

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



*'Hand in hand, we love,
learn and achieve'*

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Love your neighbour as yourself: Luke 27

Quote of the Week

"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy." - Thích Nhất Hạnh

DIARY DATES

2020	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
25.09.20	DATA COLLECTION SHEETS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL OFFICE
28.09.20	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS (CLASS 2 PE DAY CHANGE TO TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER FOR THIS WEEK ONLY)
02.10.20	HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE
12.10.20 & 14.10.20	PARENTS EVENING (VIRTUAL)
19.10.20	PTA PUMPKIN FUN COMPETITION CLOSURES
20.10.20	OPEN MORNING (NEW INTAKE)
23.10.20	LAST DAY OF TERM
02.11.20	TERM STARTS
04.11.20	NON UNIFORM DAY—CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES PTA
27.11.20	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2.30PM
08.12.20	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
14.12.20	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE PM
15.12.20	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON
17.12.20	ENRICHMENT DAY
18.12.20	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
18.12.20	LAST DAY OF TERM
04.01.21	INSET DAY
05.01.21	TERM STARTS

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Liberty

Green Star



Bronze Star



Silver Star



Gold Star



Bronze Cup



Silver Cup



Gold Cup



Bronze Medal



Silver medal



OF THE WEEK

Class 1

Albert—for giving 100% in every learning task asked of him. He showed amazing resilience in his construction of a weather vane

Class 2

Joseph—For his fantastic letter linked to our book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Joseph's letter was from the perspective of a pencil who was also quitting; he included lots of great description and humour

Class 3

Gwenyth—For her positive, growth-mindset attitude towards all her learning. Gweny listens and contributes in every lesson and always challenges herself to do her very best

EXTENDED SCHOOL CLUBS OF THE WEEK

Bella—For starting everybody's morning with a great big smile

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SCHOOL CLUBS

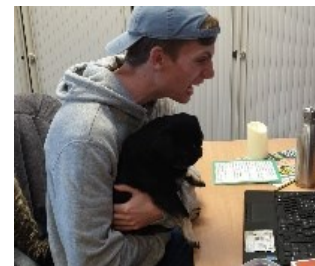
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What a week, children and staff are well into the swing of school life and learning is vibrant. Our NHS week has been superb.



We are so grateful to all of our parents and friends who have shared their working lives with us on zoom or video ranging from paramedics and nurses to student nurses and midwives! We are so blessed to have enabled the children to ask questions about these important roles in the NHS. we also enjoyed worship with Jordan this week which was about the creation story and Ralph joined him at just the right time for day 6 – animals!

We are grateful to our Governors for reading the mountain of paperwork in order to both support and challenge our schools development from the range of children's achievements and wellbeing, budget and staffing, pupil and sports premium paperwork, covid and health and safety items, safeguarding, polices and we look forward to meeting with them, virtually next week.



We are really excited about our Harvest services next week (Friday 2nd October, 2.30pm) and we will share our virtual links nearer the time, we hope that you can come! Please don't forget the suggested produce which we will take to the YMCA food bank we are really grateful for your support.

Some of the Eco Team have been busy this week planting and watering our plants in their new bed. They will be looking after them from now on. Fingers crossed they grow! We are grateful to the star foundation collections as their cheque paid for all of these with some more money to spare!

PARENTS EVENING

As we have already notified you, we will be holding parents evening on a virtual platform. Please note, we may be offering differing days and times to facilitate this. We aim for this to be the week of 12th October. In the forthcoming weeks you will be notified of the plans your booking process as well as the link to join us online.



Please also note, we will be using Microsoft Teams. Please don't worry! You do not need to download an app or install anything unless you want to - you can use the web based version. What we do ask is that you add your name which is recognisable to your child as we will admitting people into the meeting room for their time slot and may have others in the lobby and we need to know who is who! Thank you for your understanding.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

We attach your classes overview of our curriculum titles for the year. It gives you a flavour of what your children will be learning so you can engage with them. Thank you.

APPROACHES TO MATHEMATICS

Each year we conduct a parent information session/s which goes through our approaches to teaching maths and the ways we do things so that you can help children at home. As we are unable to meet we hope that the attached documents help you support your children (the documents will be sent on a separate email to the newsletter, please do look out for them).

