



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

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 24th September 2021

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[www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we have had in school, moving some classes into better spaces to improve learning environments for our children. Little Lennies now have a much bigger room with access to Blackbirds outdoor learning space, Eagles have a bigger, brighter classroom to learn in along with easy access to our KS1 outdoor classroom and Robins have joined the other upper KS2 children in the studio, enabling them all to enjoy working together across the year group.

You may have heard your children talking about the 'tests' they have been doing this week. These assessments are to help the teachers to identify which aspects learning your child is secure with, and what needs to be taught next. They help to identify any gaps in learning from the last academic year, as a result of the disruption caused by school closures, and allow teachers to plan and deliver future lessons effectively. They are nothing to worry about and the children have all worked hard and taken them in their stride. Well done everyone!

Thank you to all who purchased cakes this afternoon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support – your donations are very much appreciated.

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

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley

### School Council & House Captains

Well done to those children who were elected by their peers as School Council representatives and our new House Captains too. I am looking forward to our first School Council meeting next week when we can start to make plans for how our school can be developed to make things even better!



Our School Councillors are:

Lucas, Zack, Devon, Jenny, Bobby,  
Erin, Amelia, Bridget, Sienna and Daniel.



Our House Captains are:

**Matthew** – Mal & Leah  
**Mark** – Harry & Imogen  
**Luke** – Robert & Georgie  
**John** – Archie & Isabelle



### Today's cake sale...

A big thank you everyone who supported the Church cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Support today. We hope to publish the total raised next week.

### Ofsted Update – for your information

In 2011, the Department for Education brought in an Ofsted exemption for outstanding schools to allow inspectors to focus resources on under-performing schools. This has meant that many schools, including St Leonard's, have gone longer than 10 years without an inspection. The Outstanding exemption has very recently been lifted, and Ofsted are currently focusing on carrying out inspections of schools that were previously judged to be outstanding. This means that we are very likely to be inspected in the very near future.

Since St Leonard's was last inspected, the Ofsted Framework has changed a number of times and quite significantly. We are incredibly proud of our school's many amazing strengths and outstanding features, however, under the current Ofsted Framework criteria, there are some aspects and elements that are currently judged as 'Good'. These will need further work and development to meet the current Outstanding criteria, and we will need to demonstrate the impact of our school improvement over time, so that an overall judgement of 'Outstanding' can once again be achieved in the future. I am very much looking forward to, and excited about leading St Leonard's on this journey, aiming high to achieve excellence for all, together with such a wonderful community of children and families, supportive parents and an incredibly hard-working, dedicated team of staff and Governors.

### Outdoor Learning Environment

Thank you so much for the positive response already regarding our request for help to tidy and maintain our woodland area. On **Thursday morning at 8:45-9:00** we have a few parents who are meeting to have a look at the area and start to form some plans. If you would like to be involved please do come along. If you would like to be involved but can't make that time then please phone 01254 247516 or email ([info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk)) to let us know. Please see below for our request for help from last week's newsletter.

If you know of anyone in our school community such as parents, grandparents or family members that have any spare time and would like to become involved in volunteering to tidy and maintain our woodland area, we would be very grateful to hear from you! Equally, if you have your own business and would like to donate time or resources to help us to develop our school outdoor environment, this could make a huge difference to us and the quality of what we are providing for our children. Many thanks in advance for your support!

### Harvest Appeal

School will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in church on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. It will be wonderful to worship together again in church as a whole school. Year 6 will be leading the prayers and readings. Parents are welcome to join us for this service. We are inviting donations of either, food & toiletries to our local **foodbanks**, or money in an envelope for the **Bishop's Harvest Appeal charity**. If you would like to donate, please bring these in the **week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> October**. See below for suggestions.



## Please send in...

### URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

LAUNDRY LIQUID/POWDER

WASHING UP LIQUID

CLEANING CLOTHS

SOAP

SHOWER GEL

SPONGE PUDDINGS

TINNED MEAT

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED CARROTS

TINNED SWEETCORN

SQUASH/CORDIAL

STRONG, REUSABLE CARRIER BAGS

### OUR SHOPPING LIST

SUGAR

FRUIT JUICE (CARTON)

SOUP

PASTA SAUCES

TINNED TOMATOES

CEREALS

RICE PUDDING (TINNED)

TEA BAGS / INSTANT COFFEE

INSTANT MASHED POTATO

RICE

PASTA

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FISH

TINNED FRUIT

JAM

BISCUITS OR SNACK BAR

NAPPIES

SHOWER GEL

SHAMPOO

DEODORANT

WASHING UP LIQUID

## Upcoming Dates for your diary

EYFS Phonics Information Session – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September either at 3:30pm or 6:00pm

Harvest Festival Service – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in church – parents welcome.

