

#### THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

As we reflect on our first half term of the year we can feel really very pleased indeed.

- All children have returned and have settled brilliantly.
- Families have met our expectations and followed the rules,
- Staff have stayed upbeat and positive despite the challenges providing wonderful learning opportunities in our curriculum and they maximised creative ways to keep everything as normal as possible.
- Children have been brilliantly behaved I'm so proud and grateful.

Our open mornings were brilliant. We were able to show prospective parents our vibrant schools through our virtual tour, led by our amazing children and then answer questions on Zoom. It was wonderful to see so many on screen who were interested in places for their precious children. We are thrilled to share with you our promotional open day virtual tours! Enjoy!



https://www.amg-it.co.uk/forestfederation/All Saints Virtual Tour.mp4



https://www.amg-it.co.uk/forestfederation/Needwood Virtual Tour.mp4

Our final fruits of the spirit worship was lovely and it closed off a fantastic term. Have a wonderful week with your children - if working from home, good luck and, if you are also lucky to have time off, have some quality time together and we hope our children get a good rest ready for the second half of the autumn term. See you soon! Mrs C Gethin.

#### WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

We look forward to All saints day (on 1<sup>st</sup> November but held in school n 2<sup>nd</sup> November), and our first, read with Ralph event!



#### **NHS ART GALLERY**

We are absolutely thrilled to share with you and showcase our children's artwork which

was completed during our NHS week. Please go online on the following link and see your child's work and that of their friends. We have set up a payment item on Parent Pay for you to pledge to buy your child's art work and all of the proceeds will go to the NHS. We suggest a minimum pledge of £2 (pledges to be paid by Friday 13th November). This was a whole JTMAT project. We hope that you like their work. Thank you in anticipation.

https://www.theforestfederation.co.uk/gallery/?pid=16&gcatid=4

## ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### **RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION**

We have reviewed our relationships Education policy and curriculum which includes a review of Sex education in our schools. This has been conducted with the Trust and all Trust primary schools have the same approach. Conception has been taken out of the primary curriculum of our trust schools. Our jigsaw curriculum builds on relationships and changes but does not specifically teach about intercourse.

We are holding a parent information evening on Wednesday **11<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm** on Zoom and hope you can attend if you are interested in finding out more. Prior to the event we will send out some further information for you to review.

In order to ensure this is good use of staff time in the preparation of a presentation etc. which is in addition to the school based work, we ask you to let the office know by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November if you will be attending. Thank you.

#### TUCK MONEY

Please can we ask parents to try and send children with the correct change where possible in a named purse - this will just help us reduce how much money is being handled and exchanged—thank you for your understanding



# MATHS WORKBOOKS

We have noticed that some parents are purchasing workbooks for maths in order to practice key skills with their children at home. If any parent wishes to do this we would recommend the White Rose workbooks which can be found here <u>https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-workbooks/</u>

Or Power Maths practice workbooks (specific to each year group) which can be found on Amazon.

These books follow as closely as possible the teaching for mastery approach which we use in school and will have pictures and models that your child will be used to. This is of course optional. If anyone would like further advice with regards to this, please feel free to dojo your class teacher or Mrs Preston.

#### FLU IMMUNISATION—NEW DATE AND E CONSENT

E-Consent letters and Flu Information Leaflets have been emailed home today—please complete the consent online by the 4th November if you wish for your child to have the flu immunisation in school on Thursday 5th November (Please note this has been brought forward from the original date of the 16th December).

#### POPPIES

After half term each class will have a their own 'Poppy Shop', where children will be able to purchase a poppy (traditional of pin badges) or other merchandise—suggested donations start from 50 pence for zip pulls and reflectors, £1.00 for wristbands and £1.50 for snap bands.





# SPEED AWARNESS

We have been asked to put a few words on the newsletter to highlight some of the speed that vehicles have been doing through the village. Can we remind anyone driving to school to please be aware of the speed limits within the community – if we all do our bit we can work together to help keep everyone safe. We have Preceed some information form Newborough News (an email newsletter which is sent regularly to the community) for your in-

#### formation:

Two volunteers did a Speedwatch session standing on the grass verge just north of Mill Meadow on Hollybush Road – with the speed detecting device supplied and calibrated by Staffordshire Police. They recorded 60 vehicles <u>between 8.30 and 9.30</u> of which 18 were recorded as driving at over 35mph, in the 30mph zone. There was a big increase in vehicles just before 9, and they clocked 3 vehicles doing 40mph (The number plates and vehicle details will be sent to the police who will send them a letter.). None of the vehicles slowed down

If you are familiar with Hollybush Road, you'll realise that there are no pavements along Hollybush Road from Mill Meadow until you get right down to the playpark, so pedestrians have no alternative other than to walk in the road.

## LUNCH

We have attached a copy of the new school lunch for your attention—we will be on week 3 when we return on the 2nd November 2020. Children will just need to order their lunch with their class teacher during morning register (no need to pre-book) - don't forget children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically get free school meals. For anyone in year 3 or above they are priced at £2.34 payable on ParentPay.

