



All Saints' and Needwood Church of England Primary Schools

Keeping in Touch

LOCKDOWN 2

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Friday 8th January 2021

Welcome back and a Happy New Year 2021

As I write the first newsletter of the year, a 'Keeping in Touch' Lockdown 2 message to you all, I can't help but feel grateful again for the support of our staff and families that have made another challenging step in our lives, all the easier. We can't believe that we find ourselves in this position again and, whilst I do not know everyone's stories and challenges, we all have each other. We have a strong, supportive community and, even though I know some families are suffering from symptoms of Covid or other health challenges, the vast majority of us have our health. Everyone's physical and mental health and wellbeing is paramount followed by maintaining our children's education. I am thankful to have such a dedicated staff who have the opportunity to do an even better job of supporting home schooling and in school education than last time because they only have their age group of children in their class. This means they can focus on one group to drive learning forward. It is imperative that families do the best they can to hook children into the live lessons and tackle the learning provided in a timely manner so that teachers can support them. Whilst we do have high expectations of engagement we do understand the challenges and I remind you of my letter last year (20th March 2020) – [The Forest Family - Newsletters 2019 - 2020 \(theforestfederation.co.uk\)](https://theforestfederation.co.uk) - do have a look if you need bolstering and, whilst we have learnt more and we are doing an even better job than last year, this reassured many families. Do the best you can!

ALL SAINTS

Class 1 School - Fabien for concentrating for longer periods of time.

Home - Ella for trying really hard with her home learning, particularly maths.

Class 2 School - All 11 children that have come back in the Class 2 bubble and worked so hard - they have been amazing!!!

Home - Phoebe for working so hard on her maths and engaging so well during the live English lesson.

Class 3 School - Harry for being a resilient, independent learner and trying every task he has been set positively.

Home - Eva for an amazing commitment to learning and effort with her work during lockdown.

Class 4 School - Alice for adapting to being the only class 4 girl, but getting on with every task to the very best of her ability. Brilliant transferable life skills.

Home - Bea - for high quality engagement with every activity assigned in home learning.

NEEDWOOD

Class 1 School - Albie for outstanding resilience. He has adapted to new routines quickly and being such a sensible boy in class. He loved baking for Happy Healthy Children week, and is a dab hand at mixing ingredients! Well done Albie

Home - Jude for working so hard at home on his spelling and reading. We have been amazed by the work he has uploaded onto Seesaw, which has included videos and handwriting. Great job Jude!

Class 2 School - Hazel for her positive attitude to returning to school, she is spreading lots of smiles and happiness around the classroom.

Home - Poppy for a fantastic start to her home learning, she has engaged in all the activities and produced some excellent work.

Class 3 School - Harvey for an excellent attitude towards learning this week! You have been cheerful and so engaged with your learning this week. Your work in Science about the planets was beautifully presented and well-researched. Well done!

Home - Jack for superb work so far this week! Your cover design for Cosmic was brilliant and your 'free-write' speech about climate change was inspirational, and included so many techniques we learned about last term.

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

So, staff enjoyed their I-pad training and have loads of new things to try out and apply into learning and I see class 3 have already tweeted their green screening – have a look! This week was 'Happy Healthy Children's' week, we are disappointed our visitor who was leading workshops had technical issues but, we will rebook and appreciate it at another time. We enjoyed our first worship for Q&A and Ralph liked seeing you all. Children, both at home and school have thrown themselves into their learning, live lessons have gone well with some fantastic feedback, seesaw is whirring and we are thrilled. Well done everyone.

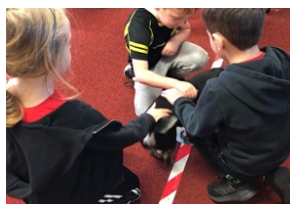


Keep your pictures coming in, we will keep taking them in school and we will continue to connect!

I have posted on Dojo the virtual worship document with direct links to daily worship at 1.30pm and Friday worship links for the half term. We hope you can join us as well as enjoying class learning and story time!

Thank you for being awesome and positive, stay safe, see you virtually!

Mrs Gethin and Ralph.



WRAP AROUND CARE / BREAKFAST / AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are running this for both schools.

Both will run from 8.00 am until the start of school and from the end of school until 5.00 pm.

Needwood

We ask that you give us as much notice as possible and use this provision if you need and can do so as sadly, we are running at a loss but have decided to continue as it is a service you need to support your important work.

Rangemore

Support staff have kindly agreed to come early and stay later in order to run provision for our key worker families / vulnerable children and we thank our families for sending in their requirements so that we can assess viability.

If you haven't and still want a place that is absolutely fine and will help! As long as families use the service as much as they have requested all will be well.

Mrs Slater and Mrs Jones will undertake morning duties.

Mrs Slater and Mrs Brinkley will undertake evening duties.

Children will be in their bubbles - this means the hall will be split into thirds.

We are running just 2 price slots, one for the morning and one for the evening as we do not have the staffing capacity to work out all the booking for different times. We have been able to keep these slots cheaper than current provision and we hope that you understand our approach which allows us to offer this service for you.

