

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 God forgave you. [Ephesians 4:32](#)

Quote the Week

"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!" - Theodor Seuss Geisel, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

DIARY DATES

2020	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
14.12.20	CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2.00PM
17.12.20	ENRICHMENT DAY (CHRISTMAS PARTY WEAR)
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
04.03.21	WORLD BOOK DAY
08.03.21	SCIENCE WEEK
12.03.21	MOTHERS DAY SERVICE
17.03.21	PARENTS EVENING
30.03.21	EASTER SERVICE
01.04.21	ENRICHMENT DAY
01.04.21	LAST DAY OF TERM
19.04.21	TERM STARTS

W/C	SCHOOL CLUBS

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Sienna	Finley R, Afeni, Minnie	

Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★	Gold Star ★
Sebastian (C1)			

Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆

Bronze Medal 🏅	Silver medal 🏅	

OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Opal—Opal has made a brilliant start to Class 1. Quickly making friends and picking up new routines. It is a joy to have welcomed Opal into our Forest Family.	Mia—For her hard work this term. Mia has made excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum and we are very proud of her.	Charlotte—For overcoming her initial worries about school, for realizing that Class 3 is a great place to be and giving her speech so confidently during English!

EXTENDED SCHOOL CLUBS OF THE MONTH



THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

Children have had a great penultimate week which has been interspersed with assessments, fun learning and sparkly Christmas activities!

Children enjoyed their Christmas dinners with huge thanks to our cooks at both schools and were incredibly enjoyable despite not being altogether.

Children had a wonderful afternoon enjoying a pantomime which came to them as we couldn't go there and they had snacks too!

We are very excited about our Virtual Christmas services next week—details are below.

We look forward to our final week of term with more great learning, our Christmas services, enrichment day and Christmas jumper day.

We are grateful that everyone has been vigilant to be Covid safe this autumn term and to staff for maintaining high standards of Covid measures including cleaning hourly. We have one final week to get through and I desperately hope we can do that without having to close a bubble!

We are grateful to staff, families and children for their tremendous hard work in ensuring our children are safe, happy and that they have been taught well within our vibrant curriculum. We are proud to have still had small visits and outdoor learning, a wealth of visitors in a virtual capacity to enrich learning, maintained daily worship and parental involvement through worship, parents evening and even zoom information sessions - what a term! Thank you. Do look at all we have been doing on Twitter – it's so vibrant. @NeedwoodOf and Instagram tff_pug_ralphy

We wish you all a happy Christmas hoping that you have peace and fun in equal measure and, we hope that everyone has a safe, wonderful 2021! We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th January. Training on Monday 4th is i-pads for learning!

Blessings and Love, Mrs Gethin and Ralph. 🐾

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Our Christmas service will be partly filmed in advance and partly live. We are sharing the service live on: **Monday 14th December 2020 @ 2.00 pm**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81568048189?pwd=VW1PUU5KcmZwaGRhYkJKLQZ2Z2NXZFQT09>

Meeting ID: 815 6804 8189 Passcode: 995614

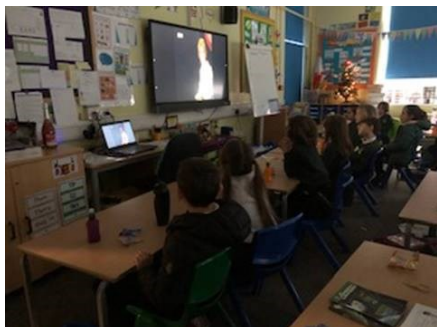
We will record the service for any families to receive the recording to watch at their leisure if they are unable to attend virtually on the day.

LAST WEEK OF TERM EVENTS

As we enter the last week of term next week we need to jiggle some of our timetable around to fit in all the exciting things we have planned. We therefore need to swap some of our PE days for next week only which is outlined on the next page for you.

Children are welcome to come in Christmas party wear next Thursday (17th) for our enrichment day (sensible shoes etc.. and please remember layers as we continue to keep rooms well ventilated) and Christmas jumpers on Friday (normal school bottoms please) for our last day of term.

For those in class 3 who are doing Forest School next Wednesday with Mrs Spencer you have been emailed separately regarding Forest School wear on Wednesday as normal.