#### COOK SUPERVISOR JOB VACANCY

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We are after a Cook supervisor for our lovely school (Term time contract, £9.08 and hour). If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested please contact Mark Gladwin on 07773792219 or email <u>Mark.Gladwin@compass-group.co.uk</u>

## MAKING HALLOWEEN & BONFIRE SPIRITUALLY AND DURING COVID

As church schools we try not to use the term Halloween and focus on the joy of Autumn and the links between this time and **All Saints Day** (Rangemore's namesake) on 1<sup>st</sup> November and **All Souls Day** on 2<sup>nd</sup> November - a time to pray for departed souls. That said, we truly understand the excitement that Halloween brings and simply ask that you remember to shine for Jesus when enjoying the commercial fun of this period. Additionally, safety is key and the NHS have produced a little flyer, seen below in order to help you stay safe due to COVID.

Additionally, whilst we are certain no public events will be taking place, please carefully consider bonfire and firework safety if you are having an event at home and share the safety poster with children. Additionally, Staffordshire county council have some further advice: <a href="https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/safety-at-home/bonfire-night-safety/#:~:text=Bonfire%20safety%20tips&text=If%20you%20do%20decide%20to,from%20sheds%2C%20fences%20and%20trees.">https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/safety-at-home/bonfire-night-safety/#:~:text=Bonfire%20safety%20tips&text=If%20you%20do%20decide%20to,from%20sheds%2C%20fences%20and%20trees.</a>







OUR LAST WEEK AND DESPITE A WEEK OF RAIN WE WERE SO LUCKY TO HAVE A BREAK IN THE CLOUDS IN ORDER FOR US TO DO OUR FIRE LIGHTING SESSION.

WE LIT THE MAIN FIRE IN THE CENTRE READY FOR MARSHMALLOW TOASTING – VERY POPULAR  $\square$ 



THEN EACH AND EVERY ONE USED A FLINT AND STONE TO CREATE THEIR OWN SPARKS – FABULOUS. THE CHILDREN ALL MANAGED TO THREAD THEIR COOKIES TOO SO THEY COULD TAKE THEM HOME WITH THEM AND WE ALSO HAD A WONDERFUL SURPRISE WHEN MRS GETHIN AND RALPH POPPED IN TO SEE US – I THINK RALPH WAS HOPING FOR SOME MARSHMALLOWS!



ONCE AGAIN THE CHILDREN HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL SIX WEEKS AND BEHAVED IMPECCABLY .

# <u>PTA</u>

Thank you for all the amazing pumpkin entries for the PTA competition – they were all wonderful! Congratulations to the following children who have one a little prize for their entry:

Reception – Albie	Year 4 – Minnie
Year 1 – Alice	Year 5 – Charlotte W
Year 2 – May	Year 6 – Jack A
Year 3 - Victor	



# **USEFUL INFORMATION**

The National Forest Teaching School at John Taylor High School offers the School Direct route into teaching. School



Direct is an exciting and innovative one year school led training programme, which enables schools to take a leading role in ITT but still work in partnership with accredited providers. We work collaboratively on the selection and recruitment of trainees as well as the design and delivery of an outstanding programme. Our School Direct programme is a one year full time route into teaching which will enable successful trainees to achieve QTS with a Post Graduate Certificate of Education, or QTS with Masters level credits. Please follow the link below to learn more:

www.nationalforestteachingschool.co.uk/teach

## **CHURCH/COMMUNITY NEWS/ADVERTS**



# Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education—Christmas Card Competition



It's that time of year again! We're looking for someone to design this year's Christmas card. The winning design could become our official Christmas card for 2020. Using any of the following mediums

- Paint, Crayon, Pencil, Digital Media, Charcoal
- Be creative and let your imagination run free.

To enter a design it must be A5 in size and has a theme of Christmas Joy, please send your entries to <u>educa-</u> <u>tion@lichfield.anglican.org</u> by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Good luck from all the team at *Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education* 

## LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

In recent years Lichfield Cathedral has provided people from across the region, the UK and overseas with an exciting and creative programme of events, art installations and interactive exhibitions. The programme for 2020 has been designed to enable everyone to enjoy safely their experience at Lichfield Cathedral. To coincide with All Saints and All Souls Days (1 & 2 November), beams of light will be cast into the night sky in an installation called 'Light of Hope'. The beams will offer a symbol of hope shining high into the sky, for all around to see. All Saints Day, November 1, celebrates all the saints of God who have been beacons of Christ's light through the ages - people who have warmed and lit the world with their faith and love. All Souls' Day, November 2, is an occasion to remember and give thanks for departed friends and relatives - our love is a bridge between life and death.

November -Lichfield Cathedral is also putting plans in place to bring back two of the Cathedral's most popular events: 'Poppy Fields' and 'Imagine Peace'. The team at Luxmuralis will combine the two shows into one immersive experience at the beginning of November. These plans will be dependent on the government guidelines leading up the event, as will the Cathedral's plans to host the award-winning Cathedral Illuminated before Christmas



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# Parish News REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER – LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL <u>Together in Worship</u> | Join us in the Cathedral or <u>online</u> for our dedicated Remembrance Day services: 8:00 Traditional Language Eucharist (Live Stream only) 10:30 Service of Remembrance to include National Silence | <u>PRE - BOOK HERE</u> 15:00 Solemn Requiem Eucharist for the Fallen 16:15 Evening Prayer (Live Stream only)17:30 The final evening of Poppy Fields | <u>BOOK TICK-ETS HERE</u> Please note: Attendance to the 10:30 Service of Remembrance will need to be <u>pre-booked</u> and tickets are limited.

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.

