

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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***Psalm 23:6** : Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever*



"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." — Nelson Mandela.

DIARY DATES

2020	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
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
17.12.20	PTA CHRISTMAS PARTY BUFFET
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

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

William C, Xanthe, Destiny, Mia, Poppy-Sue

Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★	Gold Star ★
		Joseph	
Bronze Cup	Silver Cup	Gold Cup	
Bronze Medal	Silver medal		

OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Xanthe— For super effort in writing this week and fantastic contributions to our gunpowder plot I earning	Mason—For always working hard in lessons; Mason has fantastic ideas and works conscientiously to complete tasks to the best of his ability. Well done.	George—For his outstanding contribution in Maths Lessons this week, recalling and explaining mathematical terms. Well done.

EXTENDED SCHOOL CLUBS OF THE MONTH

This is now a monthly award

W/C	SCHOOL CLUBS

ATTENDANCE— has been at 97% this week, keep up the good work everyone and have a lovely weekend. Please remember to arrive at school at your dedicated drop off time promptly to help manage numbers and to get all children registered on time—thank you.

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS



What a fantastic week! Children have had a positive week of learning enjoying reflecting on International Children's Day where we learnt a little bit more about our global link schools (it's early days and we have a lot to learn). They also wrote letters and drew pictures to send and we hope this is the beginning of a long lasting relationship!

Mama Mercy



Vineyard



A group of children in Class 3 at Needwood enjoyed their time washing Ralph – see the videos on twitter! Additionally, Class 2 at Needwood enjoyed read with Ralph this week and he enjoyed hearing the stories too.

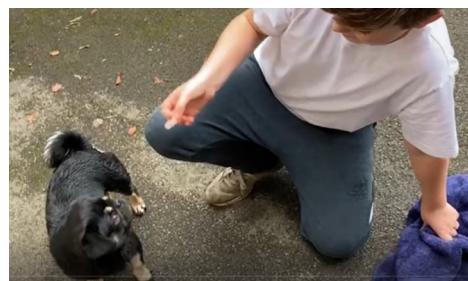
It was lovely to see all the children dressed in their football/sporty tops today for Football Shirt Friday. Today is in aid of the Cancer Research, the Bobby Moore Fund which aims to raise vital funds to help tackle bowel cancer. Thank you to everyone for your donations on the fundraising site!



Next week we look forward to a stable week of learning culminating in our Christingle service– please see the information and how to donate below.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Gethin.



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

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 them 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.

Normally, during our Christingle Service we hand out collection envelopes on behalf of the Children's Society, as we holding a virtual Christingle this year we have set up a dedicated donations page on behalf of the school for anyone who would like to make a donation.

The link can be found below:

<https://thyg.uk/CUS046636>



ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

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 post box will be available) and will all be delivered the end of the following week. Thank you.

PARKING

Please can remind parents not to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside of the school gates when dropping off and collecting children— thank you for your understanding and helping us all keep safe.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Next week we will be on Week 3 for lunch menu options. Please can we also make you aware that on Monday's of the week 2 options the Sausage and Mash on offer are vegetarian sausages, not meat sausages—we hope this helps some confusion.

Please can we also ask parents not to send in any additional food items for lunch if your child is having a school lunch from the kitchen. The kitchen aim to provide a balanced, portioned school meal and we try to monitor what food is consumed, along side managing allergies. Healthy snacks (no nuts) are welcome to brought in for morning break. Thank you for your understanding.

NHS ART GALLERY



We have left the payment item open for one final weekend if you would still like to pledge 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&gcetid=4> and make any pledges via Parent Pay—

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



PTA



Santa Letters: Please find letters in your child's book bags on Monday 23rd November for our fabulous Santa personalised letters!

What a hit they were last year! Please ensure your permission form is back in the PTA post box along with the exact amount of £2.50 per child (PTA post box by the front of school entrance) by Friday 27th November.

If you have missed the deadline please contact a member of the PTA.

100 Club: Our 100 club is now ready to start being drawn, keep your eyes peeled to see if you have won when we draw at the Christmas raffle!

We also have an unclaimed prize left over from last year in the name of A Hayes—please can you contact the school office if you know who this may belong too.

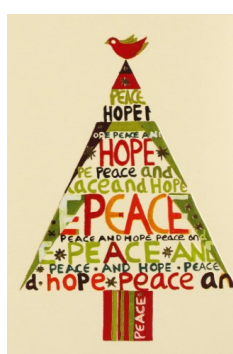
Christmas raffle: Week commencing the 23rd November you will see members of the PTA on the front yard selling our Christmas raffle tickets. Please bring along exact change! Our tickets are £1 a strip (as many strips as you like) what amazing prizes we have!! Hampers, alcohol, chocolates and vouchers from our local businesses!

Our raffle will be drawn week commencing the 30th November and we will inform you if you have won to collect your prizes!

PTA Christmas party buffet: With having such a strange year due to COVID, we want to treat our children to lots of fun to keep the Christmas spirits high!

On the enrichment day (Thursday 17th December) we will be serving the children a special Christmas party buffet in there classroom and then treating them to a Christmas movie with some treats.

Many thanks
The PTA



Week two and our run of Forest School good weather had to come to an end sometime but hey wet weather means MUD and what a great time the children had!
Lots of slipping and sliding and hauling themselves up the bank.



Most of the children made some fabulous acorn men and they were very inventive – some having a cosy bed of moss to sleep on.



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 –COVID 19 TESTING

You may have seen in the news recently that Staffordshire will be increasing the testing of residents in a bid to identify more cases of Covid-19 and reduce the spread of infection.

Staffordshire are one of several local authorities to sign up for early roll out of new rapid turnaround tests, and there may be an opportunity to use these in sixth forms for schools and colleges that are interested.

They are also expanding their advice around when to get a test. Currently anyone who has one of the main symptoms of persistent cough, high temperature, new cough or loss of taste or smell must self-isolate immediately and book a test.

However, with many people displaying other symptoms, the authority are asking residents in Staffordshire to consider getting tested as a precaution if they have other symptoms such as:

- Headaches, Aches and pains, Feeling very tired for no good reason, Sore throat, Runny nose Sneezing, Sometimes 'tummy ache' in children

People with any of these symptoms can carry on going to school or work if they are well enough to do so and only need to self-isolate if the test comes back positive.

The authority want to ensure as many people as possible consider getting a test, even if it is merely a precaution. The national testing centres across the county have good availability, and can be booked through the NHS website.

People booking a test through this website need to check the 'My council has asked me to get a test' option.

We also have community testing sites that change on a weekly basis. People can view if there are any sites set up near them by visiting our testing website.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Coronavirus/Home.aspx>



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.

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