

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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John 15:12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"

Quote the Week



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Ella H x 2, Noah, Ella R, William Ha, Evie, Mason

DIARY DATES	
2020	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
13.11.20	NHS ART GALLERY PLEDGES DUE ON PARENT PAY
16.11.20-20.11.20	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
20.11.20	FOOTBALL SHIRT FRIDAY
23.11.20	PARENT GOVERNOR APPLICATION DEADLINE (12 NOON)
27.11.20	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2.30PM
	PLEASE CAN CHILDREN BRING IN AN ORANGE AND SWEETS/DRIED FRUIT FROM HOME IN A NAMED BAG
30.11.20	BRING IN CHRISTMAS CARDS THIS WEEK ONLY
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
02.02.21	INTERNET SAFETY DAY
12.02.21	PANCAKE RACE
12.02.21	LAST DAY OF TERM
22.02.21	TERM STARTS

Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★	Gold Star ★
Bronze Cup	Silver Cup Ella H	Gold Cup	
Bronze Medal	Silver medal		
OF THE WEEK			
Class 1 Joey—For focus on handwriting practice which in turn has seen huge progress in his letter formation and written work—keep going Joey!	Class 2 Romilly—For her enthusiasm and excellent contributions to lessons. Romilly always listens carefully and demonstrates fantastic knowledge in many of the areas we are discussing. Well done	Class 3 Joel—For his focus and effort during English that produced a beautifully constructed introduction. Your best writing so far this year—well done Joel!	

EXTENDED SCHOOL CLUBS OF THE MONTH

Will now be a monthly award.

W/C	SCHOOL CLUBS

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS



What a lovely week! The focus has truly been remembrance and what a beautiful remembrance service we had. It worked absolutely perfectly across the forest family with pre-recorded videos and a live link up to the Cenotaph with classes in school's - take a look at the pictures, you can see the children both in school and out! Very special.

The picture shows us at the cenotaph and in class! See all the photos on twitter!



We are absolutely thrilled to have had so many parents attend our Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) information session. We are grateful to Mrs Jones for putting together such a clear and detailed delivery of what we do and when, thank you. Attached is the PDF of the slides used so that, if you couldn't attend, you have the information at your fingertips. We also attach our policy and some further information for parents. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Our first read with Ralph started last week with 3 children being presented a golden, secret reading club ticket in each class 1 across the forest family. Ralph had a lovely time and so did the children!

We look forward to our Football shirt Friday charity day on Friday 20th (if your child hasn't got a football shirt, a sporty top will do!).

The following week is our Christingle service, we hope you can attend! Please see information and requirements below. Thank you.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs C Gethin.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

FOOTBALL SHIRT FRIDAY

Football Shirt Friday is back on 20 November! Wear your favorite shirt (a sporty top will do!) to help support the [@BobbyMooreFund](#) and the bowel cancer research it funds. Please send any donations for your child to wear their football shirt/sporty top direct to Cancer Research by clicking the following link: [DONATE HERE](#)

CHRISTINGLE



**VIRTUAL
CHRISTINGLE
SERVICE 2020**



We look forward to our **virtual Christingle service on Friday 27th November at 2.30pm**. This will be instead of celebration worship and will be across the Forest Family. It will include Christingle music, videos and the children will be making their Christingles live so you can watch the too, you may like to make one at the same time! We hope you can make it.

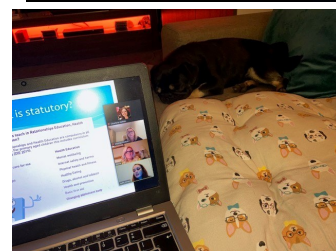
Please can we ask all children to bring in an orange and sweets/dried fruit from home to make their Christingles on this day. Please can the orange and sweets be brought into school in a sealable bag (e.g sandwich bag) with your child's name on it - thank you in advance.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

We are excited to share the first instalment of our playground development in order to both ensure more play space and developed learning and play usage.

We have had the section to the left of school remodelled (by the sheds). As you can see, the fence has been removed and the area around the trees has been cleared and turfed to extend the area children have to play in. We have kept the mud kitchen and look forward to sharing the next instalment with you in due course! Exciting.

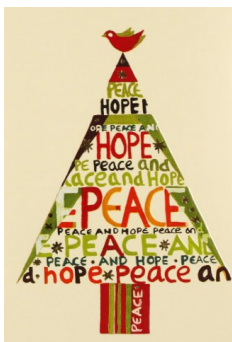


FOREST SCHOOL—CAN YOU HELP?

This is a long shot but I thought I would ask! First I need to say how very lucky we already are to have such extremely talented and generous parents/grandparents who have already made/ donated to forest school in the past.

Recently Abigail (with a little help from dad) has once again made us another item for forest school – this time a fabulous table which we have found so very useful. Thank you so much.

I know this is a long shot but I thought I would ask if anyone feels willing and able to make any of the items below?the mud kitchen in particular would be absolutely invaluable. Thank you. Mrs Spencer



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are allowing children and staff to still bring in Christmas cards for their colleagues / friends but they will only be collected and delivered once due to quarantine, so, can you ensure that they come in the week of the 30th November only (the Christmas postbox will be available) and will all be delivered the end of the following week. Thank you.

