

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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Luke 2:12 "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

**Quote
the Week**

"Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." - Vince Lombardi

"May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve." winter quotes. Laura Formisano

DIARY DATES

2020	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
18.12.20	LAST DAY OF TERM
04.01.21	INSET DAY
05.01.21	TERM STARTS
05.01.21-08.01.21	HAPPY HEALTHY CHILDRENS WEEK—ALL CHILDREN TO WEAR PE KIT ALL WEEK
08.01.21	FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAY—PLEASE READ INFORMATION IN NEWSLETTER RE CLOTHING
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
Thomas C, Liberty, Heidi, Preston, Alice,	William H, Charlotte, Tiffany	
Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ☆
	Noah (C2)	Gold Star ★
Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆
Bronze Medal 🏅	Silver medal 🏅	

OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Millie—For being such a kind and caring member of the class. Millie looks after anyone who is hurt and cheers up anyone who is sad. Well done Mille!	Orla—For her positive attitude to class work. Orla always listens carefully, joins in class discussions and then tries her best when completing the activities. Well done Orla.	Aart—For settling in so quickly into Class 3. You are cheerful, hardworking and we can already tell that you are going to be a fantastic asset to our class!

OF THE TERM

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Heidi—This term has seen Heidi consistently pushing herself in her written work. Her independent sentences are creative and show her lively imagination. It is a joy to see such an enthusiastic write! Well done Heidi.	Noah—A fantastic first term in class 2. Noah is focused and determined to try his best in every lesson. He always has plenty of ideas and produces detailed writing. Great work Noah.	Alex—His consistent and focused attitude in all lessons. This approach to his learning has been a fantastic example to others and ensured that Alex has made excellent progress in all areas. Well done Alex!

EXTENDED SCHOOL CLUBS OF THE TERM

Oscar—Oscar has very often been the only child in his 'class bubble' in extended clubs, he has taken this all in his stride and shown great resilience in adapting to the situation - well done Oscar!

FRUIT OF SPIRIT AWARDS:



OF THE SPIRIT

Class 1

Joey - **Joy**—Always coming to school with a beautiful smile!

Evie—**Kindness**—Always looking out for others and showing kindness and friendship to everyone everyday.

Albie —**Gentleness** —Playing, working and sharing beautifully with others .

Class 2

William H —**Love**—For showing a caring nature to his family and friends.

Betty —**Goodness**—For always having lovely manners and always showing respect.

Mia—**Faithfulness**—For thinking of others and being grateful for the things she has.

Class 3

Sam —**Peace** —Being thoughtful and patient with all his friends and being a good partner in class with any of his classmates.

Lauren—**Patience**—Being a patient and kind friend to all the children in our class.

Alex —**Self-Control** —Showing self control and daily determination to achieve his personal best.

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

What an amazing final week we have had! We made it everyone!



Our virtual Christmas services were magical complete with readings, prayers, pre-recorded singing, glockenspiel, boom whackers, a full nativity service filmed in advance and, a 'rendition of covid 12 days of Christmas from the staff. What lovely afternoons. It was so brilliant to see so many families on screen. Additionally the recordings of the full service and all sections are on Dojo for you to access anytime!

Children enjoyed A wonderful afternoon attending the virtual Lichfield Christmas Festival 2020, it was very christmassy.

Children had a great time for their enrichment day enjoying party food, films and treats from our PTA, a huge thank you to them for their hard work, dedication and kindness in making it such a memorable afternoon. Additionally, children enjoyed their



Christmas jumper day too!



Thank you for such an amazing team effort, parents and staff, this term - we made it to Christmas without any bursting of bubbles (well done!) and with challenging but manageable staff movement.

We really are grateful to all of our families and communities for their efforts to support our country during the pandemic. We appreciate that everyone is doing their part and working extra specially hard. It is also important to say a huge thank you to our educational staff for their hard work and commitment in juggling Covid life and providing an excellent education for our children. Recently the media and government have been reflecting on a variety of groups of public servants and this includes education professionals in nurseries, schools, colleges and universities. Our Secretary of State commented in The Express and this was shared with us by the DFE.

We owe everyone working in schools an enormous debt | UK | News | Express.co.uk

Again, we realise it is a country effort and thank each and every one of you!

whilst not expected our staff extend a huge thank you for cards, kind words and gifts and will thank the children personally but I wanted to extend a huge thank you for your generosity and kindness to recognise their hard work, dedication and love. Thank you.



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 (details about our first week back can be found below).

Blessings and Love, Mrs Gethin and Ralph



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

We are already planning for and are excited about our first week back in January. After a day of staff i-pad training on the Monday, we look forward to our annual JTMAT Happy Healthy Children's week! We have lots planned after listening to the children and what they would like to do! Whilst mornings will remain stable in key learning, the afternoons will be turned over to wellbeing and choice. We have extra outdoor learning, construction, mindfulness, physical activity and some zoom visitors too!



