

All Saints' and Needwood Church of England Primary Schools (Ceeping in Touch Lockdown 2 Newsletter 6

Friday 12th February 2021

"Quote the Week, "Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble". Yehuda Berg

ALL SAINTS	
Class 1-School-Matthew -For continuing to apply his self consistently well across all areas of the curriculum. Home—Gil- For continuing to be highly motivated and engaged with all areas of his learning.	Class 2 -School -Lewis -for keeping focussed and work- ing hard all week. You are a good role model for Class 2 with your superb behaviour, always making the right choices and coming into school with a positive atti- tude. Well done Lewis, we are so proud! Home Issy -for her 'have a go' attitude this week. You have worked hard and produced some super online work. We are so proud of you, keep it up!
Class 3-School -Emily W for persevering with her maths work and using practical resources to divide. Well done! Home -Katie - For engaging in our live lessons and showing enthusiasm throughout the week whilst com- pleting her work. Well done!	Class 4—School -Oliver- for a determined effort to com- plete a high standard of work in every lesson. We've been especially impressed with the way you have used the i-pad creatively to support your learning and en- hance the presentation of your writing. Well done. Home-Elsie -For staying engaged and enthusiastic with new learning and responding to tasks in ways that suit your creative computing skills. Your writing is always amazing to read but we have also loved your collaboration with others on Minecraft even though we are apart. Great teamwork skills.
NEEDWOOD	
Class 1 - School—James— This week has seen James exploring and learning outside, which he has loved. Well done James, on a fantastic end to this half term. Home—Alice— Alice is consisnetly giving 100% in all her home learning. She is thriving in online lessons and using all of her resources pack to support her maths work -Great job Alice!	Class 2 - School -William T—For the brilliant way you have settled back into classroom learning. Your focus and determination in maths lessons has been excel- lent. Home -Charlotte - For your excellent work in English this week, you have participated fully in our live les- sons and produced some fantastic pieces of follow up writing.

join in with class discussions in English and are producing some fantastic pieces of work. Well done William! Home-Julian -Enthusiastic participation in live lessons. You are always willing to read out loud, type your ide as in the chat or unmute to ask and answer questions. In particularly this week your enthusiasm for sharing books you have read with the rest of the class was brilliant. Well done Julian!

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AWARDS (RED—All Saints, GREEN—Needwood)

	Peace: Opal		Goodness: <mark>Annabel G</mark> Grace P		Faithfulness: Jack A
6	Patíence: <mark>Dylan</mark> Jude	_	Kindness: <mark>Holly H</mark> Lewis	Y	Self Control: <mark>Fabíen</mark> Aart
	Gentleness: <mark>Wílliam R</mark> Afení	()	Joy: <mark>Beth H</mark> Martha	*	Love: <mark>Jorgíe</mark> Willíam Ha

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

You did it! Whilst the last couple of weeks have been more challenging for everyone with families at home hitting a metaphorical wall and staff supporting them through this tricky time as well as juggling additional life challenges and distressing times, what I can say, is it's so wonderful that the vast majority of people have managed their approaches and their words. We have been inundated with positivity and encouragement, kind requests for support and adjustments. We are all still finding our new normal and know that half term will provide a reprieve from the challenges of home learning and some time to breathe. It may be that you are still working full tilt at this time and I hope you manage to spend some time with your families. Whilst it's important that I manage ex-



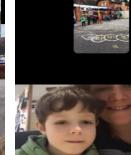
pectations of what a 'return' will look like, we are certainly getting closer to a future where we will get to see the children in person, we miss them so dearly – it's just not the same seeing them online and we hope to see you all soon. In the meantime, stay strong, together and communicate kindly.

It's that time for our fruits of the spirit awards and we enjoyed sharing them today with the children. So great to see all these values as a key part of our daily lives reminding us all to be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful and to have self-control through these difficult times. Wonderful.

It was wonderful to enjoy the pancake races ready for Shrove Tuesday at All Saints this morning. It was great to see children having their race at home and watching our race at school. We will zap some more photos including Needwood later today onto twitter and in the newsletter for the first week back sharing our day today where we enjoyed the pancake races, our walk for Captain Sir Thomas Moore and Chinese New Year – everything converged.













Our language of the term has been fun and staff offer this half terms connection video in Swahili! Enjoy!

https://www.amg-it.co.uk/forestfederation/SwahiliStaffMessage.mp4



It's also St Valentine's day on Sunday. It's interesting isn't it because we know who the main saints are and we share them each year with some details but how much

do we really know about their stories? St Valentine died in the year 269AD and there are stories and legends of his life. What can you find out this holiday?

