

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

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Hebrews 10:23: let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering; for he who promised is faithful.

Quote the Week,

Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts.

DIARY DATES						
2020	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED					
30.03.21	RALPHS BIRTHDAY -DOG CHARITY DONATIONS					
30.03.21	EASTER SERVICE					
01.04.21	ENRICHMENT DAY					
01.04.21	LAST DAY OF TERM					
19.04.21	TERM STARTS					
19.04.21	CLASS 2 SWIMMING STARTS					
22.04.21	PARENT FORUM 9.30AM (ZOOM)					
29.04.21	ACADEMY PHOTOS—LEAVERS, GRADUATIONS					
03.05.21	MAY DAY					
06.05.21	INSET DAY					
28.05.21	LAST DAY OF TERM					
07.06.21	TERM STARTS					
16.07.21	LAST DAY OF TERM					

W/C	SCHOOL CLUBS

LIEADTEA QUEDIO AMADDO								
HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS								
Class 1		Class 2		Class 3				
Sebastian, Morgan,		Oscar						
Green Star 🛊 Bronze Sta		e Star ★	Silver Star 🗼		Gold Star 🗼			
Ellie P					Martha			
Bronze Cup **		Silver Cup	**	Gold Cup				
Bronze Medal		Silver medal W						
OF THE WEEK								

Class 1

Last week: Finn H—
Making a wonderful
start to class 1 and
settling in like a super
star! We feel like we
have had you for years!
Welcome to Needwood
and our Forest Family

This week: Charlie—
Charlie's confidence
has blossomed recently. He is much more
willing to 'have a go'
and this is showing in
his writing in particular.
Fantastic effort Charlie!

Etta—For trying hard in all her learning! Etta is gaining confidence and is happier to ask for help when she needs it and is able to listen and focus for a little longer—well done Etta!

Class 2

Last week: All of Class 2—
For the excellent way
you have settled back in
to school life. It has
been wonderful to have
you all in class and to
see how happy you are
to be with your friends
again. You have worked
extremely hard all week
and have made us very
proud.

This week: Archer—For your determination to work hard in all lessons. Since everyone has been back at school you have demonstrated how motivated and focussed you can be. Well done—keep it up!

Class 3

Last week: Izzy T—For:
Having a positive attitude
towards her learning this
week and adjusting to having the rest of the class in
school. For using her super
listening skills in Maths that
are helping develop her
confidence with fractions.

This week: Freddie—His brilliant engagement during lessons, where he participates enthusiastically, is always happy to answer challenging questions or share his ideas. It is wonderful to have Freddie back in school with us!

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

It's been a really super week of great, focused learning. Both schools have felt incredibly settled and children have been well-behaved and engaged, I'm really proud of them all and our whole community. The parents' evenings went very well indeed and they work so well in our virtual world; we are grateful for the positive messages that we have received from our families. Thank you.

Ralph has enjoyed plenty of walks and even a bath this week! He instinctively knows that children need some fuss when they are feeling sad or in need of TLC.



He sits and listens to them and one boy independently decided to read to him which was wonderful! We bought 10 new pug themed books to add to our collection because a lot of children have read the ones that we have, It's been lovely to see their motivation and excitement!

It was a year ago yesterday, on 18th March, that the Prime Minister announced to the

nation that schools in England were to shut from Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice as a response to the coronavirus pandemic. To date there have been



4.2 million cases of coronavirus and over 125,000 deaths. It has been a tragic time in our global history and so many families have suffered the unbearable loss of loved ones, friends, family and colleagues. Yet, over this time there have been huge stories of bravery and courage, service and recovery against all odds. Our NHS has been on the front line of the pandemic and it is right that the nation has applauded them and, so have our other public services – the police, carers, and of course those working in education. Other services have kept our country running from farming, food production, transportation to shop workers, IT infrastructure and services and we are grateful to everyone for their part in keeping our country going. Of course, I will take this moment to again thank our children, families and Forest Family Staff for seeing our children through, what we hope is the final lockdown and, remind everyone to be vigilant in the choices they make and the procedures they need to follow in order to protect everyone safety. Thank you.

Have a super weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week. Mrs Gethin and Ralph.

EASTER HOLIDAY CONTACT TRACING

Please contact me on <u>asr-headteacher@asr.jtmat.co.uk</u> to inform me of a positive case where your child developed symptoms within 48 hours of being at school. We will then contact all the families in your child's bubble as we are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation and your child may have been infectious whilst at school. Thank you.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS & SUPPORT BUBBLES



It has come to our attention that on occasions families have been seen congregating at the park in the village. Please can we politely remind our families that the rules and restrictions whilst we are still in national lockdown are still the following (taken from the latest government guidance as at the 8th March 2021):

"Outdoor recreation

You can spend time in outdoor <u>public spaces for recreation on your own, with your household or support bubble, or with one other person</u>. This means you can sit down for a drink or picnic. You must continue to maintain social distance from those outside your household. This is in addition to outdoor exercise, which is already permitted."