Thank you.

Dear Families,

We are proud of our children, families and staff who are working so hard and who are being so passionate about their learning. We are having between 180 and 250 pieces of work a day at every hour of the day, early and late, some of which come in at 9.00 pm and, when marking, even at 1 minute a piece that's 3 - 4 hours a day marking. Most pieces take longer as they are wonderful videos or need scrutiny. This is all on top of planning and teaching face to face, supporting emotional needs and, teachers still have to complete assessment recording, communications and other school responsibilities. Under normal circumstances in school we feedback within the lesson and whilst we read every piece of work, we do not comment in every book in every lesson and we create a 'FIT' (Feedback Improvement Time) sheet to list all the next steps needed and, the next piece of learning is tailored to that. Additionally, the DFE (Department For Education) are expecting 3 hours quality learning a day and state that feedback should be weekly as a minimum. We love feeding back but we cannot sustain the current level of engagement on seesaw which ordinarily would have been verbal in class and within adjusted tasks set.

Feedback from families is that many parents and children are on their knees already and teachers, as much as they want to mark every piece with in-depth comments, this is not sustainable so, in order to manage everyone's mental health we need to review the amount of work expected to help children and families and, target what needs marking with a 'like' on everything else then, teachers can plan next steps based on how the children have achieved.

English and maths will be liked or if teachers are happy and it's accurate and quality marked (e.g. circled in red, comments, voice notes etc.). if there are any corrections, improvements needed. All other work will be appreciated and approved with comments only if the children are off course.

Additionally, the timescales for staff to respond to work and communications will be between the hours of 8.30 am – 4.00pm unless they choose to do so but it is not an expectation and work after this time will be liked or added to journal after 4pm unless the children have gone really wrong and feedback will be provided.

We are deploying all available staff to feedback on seesaw.

Thank you.

Mrs Gethin



IMPORTANT - NEEDS ACTION

CLASS DOJO

We are thrilled with how class dojo works for us and, we notified you within our privacy notice that this was a business tool we used and which you knew about in signing up for an account. All GDPR compliance statements from the companies we use listed in our privacy notice are collected and collated. However, I need to do 2 things -

1. Inform you that we are entering into a Standard Contractual Clauses (SCC) with Class Dojo to further assist with meeting the GDPR legal requirements regarding personal data to ensure that appropriate security is applied to data being transferred or stored outside of the EEA, in compliance with European Commission and European Data Protection Board guidance.
2. To request specific permission from you to continue with your account on class dojo (normally it would be to set up an account but that ship has sailed!) due to the information provided.

FORM - IMPORTANT

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE FORM GIVING YOUR CONSENT
WILL BE SENT OUT SEPARATELY VIA PARENTMAIL AS WELL**

INCREASING DATA ALLOWANCES ON MOBILE DEVICES TO SUPPORT DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

Schools can use the following website to request free mobile data increases for families who don't have broadband at home and can't afford extra data.

Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile & Sky Mobile are all taking part in the scheme:

Follow the link to this Gov.Uk website for details of how to apply -

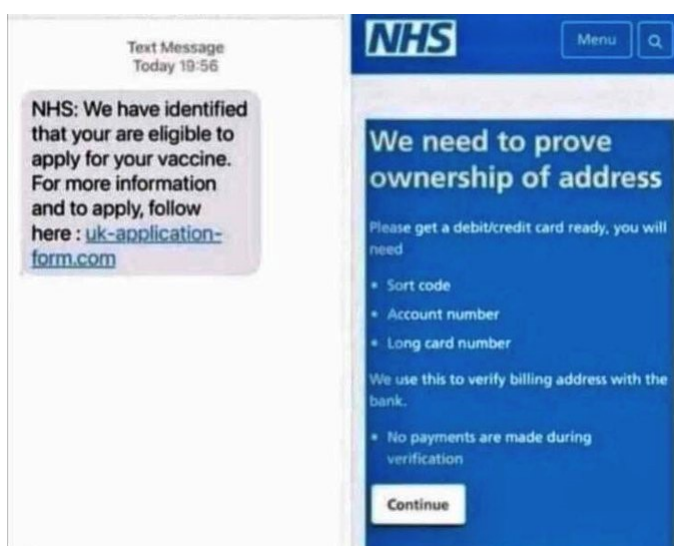
<https://t.co/y5AGbKs1K6?ssr=true>. We have sent more information about this separately via email with a form for you to complete if you are interested.

Requests need to be returned to school by **MONDAY 11TH JANUARY**.

TEXT SCAM - PLEASE DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT

Due to the roll out the new vaccine, many people are anticipating contact from health care professionals about the opportunity and turn to receive their dose. This is great news, but unfortunately, criminals are seeing this as an opportunity to lure people into clicking links on fraudulent text messages and emails, with the eager anticipation of vaccine news and cyber criminality, this could lead to a perfect storm if people aren't aware.

Attached to the newsletter you will find some useful advice and an example of a scam text message currently circulating, provided by Staffordshire Police Cyber Crime Unit.



