

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ Jesus forgave you. Ephesians 4:32.*



*It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of
goodness and thus to open doors of hope." - Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger*

DIARY DATES

2020	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
08.12.20	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
09.12.20	VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PANTO
11.12.20	RETURN PTA CHRISTMAS MOVIE PERMISSION SLIPS FOR CLASS 2 & 3
14.12.20	CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2.00PM
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

W/C	SCHOOL CLUBS



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Orla, Ella H, Archer

Green Star ★

Bronze Star ★

Silver Star ★

Gold Star ★

Romilly

Bella

Bronze Cup 🏆

Silver Cup 🏆

Gold Cup 🏆

Bronze Medal 🏅

Silver medal 🏅

OF THE WEEK

Class 1

Grace—For always coming to school with a beautiful smile. Grace gives 100% effort in all her activities and makes wonderful contributions to class discussions. Well done Grace.

Class 2

Martha—For her amazing work in Maths this term; Martha is focused and hardworking in all lessons. She has also been working hard on her arithmetic targets at home. Well done Martha

Class 3

Pawel—For superb effort and focus in all lessons

EXTENDED SCHOOL CLUBS OF THE MONTH

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS



Tuesday saw the first day of December and Sunday was the first Sunday in Advent. So what is Advent? Advent means 'Coming' in Latin and is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. We hope that your advent started well and Ralph loved receiving his first advent calendar too.

It's been a lovely, steady week with some great learning. We've continued writing to our pen pals in Uganda and Christmas is gearing up with filming underway! We can now sing in 15s in well ventilated areas with social distancing so we are using that opportunity safely and, children are enjoying Jujitsu in 15s too.

In our penultimate week we look forward to our special days, Christmas lunches in bubbles and our Panto day. Our final week sees our virtual services and Christmas jumper day on the last Friday (18th December).

I just wanted to say thank you and well done to all staff, children and families. We really are doing well indeed, everyone is cleaning, sanitising, catching and binning, distancing etc. and I am so appreciative of your hard work. I truly hope that we don't have to close a bubble before (or after) Christmas and we have just over 2 weeks to go!). I also hope that no staff or families are afflicted with the illness or the challenges isolating presents.



Drop off and collection is fundamentally great and we still ask that you drop and go, please don't hang around chatting as this causes congestion and potential issues. I see some families are wearing masks at drop off/pick up, please feel free to do this as it makes everyone feel a little safer as long as it doesn't breed complacency. Finally, whilst I would hope you would move along quickly and communicate via the telephone and virtual means, if you are distanced catching up, please leave room on paths for others to pass you safely and at a distance.

Thank you again for all you are doing and stay safe! Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs C Gethin and Ralph. 🐾🐾

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

We are excited to share with you our Christmas service plans. Just like our harvest, it will be partly filmed in advance and partly live. We are sharing the service live on:

Monday 14th December 2020 @ 2.00 pm

We will send the link on Dojo nearer the time and we will record the service for any families to receive the recording to watch at their leisure if they are unable to attend virtually on the day.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

WOW FACTOR WORSHIP RETREAT

By now the WOW Factor Worship retreat at Dovedale house in Ilam has been cancelled 3 times and, in the light of the Government's new guidance, no overnight visits will be considered until after Easter. Our retreat was rebooked for March 2021 and so we have again postponed it. By this point you may not even remember if your child is going! Don't worry. We will rearrange for the Summer or Autumn 2021 and let all relevant parents know.

"Educational visits and trips: The Government currently advises against overnight trips in the UK and overseas educational visits. In February 2021, the Government will review the possibility of changing advice on domestic residential education visits to resume from Easter 2021, if the scientific evidence allows."

Thank you for your understanding.

MORNING DROP OFFS

Please can we remind parents and carers to arrive at school for your allocated drop off time as promptly as possible. For the children who are dropped off at the 9.00am slot please can we ask that you are at the gates for 9.00am as the gates will close shortly after this time. Anyone arriving after the gates/doors have shut will be marked as late—this will help us get all the children in school and settled as soon as possible with little disruption—thank you for your help and understanding.



OFFICE

Please remember you can email, dojo or telephone the office if you need to get in contact with us.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Next week we are on week 2 for school lunch menu options. Also, a quick reminder the kitchen have the following options also available:

- Every Tuesday, children will receive a free milkshake at lunch time with any meal that is taken from the kitchen.
- On Friday's—children who bring in sandwiches will be able to purchase a portion of chips to go with their sandwiches if they wish—the portions will be charged at 50pence and will be cash only payable to the kitchen—portions will need to be pre-ordered during morning registration on Friday's.