It has also been reported to us that some of the play at the park can be at times be described as 'rough play' which we wouldn't accept in school. As a school community, we work really hard in school to ensure that children learn how to play together safely and with kindness to others, therefore with respect, please can we ask for your support with this.

Several children are going home with other families. Under the regulations you are of course allowed a designated childcare support bubble but, only one and not to swap and change. There should not be any play dates unless it is with your support bubble for your child. Please let us know who your support bubble is and we will be able to allow your child to go home with them.

Please be mindful of all our families and staff at this time, we have vulnerable children in school, staff and families with vulnerable people at home and children coming to school could be asymptomatic and pass on Covid to other vulnerable children and families jeopardising safety. Let's do everything we can to keep everyone safe and follow the guidelines – thank you for your understanding and continued support.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

PARENT FORUM

It's been a while and it dawned on me that, we do everything else on zoom, why not parent forum? I propose a meeting for each school and, am happy for it to be any parent who wishes to attend. Usually we have representatives from each class who take discussion points and ideas from the parent body and, feed this back to me prior to the meeting to formulate an agenda. It sounds formal but it's not and it's a time to celebrate what is good and raise questions which often lead to school improvement. It isn't a time to bring up concerns which are current at the time of the meeting, it's more strategic than that although it's a time where I often get to know a few things if there are any difficulties and is helpful to support parents in our decisions and actions.

If you have any agenda items which you know of prior to the meeting, please let me know. I shall post the zoom link on Dojo when we return after Easter. Do come along if you want to and can:

Needwood Thursday 22nd April @ 9.30am

See you then!

RALPHS BIRTHDAY AND CHARITY PLANS



On March 30th it is Ralph's 4th birthday.

I know that the children will be desperate to do something but, it's also important that there are no expectations for Ralph to receive gifts so, we thought that it might be nice, so that children feel like they are doing something, if we have a box for collections for dog food, blankets, towels (these do not have to be new) which can be donated to the local charity. We can



then have a lovely collection and celebrate this together. We would like to send these donations to Crowfoot Kennels and Dog Rescue in Church Broughton.

Ralph would **love handmade birthday cards by the children** though and he will display them so we can share together! Thank you! He will choose some favourites to go on the newsletter for the final day of term.

Thank you in anticipation of helpful charity items which would be useful at the centre and support the needs of many dogs who need help.

USEFUL INFORMATION

WATCHES

Children are welcome to wear a watch to school, however, if the watch also doubles as a phone (Apple watches for example) please can we advise that these are not permitted in school—thank you for your understanding.

LUNCH MENU

We are on week 3 of the school lunch menu next week—menu is attached for your information.

If your child/ren would like a school lunch they will just need to order their lunch with their class teacher during morning register. Don't forget children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically get free school meals. For anyone in year 3 or above they are priced at £2.34 payable on ParentPay.



GOVERNMENT UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING OUT OF SCHOOL SETTINGS

The Government have updated their guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) to include a section on asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This section provides information on how members of a household, childcare or support bubble of a primary or secondary-age pupil or college student can access twice-weekly testing.

CAN YOU HELP?



The PTA have very kindly agreed to fund an outside tap in our front courtyard area for our Forest School adventures. Do you know a registered plumber at all who may be able to come and help install one for us? If you do please let the office or Mrs Spencer know! Thank you



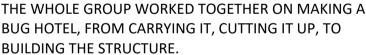
THE CHILDREN HAD SUCH FUN THIS WEEK AT FOREST SCHOOL. THE WEATHER WAS GLORIOUS AND INDEED THE BIRD SONG WAS SO LOUD THAT WHEN WE DID OUR 'GUESS THE BIRD?' THEY COULD HARDLY HEAR IT!! WHICH WAS A JOY.

SOME CONTNUED WITH USING THE BOW SAW AND VERY PROFICIENT THEY WERE TOO.

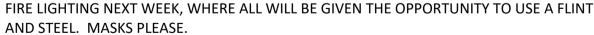


DEN BUILDING WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. TWO GROUPS AND ONE WORKING ALONE AND WHAT FABULOUS DENS WERE CONSTRUCTED.

ALL PASSED THE WATER TEST - APPART FROM THE ONE CONSTRUCTED WITH A HOLEY CAMAFLAGUE NET.



WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL CREATURES GATHERING OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.









To register for Staffs Chats please use the following link: register meeting



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