We are asking children to wear **PE kit for the whole week** so that outdoor activities can be fluid as children will be doing lots of PE and Commando Joes

Additionally, on Friday 8th January 2021, each class has a dedicated forest school

style activity and children will need to dress appropriately that day. Children will need a warm, preferably waterproof coat, wellington boots in a named carrier bag, a hat and gloves. As Class 1 will do the activity first, they can come to school in their boots (please make sure the soles are clean as they will be in class initially to register) and they need to bring their school shoes in a carrier bag. Class 2 and 3 need to have their boots in carrier bags, Class 2 will put them on their pegs and Class 3 can leave their bags by the forest school shelves to the left of the main school entrance. Thank you.



ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

COVID PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS

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 It is imperative that you do so so that we can inform bubbles that there has been a COVID positive child or member 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.

A MESSAGE FROM REV. LES & WENDY REES

"Dear Mrs. Gethin,

Wendy and I wish you, all the teachers and other staff, pupils, parents and everyone connected with the Forest Federation a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Wonderful schools, wonderfully led, with standards being attained which are a credit to all concerned.

Life has been difficult for schools for a long time now but I know that you've coped admirably. Probably a few tears along the way? Thank you so much for your hard work.

I've been 'out of action' now for a number of weeks following an operation. I hope to be back soon.

Speaking of coming back, on Christmas Day at Hanbury Church at 10am I'll take part in a service of Holy Communion, child friendly, and accessible. Everyone will be welcome.

Every Blessing, Les."



PARENT PAY

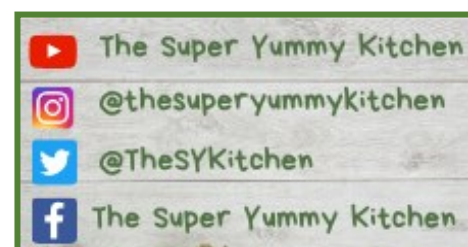


Please can we ask you to check your Parent Pay accounts over the holidays to check to see if you have any outstanding balances etc..that require payment. Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

When we return in January, we will be on week 1 for school lunch menu options.

Chartwells would like to wish you a Super Yummy Christmas by sharing their 2020 Super Yummy Kitchen Recipe Book—the recipe's are attached to this newsletter and remember to check out the Super Yummy Kitchen on the following media links for more family resources!



USEFUL INFORMATION

INTERNET SAFETY

As we know over the holidays particularly during tight lockdown restrictions, our children may spend more time





OUR LAST FOREST SCHOOL SESSION WAS A WET ONE, IN FACT SO WET, MUCH AGAINST THE FOREST SCHOOL ETHOS WE STAYED AT SCHOOL FOR SOME OF IT!

AS WE NEEDED TO FINISH OUR COOKIES, HANDRILL AND PAINT THEM IT WAS A LOT EASIER TO DO THIS AT SCHOOL. THE CHILDREN MADE A FABULOUS JOB OF THEM.



ONCE THEY WERE FINISHED AND THEY HAD HOT CHOCOLATE AND MARSHMALLOW WE DECIDED TO BRAVE THE ELEMENTS FOR ONE LAST TIME IN THE RIVER AND MUD AND WHAT FUN THEY HAD.

PLENTY OF WET FEET AS USUAL □ BUT LOTS OF LAUGHTER, WHICH WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE CHILDREN AND PARENTS ALIKE.



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?

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)

Help us help others by passing this message on

Feeding the Nation

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Limited places available, so register your interest as soon as possible



FREE Virtual courses delivered by Families Fir.

Open to all families living in Staffordshire
January to April 2021.

We are offering a limited number of FREE Community Learning Service funded courses delivered virtually to families across Staffordshire (not Stoke) in the Spring term. Programmes will be run by highly experienced tutors who all have many years of experience in supporting families, and helping adults and children to learn together.

Virtual courses consist of different themed sessions each week, with tutor feedback provided to ensure that family's needs are met. Delivered on a 1-1/ small group basis using WhatsApp, phone calls and email with video demonstrations, access to online materials and a weekly activity to complete at home. Start dates available in January. Virtual courses are open to any adult age 19yrs+

Simply Play for 0-4yrs (PEEP)

10 weekly sessions

A virtual course for families with a child/ren age 0-4 years

Fun activities and learning to support your child's development. Different themes every week, with stories, songs/ rhymes to join in. Learn how to support your child's early years and gain new skills and knowledge.

Simply Play for Babies (PEEP)

10 weekly sessions

A virtual course for families with a baby up to 12 months.

Enjoy new sensory play ideas, early language activities and get lots of ideas to try at home, while developing your understanding of how you can support your baby to grow and develop.



To register your interest in a course, please email: groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk with the following information:

For parents and carers: please send your name, child's name and date of birth together with your contact number, and which course and day you are interested in attending.

For professionals: please complete the group work referral form and send to the above email.

A member of the group work team will contact you as soon as possible to discuss available places.

'From Pram to Primary School'

10 weekly sessions

A virtual course to help you support your children's behaviour by Family Caring Trust.

Struggling with your child's behaviour: mealtimes and bedtimes becoming a challenge?

If your child is aged between 0-11 years, then this programme could be for you.



Staffordshire Bump to Baby antenatal programme
(6 sessions) for both mum and dad to be, is still being offered virtually by every Early Help Team.

Parenting Teenager's course, (6 sessions) designed to help parents with strategies and confidence to parent children age 11yrs+ is still being offered virtually by every Early Help Team. Please contact the Early Help Team direct.

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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