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# Newsletter



From the Head Teacher



## Bad weather

Please be advised that we will only close the school due to poor weather as a last resort, if it is dangerous for staff and children to travel to school. Any decision to close will be taken by 7.00am latest and publicised via the website, school Facebook page and local radio. The County Council website will also have information and all parents who have provided us with up-to-date contact details will receive a text.

## Prayer Space

There was a lovely thoughtful and respectful atmosphere in our Prayer Space this week. The library was transformed into four different zones where children took part in a range of activities

- Saying thank you on scratch cards
- Saying sorry in sand
- Saying please with aqua beads
- Writing prayers for our community

We are very grateful to Reverend Sue and all the volunteers from St Leonard's Church for arranging this.

## Year 1



Year 1 have had a fun packed week! First, they visited the 'Pop Art Exhibition' at Banbury Museum, looking at some artists they have been learning about, Andy Warhol and Roy Liechtenstein, and getting inspired for our own Take One Picture Exhibition. On Wednesday they held their Maths learning morning, showing lots of Maths ideas that they can play at home - they were all very excited to play their Superhero game with mums and dads! The Police also came to visit to teach the children about staying safe, the role of a police officer and to show their uniform and police car. All this whilst still busy learning Maths, English, Phonics and more!

## NSPCC sponsored event

We were really proud to present the NSPCC with over £900 from our sponsored event, and huge thanks must go to all our children and families who took part. There are some lovely posters around the school with the Childline telephone number on them 0800 1111 – test your children to see if they still remember the number!

Best wishes,

*Neil Blackwell*



## Focus on Year 2

The Year 2 team is (left to right) Mrs Debus, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Hetherington, Miss Malik, Mrs Ford, Mrs Russell and Mrs Phipps.

This term, Year 2 are learning about food and where it comes from. Newly Weds visited us this week to talk about how some foods are made. They set a food design competition where the children have the opportunity to design their own food products. The winning entry from each Year 2 class will have their design made and we will all be able to sample them! The children are also learning to write instructions for Mr Wolf who has promised to cook pancakes for them if they write them clearly! This will be followed with writing a healthy eating leaflet and a food festival.



## Young Citizen

This week, the Year 6 trip to Junior Citizen was anticipated with great excitement: we were going on a train! Supervised by Mrs Lacey, Mrs Nottingham and their team of teaching assistants the children looked at different situations - everything from fire safety, road safety, being by a canal/river and hazards in the home. The children were taught how to respond in each situation and, more importantly, how to call for help. Every child had a go at dialling 999 on the special phones and talking to an emergency responder who was located in the building.

The children not only enjoyed the course (and the train trip!) but learnt a lot of valuable information about how to stay safe and help others. The Year 6 team would once again like to thank the Hook Norton Festival of Fine Ales, for their very generous donation, which paid for all the children and staff to travel to Oxford to attend this course.



## St Leonard's Church

### Pastoral Support

Life is increasingly complicated and Reverend Sue will be attending school on the first Thursday of each month between 8.30-9.00 if any parents wish for any pastoral support, starting next week. This is entirely confidential and sometimes just talking about an issue is the first step to finding a solution. Reverend Sue is also available each Wednesday morning at Church between 10.30 and 12 when anybody is welcome to 'drop in' for a cup of tea and a chat.

<http://saintleonards.org>



## SCIB

It's not too late to find out about Internet Safety and we have a second event lined up, for Tuesday 12 February, 5.30-6.30pm. Even if you went to the last one, things change very quickly and we all need to be aware of potential risks to our children.



## Dates for your diary ...

<b>Wednesday 6 February</b>	<b>Year 4 Learning Afternoon</b> 2.45pm
<b>Tuesday 12 February</b>	<b>Internet Safety evening</b> 5.30-6.30 pm
<b>Wednesday 13 February</b>	<b>Take One Picture exhibition</b> 3.00pm
<b>Thursday 14 February</b>	<b>Take One Picture exhibition</b> 3.00pm



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<b>Friday 15 February</b>	<b>School closes for half term</b> normal time
<b>Monday 25 February</b>	<b>School reopens for children</b>
<b>Thursday 28 February</b>	<b>Year 3 Learning Afternoon</b>
<b>Monday 4 March</b>	<b>Atomic Tom Science Week</b>
<b>Thursday 7 March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>