



All Saints' and Needwood Church of England Primary Schools

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Friday 29th January 2021



"Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye" Helen Keller

All Saints

Class 1-School- Charlotte and Johan - For brilliant team-work and resilience when making and creating models this week.

Home-David -For continuing to show motivation and enthusiasm during phonics this week.

Class 2-School-Joseph- For coming into school with a positive attitude. You are focusing well during lessons, building up confidence within the classroom and even putting your hand up during lessons to answer questions! Well done , we are so proud, keep it up Joseph!

Home -Samuel-For your excellent engagement with online learning. You are producing some brilliant work and speaking confidently during our live lessons. We love the voice comments you are sending us on Seesaw too! Well done Samuel!

Class 3-School- Madeline -For being a resilient learner and consistently putting EVERY effort into completing your work to the best of your ability.

Home- Matilda - For your excellent effort and dedication to learning whilst completing tasks at home. It's wonderful to witness your knowledge and confidence growing overtime!

Class 4 - School- Harris-For your amazing independent skills, determination and perseverance and for making everyone in our class bubble smile. You get on with your own work but are also kind, helpful and encouraging to others and a great zoom class member too. Thank you

Home-Alice-For another incredible week of learning. Being at home is no hardship to you; although tech issues sometimes make things a challenge. You overcome problems, find solutions and demonstrate incredible creativity in every task. Your work is a joy to receive and share and I am so glad you are part of our class.

Needwood

Class 1 -School-Harrison— His approach to his learning has been fantastic! He is enjoying handwriting tasks as well as working in our independent activities—well done!

Home -William C— This week has seen William writing at length for our Traditional Tales topics. He has used a range of connectives and verbs to excite the reader. Well done William!

Class 2-School -Tiffany-For her fantastic sequel to the story 'Mission Possible', she worked with enthusiasm and care. Her story was exciting because of the superb vocabulary choices she made.

Home - Orla-For excellent work as a secret agent this week. She designed and produced a very persuasive advert for a new spy gadget and then joined our zoom call as her alter ego 'Rogue Espionage'.

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Mia-For excellent work as a secret agent this week. She designed and produced a very persuasive advert for a new spy gadget then joined our zoom call as her alter ego 'Vic Cobra'.

Class 3-School-Gracie -Wonderful effort and achievement in her English this week. Gracie planned, presented and edited her writing with a focused and positive attitude — producing a report to be proud of. Well done Gracie!

Home-George N-Fantastic engagement during live lessons. You are listening and absorbing techniques and ideas, which have resulted in some truly outstanding pieces of writing George. Keep up the great work!

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

What a funny week! It started with the uncertainty of attendance due to snow and the rurality of many of our homes through to 10°C at the end of the week! Children had a ball in the snow either at home or in school and we have presented a gallery of pictures (please see attached and at the end of this Newsletter) with some amazing sculptures! It was really hard to judge the snow sculpture competition as they were all amazing and well crafted, there were some fantastic

snow people, a range of animals, cars, robots,

R2D2 and even structures like igloos. They

were great! Well Done to these winners – one per school! A girl from class 1 for RM (sorry no name as an individual photo) and Afeni at Needwood. We will put aside your certificates and prizes!



We launched our language of the term by sharing a counting book in Swahili in our worship this week and now our bubbles at school are sharing it too. A great way to engender empathy with other cultures and encourage international learning.

We hope that children and families enjoyed our Fresh Air Freedom Friday day today and I look forward to seeing your faces in worship!

Children have enjoyed bathing and walking Ralph over the last couple of weeks here are some pictures for you to enjoy.



As you are aware, Boris Johnson announced yesterday that they anticipate children returning to school no sooner than 8th March. Here is the link if you wish to read the speech. [Prime Minister's statement on coronavirus \(COVID-19\): 27 January 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/prime-minister-s-statement-on-coronavirus-covid-19) We welcome the certainty provided by this timely decision which provides us time to plan further. Whilst we are disappointed that we will not return to normal after half term, reducing transmission and everyone's health is important and we accept that this decision was based on expert review of the evidence. This is just a little message to manage expectations of this potential date. It may be that not everyone returns with a staggered start of different year groups and indeed it may be regional linked to the R rate in different areas. We need to be prepared for it to not be a 'full' opening. We will certainly let you know the plans when we are advised. We will continue to offer the remote education we are providing currently with all manner of live, video and activity approaches to engage your child in learning and, we reiterate, you are doing a fantastic job!

We hope that you have a good weekend. Mrs C Gethin and Ralph.



ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

LANGUAGE OF THE HALF TERM

How are children doing with the language of the half term competition – attached!
Their challenge is to find out any interesting facts or information about the country in which our language of the month is spoken which is Swahili!
Here are some links to a song with some basic greetings:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRRyAEddO6E&safe=active>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsVMJqT1eEc&safe=active>

Here are some ideas:- famous people, important events, native animals or plants, music, art. They can present their information in any way they like – artwork, model, PowerPoint, poem.....let your imagination run wild! Please hand your completed work to Miss O'Dell or Mrs. Gethin by **Monday 22nd February (seesaw, Dojo, email)**. This is all part of our language of the term which we will immerse ourselves in daily! In order to enhance our ethos of celebrating difference and diversity and the fundamental British values 'Mutual Respect and Tolerance' we have selected a language significant to our schools (either as they are pertinent to our links with Uganda or are the languages spoken by the children in our schools). We hope you like and enjoy.



NEEDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILIES—MY SCHOOL FUND



We're pleased to announce that Needwood Primary School is now part the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help. Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to Needwood Primary School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at myschoolfund.org

ONION FESTIVAL AT RANGEMORE

Rangemore and Needwood families are invited to take part in an onion growing competition—please see the poster for further information and how to purchase your pack and get growing your onions!

EVENING CLEANER REQUIRED AT NEEDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Evening cleaner required for Needwood School.
Monday to Friday 3pm - 6pm term time.
Full training and DBS included.
For further details please contact Sam on 07792916419.

USEFUL INFORMATION

CHANGE4LIFE – LOCKDOWN LUNCHES AND MEAL PLANS

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. Please take a look at the website below for some exciting ideas:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>



Do You KNOW YER ONIONS? – Volunteers wanted!

In these COVID times what we need is an event to cheer us up.
What better way than to GROW ONIONS for a fun [competition](#)!



£1 will get you 20 Exhibition Onion seeds, as well as compost and full instructions how to grow them.

A February start is advised to have your onions ready for the competition on September 18th 2021 in Rangemore.

There will be various classes to enter your onions, some humorous, and categories for children and home cooked [onion based](#) foods. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category.

Proceeds from the competition will be shared by [Rangemore Church](#) and a selected local charity.

The competition will be part of a village fete style event with tea, cakes, beer and sales of local crafts and produce!

Now is the time to get those green fingers in [action](#)!

For further information and entry forms please contact:

David [Pointer](#) (01283 713354) or Dorothy Walford (01283 711602).

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL—'ENTITLED TO CALCULATOR'

"Entitled To" is an online benefits checker, it enables Staffordshire residents to easily input their details and find out what benefits they may be entitled to. The calculator is free to use, and it should only take 10 minutes to complete - all details provided are anonymous. The calculator could be helpful if you fall under any of the below categories:

- Anyone who is worried about their financial situation and don't know if they are entitled to any benefits.
- Families who aren't sure what benefits they are entitled to
- Older people who may not have thought they could access any benefits
- Those whose furlough is ending
- Those who may be facing redundancy
- Those made redundant or unemployed

Please follow the link to find out more: <https://staffordshire.entitledto.co.uk/home/start>

CHURCH/COMMUNITY NEWS



STAFFORDSHIRE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICE

Wellness Wednesday's: Starting from **Wednesday 20 January 2021 from 10am – 11am** we will be hosting a virtual coffee hour via Microsoft teams **every** Wednesday for parents and carers. It doesn't matter if your children are sitting on your knee, running around in the background or sitting quietly by your side.

There's no agenda, this is just an informal opportunity to chat to other parents, make friends, support each other, share tips, cry, laugh or just sit and listen and be listened to.

If you'd like to join us, please email: sun@staffordshire.gov.uk

Staffordshire Umbrella Network Sessions Online: We trialled the virtual sessions in the Autumn term and are pleased to now release the dates for the Spring Term. The sessions are open to anyone working in or living with SEND including parents, carers, voluntary & statutory services, schools and providers.

Each session will cover one district (see below) Ideally you would sign up for the meeting in the district you live, however, if you are unable to take part in your district group, it may be possible to join one of the others, but please bear in mind not all services cover all areas.

Dates and Times of SUN Sessions

Wednesday 24 February - 10am–11am - North Staffs

Tuesday 09 March - 10am–11am - South Staffs

Thursday 11 March - 10am–11am - East Staffs

Thursday 18 March - 10am–11am - Cannock/Lichfield

Wednesday 24 March - 10am–11am - Stafford

Numbers will be limited therefore booking is essential. If you are a **parent, carer, young person or a service provider** and would like to attend please email sun@staffordshire.gov.uk or telephone [01785 356921](tel:01785 356921).



Proverbs 15:18: "Hot tempers cause arguments, but patience brings peace."



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Gallery ~ Snow Much Fun!