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	First 3 weeks all built round wellbeing whole school					
Class 1	Ralph	Change is all around us	REMEMBER	Incredible humans	Just Like	HOT HOT HOT
Class 2	Uganda	SUPER	Remember	Overgrowth	HEAR HEAR!	Super Sporty
Class 3	NHS	VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN	Frozen Kingdoms	twet	GREEN

SCHOOL LUNCHES—HOT MEAL OPTIONS ARE BACK!

We are delighted to announce that we are able to start offering more variety at lunch times including some warm food options. Starting from next week we will be able to offer either a packed lunch, jacket potato or a hot special. Did you know that children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 get free school meals? Prices for other year groups are just £2.34 per day—payable on Parent Pay. No need to pre-book, your child will just need to let their class teacher know during morning register which option they would like for that day. We will start with week 2 menu options (menus operate on a 3 weekly rota) from next week (Monday 28th September). Please see the attached menus for your attention and further information.

We are also able to offer a limited choice of snacks at break times each morning that include Pancakes (35p), Toast (30p) or Milkshakes (60p). Snacks are cash only please and please provide children with the exact change where possible. Thank you.

ACADEMY PHOTOS AND PE CHANGES

Academy photos will be in school to take school photographs on Monday 28th September. Class 2 will not have PE on Monday 28th September due to photographs being taken and children need to wear their school uniform on that day. Class 2 will have PE instead on Tuesday 29th September for that week only.



School photos will be conducted on Monday 28th September 2020
At this session we will be photographing Whole School

Siblings
Individuals
Class Groups
Graduations

IT CONNECTIVITY AND HARDWARE NEEDS



Since March our approach to using IT in school and at home has increased greatly.

We are proud that we were able to lend older school i-pads to families without IT hardware or who have large families and they needed more devices during the period of partial closure and the need to distance learn.

We were also able to provide laptops through the government scheme to eligible children.

In order to prepare for a future lockdown and indeed look to the requirements of families in terms of distance learning for homework and self-motivated learning (such as TT Rockstars etc.) we ask that you please take 2 minutes to complete the following short IT use and connectivity survey so we may look at how we can help our families. Thank you.

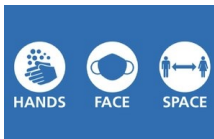
As the changes are coming thick and fast with COVID and we need to consider requirements please complete the survey by Monday 28th September. Thank you.

<https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o9n4cUczDUCoUtlXzz1ITnm4MBntzA5EnJXCn8N3dT1UREtCR0xUM09UUVY4UjVOTTRQVzRFNUZONy4u>

GOVERNMENT

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-what-has-changed-22-september?utm_source=23%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19 this is a useful link to the changes to guidance announced on 22nd September and in force from Thursday 24th.

Public Health England have produced a letter for schools to distribute to you which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are. The intention of the letter is to help prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing.



If you would like the government guidance and plans in an alternative language a good number have been released. Please let us know and we can send it to you, please say which language you would like.



We have also attached an open letter from Councillor Jonathan Price and Dr Richard Harling that provides a simple 10-step guide to help parents make sense of the guidelines relating to symptoms, positive cases, testing and isolation.

VIYAN'S MEMORIAL ORCHARD

Lovely friends of Viyan went to his memorial orchard, had a play and made a V in his memory. It's a beautiful place to visit and wonderful that children are positively managing their emotions and keeping memories alive.

TATENHILL LANE ROAD CLOSURE

We understand that the closure of the road which runs past school from 28th September for 5 days will affect families from both schools. Please leave more time for your journey and be prepared for diversions. Thank you.

PTA

A warm welcome back from the PTA,
We held our Annual AGM meeting on the Wednesday just gone and we are happy to inform you all team members have kept their roles.
Alicia Robinson- chair of the PTA
Jade Waterhouse- vice chair of the PTA
Samantha Littlewood- treasurer
Louise Myall & Joanne Ward- secretary (shared)

With groups only being able to meet with no more than six we will be creating zoom calls for you to be able to join our next PTA meetings. This enables you to give your ideas and suggestions and join in with planning our fun events.

Our Facebook page is back up and running so not only can you find information you need on the news letter but you can get event reminders to you via the app!

Just Give us a like & click "attend" on any events to give you reminders!

Just search: Needwood primary school PTA

Purchases—We have just used some of our bank funds to supply a set for each class: new footballs, hula hoops, skipping ropes and scooters.

PUMPKIN FUN COMPETITION—Our first event is our pumpkin fun competition.

On the 9th of October you will find on your see saw app a printable pumpkin sheet. We ask you and your children to be as creative as you like to complete the pumpkin by taking a photo of it and returning it via seesaw app.

