



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

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super week in school with much to celebrate. I was extremely proud to show groups of pre-school parents around as they consider St Leonard's for our September 2022 Reception class. Our delightful children and their attitude towards what school has to offer, was delightful to see. This week, many of our KS2 children had the opportunity to represent school in football tournaments and cross country running and all did a great job of being St Leonard's ambassadors and some returned wearing medals- brilliant!

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support and positive feedback about school life – it is very much appreciated!

As usual, 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

### **Baby news!**

Huge congratulations to Mrs Murphy who would like to announce that she is expecting her second child in December. We are all very excited for her and I will update everyone when her maternity leave is due to begin. Kingfisher parents will receive a separate letter to inform them about how Kingfishers class will be taught for the remainder of this academic year.

### **Photo day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October NO PE KITS PLEASE**

Please bring your best smiles and full uniform! If you have younger than school age children and you would like a sibling group photo, these can be done before school from 8.30am in the school hall. Staff will direct you.

If your child usually has PE on Wednesday, then please send PE kits in a bag. Children will change for PE in school on this occasion.

### **Sporting Events**

Here at St Leonard's we are lucky to have dedicated staff who go above and beyond to make sure St Leonard's children have the opportunity to participate in as many out of school hours sporting events and activities as possible throughout the year. This half term, this has focused on football and cross country running. We are doing our utmost to ensure that **any** child who would like to be involved will get the chance to join in and represent school at these events. If your child has not yet been selected, please rest assured there will be many more opportunities as the year goes on. In addition, information regarding after school clubs will be coming home soon.

### **School Council News**

A separate letter will follow from our School Council this week, who are running a design competition for all children to enter. Look out for your child's letter coming home so that they may take part and get creative over half term!

## 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.

## Parents Evening

Parents evening next week will be an opportunity for your child's class teacher to tell you about how your child has settled into the new term, how well they are doing with their learning so far and inform you of ways in which you can support at home. This will be a brief conversation but afterwards, if you feel you need more time to discuss any specific concerns, then please contact the office to arrange an additional meeting or phone call with the teacher.

You will have already received an email with instructions for how to book your parents' evening slot but please let the office know if you are struggling with your booking for any reason and they will help.

## Parking

This week we have received complaints from our neighbours regarding parking before and after school. Please be politely reminded to park respectfully at the start and end of the school day.

## Prams and Buggies

As an interim measure, before we are able to have a ramp installed, we would like to trial a different arrangement for parents and carers who are collecting children who have little ones in prams or buggies with them. If you have a pram, please come to the white double doors behind the friendship area rather than going around the one way system. A member of staff will be there to go and collect your children from their classes and bring them to you there. There is no need to let us know in advance, simply arrive at that door. We hope this will help and thank you for your continued support.

## Outdoor Learning environment

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!
















## End of half term and Mini-concert

Friday is our last day of the half term and school finishes at the usual time of 3.30pm. Blackbirds parents and carers will be treated to a mini-concert to finish off the day in the school hall. The children can't wait to perform for you! Please arrive at the main school entrance at 2.15pm.

## Upcoming Dates for your diary

- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October – St Leonard's CofE Church  
9.15 Eucharist Service 10.30 Family Worship - All are welcome!
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Individual and sibling photos.
- Parents' Evening – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Kingfishers only), Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October.
  - To book, please use the parent booking website available on the front page of our school website and follow the instructions on the separate letter emailed out to parents and carers.
- Blackbirds Mini-Concert for parents and carers – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2:30pm.
  - Please arrive at the front office of school between 2:15 and 2:25pm.
- School closes for half-term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October **3:30pm**
- School re-opens after half-term – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 8:45am

