahon



## Eagles



What a busy, fun-filled week we have had in Eagles class! We have created some fabulous family trees as part of our class display using our learning about portraits and we were very proud to know they were up for everyone to see. In English, we had a 'Special Delivery' and we made predictions to try to find out which book had arrived in the box. We were all excited to find out it was 'The Jolly Postman'. Our Geography learning this week was to find our place in the world and we made flap-books to show our planet, country and town. It has been such a busy week; the time has gone so fast! I think all our Eagles will need a rest so they are ready for more fun next week. Mrs Pollard



## Falcons



This week, Falcons have been enjoying our shared read of 'Katie Morag and the two Grandmothers' in English (collecting vocabulary they'd love to use in their own writing) and have been working hard on place value in Maths. In RE, we focused on Harvest and were amazed by how much of the food we eat comes from all over the world! In Science, we compared ourselves to robots, making scientific observations. Falcons are really enjoying being back with our school family in the hall for collective worship and showed their super singing in this week's hymn practice! What a fantastic week, well done Falcons! Miss Thomas



## Hérons



We have had a super week of learning in Heron Class. In English we have enjoyed collecting interesting vocabulary from our text, 'Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold. The children then responded in role using appropriate vocabulary they had identified. We have considered interesting synonyms for *said* and have begun to punctuate direct speech. We have some talented actors who spoke with intonation and expression and entertained us all when hot seating and role play. In Maths we have been identifying the value of digits in 3-digit numbers and have represented numbers in different ways. The countries in the United Kingdom and their capital cities were the focus in Geography and in Science, we discovered types of forces. In our People of God unit of work for RE we learned about the role of prophets and we identified the qualities of a good friend in PSHE. The children were enthusiastic and creative, sharing interesting ideas throughout the week. Well done Heron Class! Miss Cross



## Kingfishers



Kingfishers have had a great week, it was delightful to be amongst such enthusiastic learners! We were very intrigued by the illustrations from our new class text 'Black Dog'; we studied these in detail and began to think of exciting vocabulary linked to the pictures. In our maths lessons, we were thinking all about measuring. In guided reading, we used dictionaries to check the meaning of words from the first chapter of Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. In design and technology, we made cubes from nets in our focused practical task. We started our new geography topic 'Where in the world are we?' and located the capital cities of the UK on a map. Mrs Cross and Mrs Murphy



## Owls



The children in Owls Class have continued to work on settling in and getting into their school routines. It was lovely to see so many parents / carers at the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week – thank you to those who were able to attend. The children have been recapping their understanding of numbers and number lines in maths and in English have been introduced to our focus text – Black Dog. The children have made predictions and gathered important vocabulary. In science the children looked at push and pull forces and in PE, practised their throwing and catching. In RE the children looked at prophets and their roles. The children also enjoyed their Computing lesson looking at networks and how information is sent all over the world, as well as their learning about numbers to 10 in Spanish. The children also worked hard in Music and ended the week by thinking about what makes a good friend. The children also worked hard to create some wonderful pieces of art based on their families. Well done Owls Class! Mr Bradshaw



## Robins



This week, Robins class have taken strides in getting back to work. In English, they have enjoyed listening to and discussing the beginning of our class novel, The 1,000 Year Old Boy, and using it to gather information and write both simple and complex sentences. They have been revising place value in maths, especially rounding numbers and are all getting better at rounding bigger numbers to different multiples of 10, 100 or 1,000. In science, they started some work on materials and their properties to understand why some materials are used for different purposes. Our geography topic is Scandinavia and we now all know which countries this is made up of and where to find them on a map. Although our main PE day is Monday, and we started practising different types of passes in netball. Next week, we are expecting to do PE on Monday and Friday (weather permitting). Mr Colpman



**Swifts**



What a great first full week as Swifts class we have had! This week we have been continuing to read our class text *The 1000-year-old boy* and have produced some lovely writing based on inferences we have made from the text. In Science we started our topic on material changes by completing a carousel of different activities that made us share and question what we already know - the firm favourite was creating chemical reactions using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. In our Geography lesson we spent time exploring where Scandinavia was in the world and using a range of resources to help us understand what the countries are like. I am very pleased that we have a number of very strong singers who earned 'superstar singer' and we enjoyed singing together yesterday afternoon. It has been lovely to see lots of you at the meetings this week, thank you so much for attending. Mrs Filder

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*Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16* 

**Wrens**



We have had another super week of learning in Wrens class. It was also lovely to meet some of our parents during the Meet the Teacher meetings. In maths we have been working on numbers up to 10 million and solving some tricky reasoning problems based on place value. In English, we have been exploring different texts as well as discovering some ambitious and interesting vocabulary. We have started our Geography topic of 'Exploring Scandinavia' and in Science we have been investigating the properties of materials. In RE we have been reflecting on the journey of life and what we would like for our futures. A super week of learning - well done Wrens! Mrs Cronshaw

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*Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16* 