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October (Further information to follow)

School closes for half-term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3:30pm

School re-opens after half-term – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8:45am

## Class Updates

### Little Lennie's



This week in Little Lennies we have been reading a book called 'Not a Stick' by Antoinette Portis. It shows how by using our imagination, a stick can become anything -from a fishing rod to a paint brush. We enjoyed going to the woods to collect sticks and sorted them from longest to shortest. The children are getting very good at using the words "long" and "short". They could tell us which stick is longer or shorter. In our key time we thought of all sorts of ideas about how sticks could be used.

We have also been reading the Creation story this week. The children have been playing with animals from different worlds of land, sea and sky and sorting them into their different homes and habitats.

The children have been keen to get their aprons on and do some painting. Some of them enjoyed using Lego bricks to print patterns. Some lovely art work has been produced. It has also been so exciting to move into our lovely new classroom this week. The children have loved it!



Elyse!

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



## Blackbirds



This week our learning has focused on the story of 'Stick Man.' We have enjoyed reading and re-reading this story - understanding the importance of reading familiar stories. The children have been listening to trickier words in the story such as 'excited,' 'beware,' 'excellent' and 'clattering' and suggesting ideas about what these mean. By the end of the week, we also hope to have created our own stick people!

In Maths our theme this week has been 'matching.' We have used maths words such as 'sort,' 'similar,' 'exact' and 'identical' to further our understanding. Sorting socks, choosing different bears and looking at the shapes of Numicon have all featured in our activities.

We have enjoyed rolling shapes down ramps and deciding the best ones. Some of us have been completing jigsaws and playing games. We have also been using our strong arms to help us skip with ropes. Lots of collage and craft activities have also formed part of our learning this week. Well done everyone - great efforts! 😊

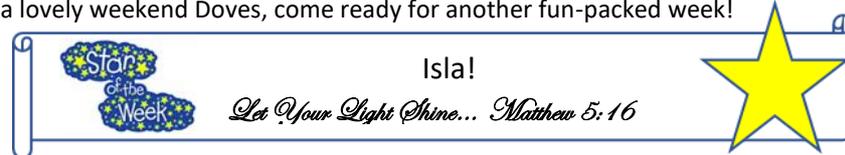


## Doves



What a busy week we have had in Doves! We have started to write our stories in English, worked hard in maths by representing numbers and counting. We had amazing fun in science using our senses and we especially loved tasting different flavours of crisps and guessing different smells including garlic, vinegar and toothpaste! We used our senses of touch and sight in the woods, supporting our friends who were blindfolded and searching for natural objects with specific feelings. In PE, we are developing hopping, skipping, rolling, balancing and running and being superheroes to catch the villains!

Have a lovely weekend Doves, come ready for another fun-packed week!



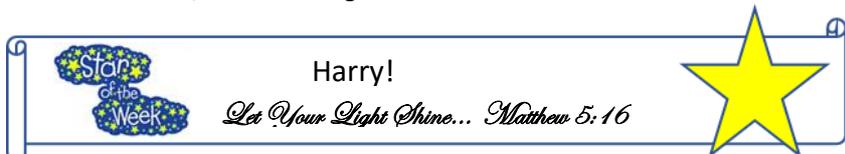
## Eagles



What an exciting week we have had in Eagles!

We have moved into our new classroom and we love learning in there. This week we have used magic mirrors to independently write sentences in the role of characters from The Jolly Postman and we had some more amazing role play. In maths, Year 1 have been making different numbers using lots of resources and finding one less than a number. Year 2 have been partitioning using tens and ones and completing part-whole models to show how they have solved the calculations. In science, we enjoyed looking at how humans change as they grow and had great fun playing 'Zoom in-Zoom out' to try to identify a tongue!

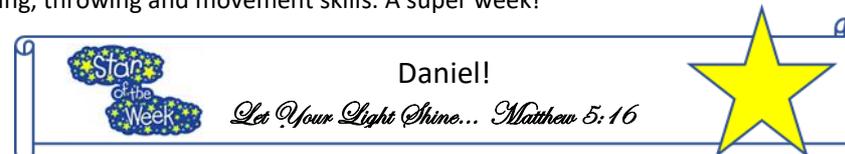
Another fabulous week, well done Eagles!



## Falcons



What a week we have had in Falcons! We explored Bible stories through drama on Monday - the children in Falcons are fabulous actors. We talked about the messages these important stories are teaching us. We have continued with our learning on place value in maths, using a mixture of concrete materials, part whole models and place value charts to represent our two-digit numbers. In English we have been continuing with Katie Morag and getting ready to create our own story with a familiar setting. In Science, we have labelled all the different parts of the human body in our fabulous outdoor space and are looking at healthy lunch boxes! Falcons have loved learning all of our 20th century playground games in PE, developing our catching, throwing and movement skills. A super week!