## Class Updates

<p><b>Little Lennie's</b></p> 	<p>This week our activities have been on the theme of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". In our home corner the children have enjoyed pretending to be the three bears, with three bowls, three chairs. In our messy play corner we introduced a tuff spot with porridge oats and teddy bears. The children have enjoyed filling different sized containers and feeding the bears with spoons. The children who were with us for our afternoon session on Tuesday made porridge and added a choice of jam or honey as a topping. We waited until our porridge was not too hot, not too cold but just right! Outside we have an exciting mud kitchen and water play area with lots of pipes and guttering which the children have really enjoyed and made the most of. Another lovely week in Little Lennies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Marley!</b>  <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i></p>
<p><b>Blackbirds</b></p> 	<p>This week we have enjoyed listening to the story of 'Goldilocks and Just The One Bear.' This twist on the traditional tale has really helped us to learn more exciting words which we have been trying to use ourselves, such as, soggy, frothy, charming and whoosh! The story setting was a city and so we have used pastels and worked in the style of Monet, looking at his cityscapes. We have enjoyed lots of balancing beanbags and the challenge of throwing and catching with smaller balls which we found was trickier than with larger balls! We are excited to perform at our very first concert next week and have spent time this week practising for this very special event. Well done everyone on another great week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Poppy!</b>  <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i></p>
<p><b>Doves</b></p> 	<p>Well done to all the Doves on their brilliant work this week! They have learnt about keeping safe at home, including staying away from household products that are just for grown-ups. The children really enjoyed learning about Mary Jones and her longing for a Bible. The children showed their understanding of how special a Bible is to Christians. Well done Doves!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Theo!</b>  <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i></p>
<p><b>Eagles</b></p> 	<p>What a super week we have had in Eagles! We had a wonderful time learning about human and physical features of geography and produced some beautiful watercolour pictures of Whalley viaduct. In Science we were thinking about keeping our teeth healthy and enjoyed investigating what different liquids can do to our teeth. Well done for another busy week Eagles!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Arthur!</b>  <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i></p>
<p><b>Falcons</b></p> 	<p>We were very lucky to spend time in church on Monday with Reverend Tracy as she talked to us about the Bible, how the Bible is used in worship and her own journey into church. In Science, Falcons have also been learning about what effect exercise has on our bodies monitoring our heart rate after various physical activities - including running at banana speed! Great work, Falcons!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Elise!</b>  <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i></p>

**Hérons**



This week, the Heron Class children have enjoyed starting to construct and assemble their desk tidies. They found this a challenge but are persevering. We are looking forward to decorating them next week. In RE, the children were extremely interested to receive the answers to questions they had raised with Reverend Tracy, about her life and God's plan for her. Our inquisitive children thoroughly enjoyed sharing fun facts that they had learned. Another super week of learning for the Herons.

Star of the Week

Frankie!

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

**Kingfishers**



We have had a lovely week in Kingfisher class, which began with an afternoon making desk tidies from recycled packaging. We have been improving our sprinting skills in P.E and developing our throwing and catching. In Spanish, we have been learning the numbers from 16 to 20 and using simple greetings in a loop game. Well done everyone, it is great fun working with you.

Star of the Week

Amelia!

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

**Owls**



The children in Owls Class have been working on a range of learning this week. This has included learning about the services in the local area during Geography, exploring magnetic poles in science and reflecting on the importance of being a good friend and making new friends in PSHE. Good work, Owls!

Star of the Week

Luca!

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

**Robins**



Robins have continued their Science learning, this time looking at the processes such as sieving, magnetic attraction, filtering or evaporation which can be used to separate different types of mixtures. In RE, we looked at reasons why Christians might go on pilgrimage and we learned more about Scandinavia, such as why some parts are great places to see the Northern Lights.

Star of the Week

Poppy

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

**Swifts**



This week in Swifts we have been exploring the idea of pilgrimage in RE finding out about pilgrimages of different faiths. In Science we explored how we could separate materials and in topic we enjoyed finding out about the food and languages of the Scandinavian countries.

Star of the Week

Eliza!

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

**Wrens**



We have had a great week in Wrens class and the children have enjoyed continuing their recorder lessons in music and investigating the differences between places in Scandinavia and the United Kingdom. In PE, the children demonstrated their teamwork and competitive spirit in a game of capture the flag and I was impressed by the tactics employed by both sides! Well done Wrens - I look forward to seeing what next week brings.

Star of the Week

Oliver!

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