<u>Class 1:</u>	<u>Class 2:</u>	<u>Class 3:</u>
Monday – Uniform	Monday – Uniform	Monday – Uniform
Tuesday – PE kit as normal	Tuesday – PE kit please instead of Monday	Tuesday – PE kit as normal
Wednesday – PE kit please instead of Thursday	Wednesday – PE kit please instead of Thursday	Wednesday – Uniform
Thursday – Christmas party wear	Thursday – Christmas party wear	Thursday – Christmas party wear
Friday – Christmas jumpers (normal school bottoms please)	Friday – Christmas jumpers (normal school bottoms please)	Friday – Christmas jumpers (normal school bottoms please)

ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER & COVID PLANS

We are NOT taking the suggested INSET day on Friday 18th December.

You may have heard in the media that the Government has advised schools that, if they choose, they can have an INSET day on 18th December but then extend the term in January to make up for it. We have decided that one day is unlikely to make any difference to the risk of COVID.

We are responsible to contact trace until 24th December (6 days after closure) and so, whilst the local authority team would ensure we have the information we need if, your child tests positive for Covid after we have broken up, until 24th December, please also let me know via email on asr_headteacher@asr.jtmat.co.uk

Finally, we will inform bubbles if we are notified there has been a COVID positive child or member remember of staff.

I, as contact tracer, will do this both via email and dojo and ask that you reply to say that you have received it and, will isolate. I then only have to telephone those who do not reply. I hope that makes sense!

Fingers crossed that everyone is well. Thank you, Mrs Gethin.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Next week we are on week 3 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

AIMING HIGH

Various Aiming High activities are available for children and young people who have a special educational need or disability (SEND) in Staffordshire. Full details can be found below on the link below:

[Aiming High Activities](#)



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Boosting your physical activity levels to improve your health and wellbeing

Boosting your physical activity levels is important to help you live a healthier, happier life. This is true now, more than ever before.

There are some easy steps that you can take in order to improve how you feel each day and ensure you're staying physically active. Getting active is important for everyone – whatever your age, ability or fitness level.

Sign up to receive more hints and tips on how you can keep more physically active.

You can visit the Doing Our Bit website for advice on how to nurture your own and your children's mental health and wellbeing. You'll also find a directory of local and national services that can provide additional support if you need it.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/DoingOurBit/Get-Inspired/Health-and-wellbeing/Do-it-to-feel-good-physical.aspx>



PTA

Thank you to all the parents who took part in bringing raffle prizes in and buying raffle tickets from the PTA for our Christmas Raffle! We drew our winners last week and Jade has kindly been giving out the winners prizes at school pick up. We are confirming our final figures, but we raised a fabulous amount towards our PTA pot!

We have been busy getting our personalised Santa letters ready! We will hand these to parents who purchased them at pick up and drop off next week. These will be hidden in a plain envelope for you, so you can give them to your child/children at your leisure.

We have drawn the 100 club! Results are in the table for you below:

October: <u>1st</u> : Kirsty Rogers (Verity) No: 31 <u>2nd</u> : Gemma Owen (Grace) No: 80 <u>3rd</u> : Mrs Baxter (Casper) No: 13	November: <u>1st</u> : Sarah Simpson (Flossie George) No: 42 <u>2nd</u> : Annie Allsop (Jack Allsop) No: 70 <u>3rd</u> : Katy Reece (Alice & Finley) No: 93	December: <u>1st</u> : Mrs Goring No: 60 <u>2nd</u> : Warr (Heidi) No: 37 <u>3rd</u> : Keira Neal (George & Orla) No: 40
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Please collect your winnings from a PTA member at school drop off or pick up. We have made a fantastic amount of £330.00 towards our PTA pot.

We are excited for our enrichment day!

We can't wait to treat the children to a Christmas goodie box made specially by Karen at the coffee shop.

Have a Fabulous Christmas!
From the PTA x



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>



CHRISTMAS EVE



A number of local communities - Yoxall, Hoar Cross, Newchurch, Barton and even Branston - are asking residents to stand outside their homes at 6pm on Christmas Eve and ring a bell - or similar - to spread the Christmas spirit and help Santa fly his sleigh. It seems a lovely idea to spread hope and togetherness. Will you join in?

WINTER STORYTELLING

Free storytelling session online 4.30pm 16th Dec with the library service and a professional storyteller.

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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Wintry Storytelling

Enjoy some cosy winter stories brought to life by professional storyteller **Pyn Stockman**

FREE for families via Zoom

16th December 4.30pm

To book your place, or for more information, message Liz on **07783493342**

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