## Hérons



The Heron Class children have worked extremely hard during assessment week. Additionally, in maths the children have compared the digits in numbers to 1000 by looking at digit positions, and sizes. They have placed them on number lines and ordered in ascending and descending sequence. They enjoyed problem solving to fill in missing digits of ordered numbers. In English, we continued to develop ideas for a new folk tale creating our own characters and settings with super description, ready for their own version of Black Dog. In RE we looked at the way peoples' lives have been changed by God and the impact on other people. The children have developed their dodgeball skills in PE, by discussing tactics and different passing strategies. Our wonderful artists created colourful artworks for Christmas cards so that parents and carers can purchase to give to family and friends. What talented children we have. Well done Heron Class!



## Kingfishers



Kingfishers have really impressed us this week with their good manners and the kindness they've shown towards others. We have been thinking about determination in PE and we learnt some new basketball skills (chest pass, bounce pass and dribbling). Great determination was applied as the children completed their assessments this week too. We produced posters in RE about when people are called by God and how their lives change. The children worked in groups and we are going to display the posters on our classroom walls. In English, we have been chunking the plot of 'Black Dog' and developing our own ideas for a new folk tale which we will begin to write next week. In PSHE we have thought about how it is important to have friends. Every child has an anonymous friend this week that they have to make a little extra effort to look out for. Next Friday we will guess who their anonymous friend is.



## Owls



Owls Class have had a productive week this week. They have been working hard to answer a range of assessment questions about their learning. In addition, the children have worked hard in maths learning how to find 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less than a number. In English they have been looking at the themes in different folktales and analysing how folktales are written and constructed. In PE the children enjoyed practising a range of skills linked to basketball. They also focused on the issues of plastic pollution in the world and thought carefully about what we can do to help. The children reflected on friction in science and in worship thought carefully about their hopes for the world in the future. Good work, Owls Class.



## Robins



Robins class have done a really good job of adjusting to whatever happened this week. They had a different seating arrangement for our assessment week and then a whole different class to get used to before we moved to our current seating plan. I've been impressed by how well they focused on their English and maths papers. It's a joy to see how much some of them enjoy using the skills they have been learning. We have continued our writing using rhetorical questions, alliteration and passive sentences. We have been looking for clues and making predictions in our class novel, The 1,000 Year Old Boy. We also had a little look at the alphabet in sign language and did the Our Father in sign language too during our Tuesday class worship.



## Swifts



Swifts have had another hardworking week; we have been continuing with our creative writing on 'The Journey' and have focused on building action and suspense within our narrative. In Maths with have been tackling inverse operations and word problems and have been working on representing their understanding using bar models. In Science we worked in pairs to design and carry out our investigation into which material would be the most absorbent. In RE we mapped out Jesus' life journey and considered which events of his life have the most impact for Christians today. In Geography we explored the physical features of Scandinavia and enjoyed looking at photos of what we found in the atlases. Another fun week, thank you for your hard work Swifts.



## Wrens



Wrens have worked hard this week completing assessments in Maths and English as well as continuing work on other areas of the curriculum. In English we have composed some superb sentences to advance the plot of our story based on The Journey. In RE, we have investigated the key places that Jesus visited during his life and ministry and plotted them on a map. In Geography, we have looked at the physical features of the Scandinavian countries and researched key information about the different biomes. In Music, the children had a super recorder lesson and made a wonderful sound ! Well done Wrens, a fantastic week of learning !



## Police Community Support Officer

On Tuesday this week our Neighbourhood PCSO visited school. She popped into all the KS2 classes to say hello and offer support. The children were full of ideas about how we can work together. We will be working closely and inviting her in to teach the children about staying safe online, road safety etc. **Regarding parking, please see the letter below from the Ribble Valley Neighbourhood Policing Team.**



**Lancashire  
Constabulary**

police and communities together

Dear Parent/Guardian.

As the beginning of the school year starts again, it has been brought to the attention of the Ribble Valley Police that a small number of parents are parking inappropriately/illegally, adjacent to the solid white lines in the middle of the road near to the Petre Arms pub at both drop off and pick up times.

Parking adjacent to solid lines is an offence which you can be prosecuted for. Parking in this manner makes it hard for vehicles to pass on the already busy main road, it hinders motorists exiting the junction of the Community Centre car park and most importantly it hinders the school crossing patrol from having a direct and clear view of the road ahead so that they can cross the children safely.

Vehicles have also been seen to be parking half on and half off the pavement in the same location which forces pedestrians with pushchairs and wheelchairs into the road, parking in the manner is extremely inconsiderate and is also dangerous and may result in an accident in the future.

Working in partnership with the school, there will be a greater visible police presence at both drop off and pick up time in order to resolve these issues.

The school have worked hard with Mytton Fold so parents can use their **top carpark**, please consider this as a parking option in the future.

Inappropriate parking will not be tolerated and fines/tickets will be issued to those who continue to break the law.

This zero tolerance approach is purely to keep **your** children safe.

Thank you

**The Ribble Valley Neighbourhood Policing Team**