REMOTE LEARNING - XBOX OR PLAY STATION

We don't know if this will work, but it may be worth a try.

Using X Box or Play Station to access HWB

Accessing your remote learning. An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown.

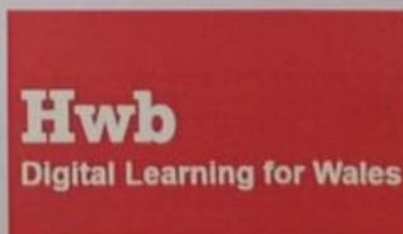
X Box

1. Plug a key board in to the X box USB slot
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in: HWB and log in as you would in school
5. You can then access your work through one drive and use key packages including:
 - Word
 - Teams
 - Excel
 - PowerPoint
 - Your emails
6. To move around you use the X Box control or plug a mouse



Play Station

1. Identify the Play Station internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PS4 logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type HWB into the browser and log in as you would in school
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REQUEST FOR APPLE TV

If anyone has an apple TV that is in a drawer not used and are happy to donate it to school please let us know! We have other options to cast our i-pads to the whiteboards / TVs but apple TVs are by far the best in order to move around the room and use with children. Hope you don't mind me being cheeky and asking!



I would like to point you towards the link for our Mental Health and wellbeing section of our Website [The Forest Family - Mental Health & Wellbeing \(theforestfederation.co.uk\)](https://www.theforestfamily.co.uk) and will forward any items of support and advice which we receive.

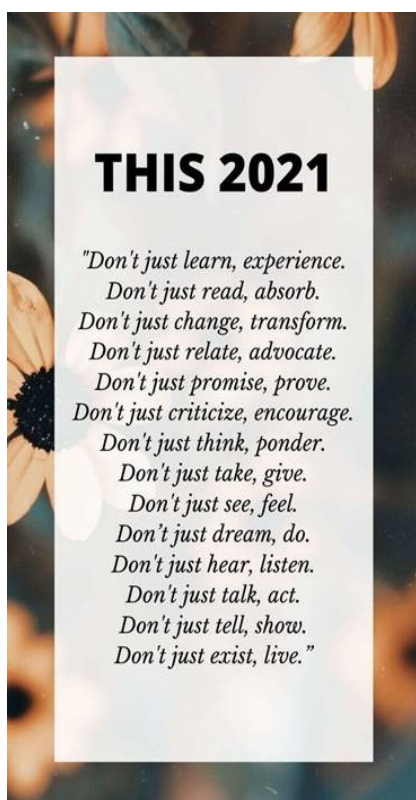
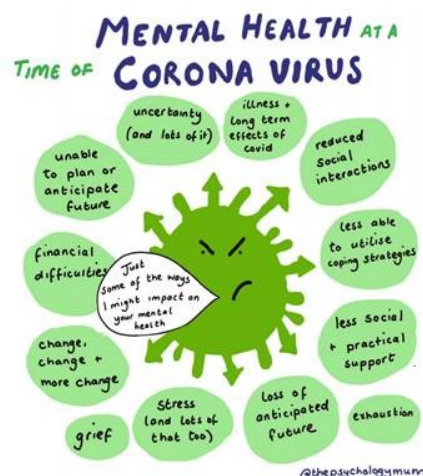
MENTAL HEALTH AT A TIME OF CORONA VIRUS

A useful, accessible resource (for adults) https://www.hachette.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/How-to-Stay-Calm-in-a-Global-Pandemic-Free-ebook.pdf?_ga=2.102873414.711411056.1609771723-306701200.1609771723 to support you through this difficult time.

KIND MATTERS NEWSLETTER

Attached to our newsletter is a 'Kind Minds' newsletter.

This newsletter has been produced by several partner organisations across Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent with the aim of pulling together useful information about children & young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing.



PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOROUGH COUNCIL WARDS

The Boundary Commission has been consulting on its proposed changes to ward boundaries in East Staffordshire. Currently Newborough is with Hoar Cross and Yoxall in a ward which elects one councillor. The proposed change will put us with Hanbury, Draycott and Marchington, again in a one councillor ward. You have until Monday to submit comments: click [HERE](https://www.lgbce.org.uk) [Local Government Boundary Commission for England Consultation Portal \(lgbce.org.uk\)](https://www.lgbce.org.uk)

SKILLS NETWORK - LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATIONS

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer from the Skills Network, they offer fully funded level 2 online qualifications 47 in all.

To take advantage the courses you just need to book using the link at the bottom of the pdf.

MESSAGE FROM DERBY AND BURTON HOSPITAL

NHS - Donation from All Saints, Rangemore £265.43

"Thank you so much for your kind donation to support our fantastic NHS team during the uncertain times of the Coronavirus.

Our NHS is under immense pressure and needs you more than ever and your donation means that we can support our staff currently caring for patients with the coronavirus and other vulnerable, high risk groups. We cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for us and with us, and we are most grateful to you for your support.

Thank you."

Megan Heappey



Matthew 2:12

Verse Concepts

And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.



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