NHS ARTWORK GALLERY

It's your last chance today to make any pledges for your children's artwork, with all proceeds from pledges going to our wonderful NHS. Take a look using the link below: <https://www.theforestfederation.co.uk/gallery/?pid=16&gclid=4> and make any pledges via Parent Pay—thank you in anticipation.



GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Yesterday we received an email from the Department for Education offering information for parents and carers on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings.

We have incorporated all Government updates, which we received on 4th November, into our new risk assessments and plans and appreciate your continued support.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

SCHOOL FUNDING PETITION

We rarely make political comment but this period of time has been tough and costly to our small schools (and to large schools alike). You may want to sign this petition for the Government to fully fund schools for Covid-19 costs and provide relief for loss of income: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/555718>

It takes about 30 seconds! Thank you in anticipation.

COOK SUPERVISOR JOB VACANCY

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 Mark.Gladwin@compass-group.co.uk

GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

Do you want to make a difference to the development of the Forest Family and be involved in the inner workings of the 'business' of school leadership? Then look no further, we have a Governor vacancy!

We are pleased to notify you that, now Mrs Swift (a parent at Needwood) has secured a Foundation Governor position, that we now have a vacancy for a Parent Governor which can come from either school. Please read the letter which is attached with this newsletter if you are interested in this post and apply by **12 noon on Monday 23rd November**.



Executive Headteacher Irene Gethin	(1)	Char-	Foundation Governors (6)
Parent Governor CY	(1)	VACAN-	Wendy Ellen Rees.
Staff Governors	(1)	Jo Slater	Selena Tye (chair) (Parent at All Saints)
Associate Governors Jones and Donna Preston	(2)	Jodie	Rev. Les Rees.
			Stuart Allen (Parent at All Saints)
			Graham Bott (vice)
			Aimi Swift (Parent at Needwood)

We are open to applications from all interested parties and a desire to be involved is the main requirement! Our current skills matrix identifies a gap in the areas of Premises and Health and Safety though and this may be your speciality! Current positions are details in table (9 Governors plus associates).

We look forward to working with someone who is passionate about both challenging and supporting leadership appropriately in order to maintain our high standards of school provision.





We have really exciting new to deliver to you!

Alongside 6 other schools, All Saints and Needwood have been successful in winning a bid with the British Council in order to work alongside colleagues in Uganda and share educational practice and build links

between our children in order to :

- develop our own educational provision by learning what works well in Uganda,
- share our practice and support learning in Uganda
- build links for children so that they have a developed knowledge of other cultures and lives sharing similarities and differences.

As next Friday, 20th November, is International Children's Day, we thought what better day could there be to launch this project and share information with children and families.

As you are aware, we started our work in Autumn 1 with our Uganda week and our 'Good Trade' text studies, and, now we know who we are linked with we can really start the exciting work and strong links.

Also, Covid permitting, a groups of staff will be exchanging with teachers from Soroti! We hope to travel in July 2021!

Finally, as part of this project we will be applying for an international award which will build across this year and we will tell you more about this as we develop our understanding further.

As we build links and complete work we will update you more.

Next Friday, as part of international week, children will be writing their first letters to our link schools.

Needwood is linking with Mama Mercy School



All Saints is linking with Vineyard School



We must also remember that All Saints has a long standing, 10 year link with Little Angels in Uganda and our work with them can grow as this project does.



Start of a bright new term for our forest schoolers. Pupils from Class 3 this time and what a wonderful autumn day we had.

As it was Armistice Day part of the activities involved using the stunning autumn leaves to make a poppy. We used some of the charcoal from last term's fire for the centre and they looked lovely.



Of course, Forest School wouldn't be the same with rope swing and some of the children starting cutting a wooden cookie ready to make a Christmas decoration in December.



Some much enthusiasm they even had to settle an argument on who would pull the trolley back to school with rock, paper, scissors :-)



PTA

**IT'S NOT
TOO LATE!**

100 CLUB—There is still chance to purchase numbers for the PTA 100 club if you haven't had chance to sign up yet. This is also open to Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles—anyone who you think may like to get involved and potentially win cash prizes each month! We have attached the application forms and the original information regarding the 100 club for your information (please ignore the cut off date).

USEFUL INFORMATION

THE NATIONAL FOREST TEACHING SCHOOL

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

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL—CHILDCARE SURVEY

We are calling all parents and parents to be of young children to have their say on childcare across the county. We would like to know why you chose your provider and what is important to you. We would also like your views on your experiences of childcare during Lock-down 1, did you access your provider, did you have to change provider and how was the pandemic handled. Our survey is live now at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ane8hu> and will close on 30th November so have your say now.

Doorstep Deliveries

We want to play our part in helping our local community so we have set up a Doorstep Delivery service for people who are elderly or unable to get to the shops, vulnerable, isolating or shielding.

Simply write your shopping list of your favourite groceries, including any of our fresh food from Market Street and call us to place your order.

If you place your order by 5pm on Monday to Saturday we will get your delivery to you the next day.

To place your order call our friendly customer service team on:

0345 611 6111 (Option 5)

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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:



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ALL SAINTS