USEFUL INFORMATION

KINDNESS CALENDAR 2020

2020 has been a difficult year in so many ways. We have suffered with uncertainty, anxiety, isolation and challenges with our financial situation, health or relationships. One thing that can hold us together and help us get through is kindness. Although we can't change our situation, we can choose to respond to others (and ourselves) with kindness. And when we're kind, everything goes better. We help others, we help ourselves and we encourage others to be kinder too. Action for Happiness have launched their December 2020 and we thought it would be lovely to share with our families for you to look at home. We have also attached the PDF copy for you.



UPDATED GOVERNMENT COVID PLANS

I know that you will have all read this information and been digesting it over the weekend. It's important I aim to unpick some of it and send it to you too!

The Government has announced its winter plan. The Prime Minister confirmed that from 2nd December, England will move back to a regional tiered approach. Further information on the tiering system is available here. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

The policy in England is that education settings will remain open in all tiers. As you are aware the statement can be found here.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-on-covid-19-winter-plan-23-november-2020>

It has been announced that Staffordshire is to be escalated to the Covid-19 Very High Alert Level when the current national lockdown restrictions end on December 2.

- No mixing anywhere indoors with other households, unless part of your support bubble
- Up to six people can meet in public parks, but not in private gardens
- Hospitality such as pubs and restaurants to stay shut, apart for takeaway and drive-through services
- Gyms and non-essential shops to reopen
- Work from home if you can, avoid non-essential travel and no overnight stays outside the area
- Wedding receptions are banned

Updated guidance for parents and carers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

The Government has updated its guidance for parents and carers to reflect the end of National Restrictions on 2 December and how these settings should operate under the local restriction tiers.

We have updated our guidance on what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges to clarify the position under the local restriction tiers for:

- clinically extremely vulnerable children
- face coverings
- music, dance and drama performances
- educational visits and trips
- extra-curricular activities

They have also updated the guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings to clarify the position under the local restriction tiers for:

- children with health care concerns
- parent and child groups
- music, dance and drama performances





This week's Forest School was held at The Deer Park, Hoar Cross and once again Paddy Prince very kindly took the children around the working farm.

The children were taken into the milking parlour and were shown where the cows were milked and how the milk was stored and at what temperature before it is taken away in a transport lorry to be processed for our consumption.



They were able to meet the cows and calves and discovered how often they were mucked out a day – three – and all the added nutrients they were given to keep them fit and strong.



She spoke about a cow's passport and how the clips in the cow's ears held a wealth of information.

After some refreshments and a recap, the children were able to explore the splendid wooded walk that is part of The Deep Park estate which is open to the public.

Out thanks again to Paddy for her time and the refreshments she provided for our children.

PTA

PTA Christmas: 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 treat box (please note this will be an afternoon treat and normal school dinners will take place at lunch time) in classrooms and treating them to a Christmas movie. Letters regarding the Christmas movie will be sent home shortly as we will require permission for every child to watch their chosen class movie in class 2 & 3 due to PG certificates.

Many thanks, The PTA



LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL –CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELLED

Advent & Christmas 2020 is likely to be different from any other year, with local restrictions in place that will limit our celebrations with friends and family. However, this time of year can still be special; we are all in need of hope, comfort and joy.

Our Advent & Christmas programme sees a host of services and events all aimed at allowing people to celebrate this time of year whilst remaining safe. Please see the below link to all the services and special events that are taking place this year at Lichfield Cathedral:

<https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/advent-christmas/advent-christmas-2020>



EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL



Don't Get Caught Short or
Face a £1000 Fine



Bin your litter, take it home or
Face a fine of £75



Every year the Community & Civil Enforcement team organise initiatives in different ward areas across the borough to address issues such as fly-tipping, dog fouling and litter. Initiatives are where the officers visit an area talking to residents, businesses, community groups and schools to tackle problems and educate on disposal of waste, large bulky items and other environmental matters important to them. As they cannot do this at present they have asked us to circulate the below posters to help us all keep in mind what we can do to help our environment and communities.

Community and Civil Enforcement Team

What Issues do we Deal With?

- ✓ Dog Fouling
- ✓ Littering
- ✓ Fly-Tipping

The Community and Civil Enforcement team aim to make your community a Safer, Cleaner, and Greener place for all to enjoy.

01283 508036

community.civil.enforcement@eaststaffsbcc.gov.uk

East Staffordshire Borough Council

The Deer Park

Outdoor Traditional Christmas Market

Friday 4th - Sunday 6th December

'Tis almost the season to be jolly, and what better place to kickstart the festivities.

Come and browse an extensive collection of stalls, with mulled wine and a selection of other festive refreshments on offer.

Whether a treat for yourself or a gift for a loved one, there will be plenty to inspire.

The Deer Park, Maker Lane, Hoar Cross
www.deerpark.farm

Presented by St Giles

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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#ItsMoreThanOurJob

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