Competition closes Monday 19th October. A winner will be chosen from each class.

Please find our AGM minutes attached.

Many thanks

The PTA





FOREST SCHOOL NEWS

TREES, FIRES AND MUD PIES, FUN IN THE WILD

WEEK TWO AND A PACKED SESSION. CHILDREN CAME PERFECTLY DRESSED IN WATERPROOFS AND WELLIES READY TO BRAVE THE ELEMENTS – ALTHOUGH THE RAIN DID EASE JUST AS WE SET OFF – NOT THAT WOULD HAVE STOPPED US GOING AS RAIN GIVES ITS OWN FUN TIMES.

ALL CHILDREN PRACTISED USING A BOW SAW AND THEY ALL DID A GREAT JOB.



CONKERS WERE READY THIS WEEK AND THE CHILDREN EACH MADE A HOLE IN THEM AND STRING ATTACHED READY TO TAKE HOME FOR A BIT OF FUN.



FREE PLAY AS USUAL INCLUDED THE RIVER AND EVEN MORE FISHES WERE FOUND.

A LOT LESS WET FEET THIS WEEK TOO, LESSONS LEARNED, I THINK! ☐



WELLBEING

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ADVICE SERVICE

We have access to an emergency assistance service to provide food and emergency supplies for families in need. We appreciate we work closely with our families and will have supported your access of this service but, it may be that we are not aware of all of our family's needs and so, either contact us to refer you or the teams directly - full details are on the attached document.

STAFFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY LEARNING

Staffordshire community learning have released some online learning that may be of interest to some families. Please use the below link to have a look:

<https://staffordshirecommunitylearning.org.uk/online-courses/>



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Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board
Child Death Prevention Newsletter
 This newsletter is designed to raise awareness of the work of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) and to highlight any key findings.

Flu can kill – Healthy children in Staffordshire have died from flu
 The nasal spray vaccine (or injection for some children) is simple, safe, free and effective

Child vaccination:

- All children aged 2 to 11 years old on 31/08/2020
- All in the clinical risk groups – six months to under 65 years

are eligible for the flu vaccination

Infra-nasal Flu Vaccine

If your child is aged between 6 months and 2 years old and is in a high-risk group for flu, they will be offered an injected flu vaccine as the nasal spray is not licensed for children under 2.

The 'At risk' group is: Chronic respiratory disease, chronic heart disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, chronic neurological disease, diabetes and conditions with immunosuppression, asplenia or splenic dysfunction, pregnant women and adults with severe obesity (BMI > 40)

.....The flu vaccine has been shown to reduce flu illnesses, hospitalisation and death in children.

...Flu Vaccine Autumn 2020

What can you do to get your child vaccinated?

- Contact your child's GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from them by early November.
- If your child is at primary school, attends a special education school, or in year 7 of secondary school, the school will send you a leaflet and consent form. Please sign the form and return it.
- If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, or lives with someone on the NHS Shielded Patient List, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.
- The nasal vaccine contains a processed form of porcine gelatin. If you would like your child to receive an alternative form for lifestyle or cultural reasons, your GP should be able to provide this.

FLU Here are the facts:

- The flu vaccine is available on the NHS for adults and children who are considered 'at risk'
- Children can have the nasal spray flu vaccine. All children aged 2 to 11 on 31 August 2020
- The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza (flu) is to get a flu vaccine every flu season
- Flu vaccine has been shown to reduce flu illnesses, hospitalisation and even death in children
- Vaccinating pregnant women helps protect them from flu illness and has been shown to help protect the baby for several months
- Even if you think you've had flu, you should still have the vaccination
- It's not too late to have the flu vaccine in November

For further information about the flu vaccination go to: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine-questions-and-answers

A CHILD'S SNEEZE The average speed of a sneeze can approach about 100 miles per hour. The distance particles can travel can be as far as 10 feet.

For further information go to :
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board
 Contact us on Twitter: @ssscboard
 Working together to keep children safe

Parish News



Disclaimer: We are proud to have a newsletter which shares information with you for our parish, village, WI, social club, Rascals and our local communities. We do try to vet all items which go into school bags and unless you are notified, are not paid to provide this information. We do not necessarily endorse and we cannot be held responsible for the validity or content of external information.

School information can be provided in different languages, large print, simple text only or Braille.

BOTH:



NEEDWOOD



ALL SAINTS