This week saw safer internet day and, whilst this is at the forefront of much of our work with regular discus-



sions and reminders, it was a national day to reflect more deeply on how to stay safe online. Children did some super things and we received some great competition entries. There is still time over the holidays to send one in and we



will present the winners the first week back! Some useful links are listed further in the Newsletter for you.

I hope that you all get into your local environments for walking, fresh air and play, have time to be together and to love. Have a safe and happy half term and see you in a week! Mrs Gethin and Ralph.



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

WORLD BOOK DAY-4TH MARCH 2021

We are looking forward to World Book Day 2021 on Thursday March 4th and more details will be sent on our Newsletter on Friday 26th which will enable us all ready to go as there are 4 key activities that all children, across all Trust schools, are getting involved in!

NEEDWOOD-MRS WAGSTAFF'S RETURN

You will be thrilled to know what we are preparing for Mrs Wagstaff's return to school after her maternity leave. She has been spending time with staff and children building up her knowledge of her class and their needs and, of course, new requirements in school due to COVID. We are so excited for her return and are grateful for her input into the marking of seesaw to connect with our children.

From March to July Mrs Wagstaff will be working as a job share with Mrs Ashton. Mrs Wagstaff will teach on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Ashton on a Wednesday – Friday.

Mrs Ashton is an awesome teacher and we are thrilled she can stay! Please note, for employment law reasons we do have to advertise Mrs Wagstaff's job share post for September but hope that Mrs Ashton is one of the applicants for this role.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

CHANGE TO INSET DAYS-IMPORTANT

As the elections are still going ahead on Thursday 6th May we are expected to be a polling station at All Saints. We could have closed and taught remotely that day but, we are also expected to open for key workers and with all four classes in operation, this leaves our site unsafe as we have to be open for voters so we have **SWAPPED our INSET days** so that children are not losing any more school time and the impact on families,

whilst different days, is the same. In order to have parity across the Forest Family for staff and common INSET

requirements this will be across both schools. IN SHORT: THURSDAY 6th MAY - BOTH SCHOOLS CLOSED – INSET DAY

MONDAY 5TH JULY – BOTH SCHOOLS OPEN (This was an inset day but it is swapping)

I hope this makes sense so please alter your diaries and let us know if it causes any difficulty. Thank you.

NEEDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL- LUNCHTIME SUPERVISIOR VACANCY (MATERNITY COVER)



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mation. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on 5th March 2021 with Selection/ Interview taking place on Wednesday 10th March.

ONION FESTIVAL

Further to our email regarding the Onion growing competition for the Rangemore Fete please remember to let us know if you would like to take part. The cost for this is £1 per entry which is payable in cash when you collect the seeds and compost. Payment is by cash only and please put this in an envelope with your name on it. The closing date for entries is Friday 12th March.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Be smart &

SAFER INTERNET DAY LINKS

Here are some links to websites that have loads of information for your reference– Safe surfing! <u>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</u> click on the age group, some excellent videos, and activities.

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/safer-internet-day-live-lesson/zdh2wnb

https://twitter.com/safeinternetday

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s

https://vimeo.com/508918481/59802841ce

A more generic video for a wider audience from Staffordshire police: <u>https://vimeo.com/508893061/4cb72674cd</u>

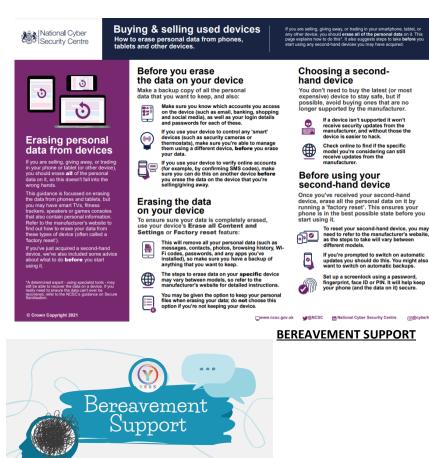




INTERNET SAFETY—DARK WEB

We have been asked about what the dark web is and if our children can easily get onto it. Attached is some information from the local authority and here are some links for information.

Thinkuknow - what is the dark web? The Dark Web explained (thinkuknow.co.uk) Internet Matters - dark web advice for parents What is the dark web? - Advice for parents | Internet Matters National Crime Agency - combating sexual abuse and exploitation Child sexual abuse and exploitation - National Crime Agency



Do you feel like you're struggling to come to terms with a loss? Do you want support to process some of your feelings around grief?

We are offering free one-to-one and group support for adults and children & young people.

For more information, call 01889 567756

BARNARDO'S BLACK, ASIAN AND MI-NORITY ETHNIC COVID HELPLINE

ADVICE ON BUYING AND SELLING DEVICES



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call us between and Friday 10am – 8pm / and Sunday 10am – 3p

To find out more information visit helpline.barnardos.org.uk

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Scripture - Corinthians 13 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.



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