

# FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



*'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.*



*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

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Sebastian, Morgan,	Oscar	
<b>Green Star</b> ★ Ellie P	<b>Bronze Star</b> ★	<b>Silver Star</b> ☆ Martha
<b>Bronze Cup</b> 🏆	<b>Silver Cup</b> 🏆	<b>Gold Cup</b> 🏆
<b>Bronze Medal</b> 🏅	<b>Silver medal</b> 🏅	

### OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
<p><u>Last week: Finn H</u>—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</p> <p><u>This week: Charlie</u>—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!</p> <p><u>Etta</u>—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!</p>	<p><u>Last week: All of Class 2</u>—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.</p> <p><u>This week: Archer</u>—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!</p>	<p><u>Last week: Izzy T</u>—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.</p> <p><u>This week: Freddie</u>—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!</p>



## **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 18<sup>th</sup> March,

that the Prime Minister announced to the nation that schools in England were to shut from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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's 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 [asr-headteacher@asr.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:asr-headteacher@asr.jtmat.co.uk) 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021):

### *"Outdoor recreation*

*You can spend time in outdoor public spaces for recreation on your own, with your household or support bubble, or with one other person. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April @ 9.30am

See you then!

### RALPHS BIRTHDAY AND CHARITY PLANS



On March 30<sup>th</sup> it is Ralph's 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

THE WHOLE GROUP WORKED TOGETHER ON MAKING A BUG HOTEL, FROM CARRYING IT, CUTTING IT UP, TO BUILDING THE STRUCTURE.

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

FIRE LIGHTING NEXT WEEK, WHERE ALL WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE A FLINT AND STEEL. MASKS PLEASE.





## STAFFS CHATS – MENTAL HEALTH

Discussing all things mental health, from motivation and loneliness to local services and coping strategies

With expert guest panelists and local decision makers, hosted by Staffordshire Youth Union representatives

**MONDAY 22ND MARCH**

**5:30–6:30PM**



To register for Staffs Chats please use the following link: [register meeting](#)

**Dear Head Teacher,**

We are writing to invite your students to take part in an exciting competition we are hosting!

We are giving all students of primary ages to write a poem about living a healthy lifestyle. They could focus on **fitness, healthy eating, getting active, or spending more time outdoors.**

The poem should be between 10-50 lines long, and can be as abstract as the child wants, as long as a theme about health and wellness is clear.

The winner will receive a year long family pass to Conkers, and have their poem featured in promotional video's for our gym, with the opportunity to record themselves reading the poem, if they so wish.

We have attached a poster to promote the competition to your students around your school, alternatively this could be an activity used in English lessons, when your students are studying poetry.

We look forward to seeing your entrants!

**Yours Truly,**  
Dan & Jenny Berry  
The Phase 2 Gym

## COMPETITION

WRITE A POEM ABOUT LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

10-50 LINES LONG

ALL AGES WELCOME

WINNER'S POEM USED TO PROMOTE THE PHASE 2 GYM

SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS

HEALTHY EATING

FITNESS

GETTING ACTIVE

1st prize

ANNUAL CONKERS FAMILY PASS

**SHOBALL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP  
EASTER SPECIAL**

WHO CAN GO? RECEPTION, YEAR 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

WHAT ARE THE DATES? WEEK 1 APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> WEEK 2 – APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

WHERE DO WE PLAY? PLAYGROUND, FIELD, ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND AND SCHOOL HALL

WHAT TIME DOES IT START AND FINISH? 8.45am-8.00am – 2.45pm-3.00pm

WHAT DO I NEED? TRAINERS AND SUITABLE CLOTHING, A PACKED LUNCH AND PLENTY TO DRINK

WHERE IS THE ENTRANCE? KEY STAGE 2 GATE, ACTIVE LEARNING SPORTS BLUE FLAG CAMP WILL BE OUTSIDE ENTRANCE

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? PER DAY COST = £13.00 5 DAYS COST = £65.00 (MEDALS WILL BE GIVEN TO EVERY CHILD THAT ATTENDS FULL WEEK)

How to apply? Go online to [activelearningsports.com](#)

20% DISCOUNT ON SIBLINGS

FULL PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO SECURE YOUR PLACE ON THE COURSE

Send your application and any payment requirements in a sealed envelope to Shoball school office

Please make cheques payable to 'ACTIVE LEARNING SPORTS' and write your child's name and year group on the back.

Confirmation of places will be given via phone email

Places are limited and will be awarded on a first come first served basis!!

HOW TO PAY? Apply online @ [@activelearningsports.com](#)

Or for further enquiries please contact James Attwood on 07800812039 or email [james@activelearningsports.com](#)

**Covid 19 safe-** Details will be on our website of how we will be following all government guide lines to ensure the safety of all of the children and staff.

PLACES ARE GIVEN ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS AND THERE IS A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLACES OF 50 CHILDREN SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!

## 7 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO TRY OUT DURING YOUR WEEK

@BELIEVEPHQ

### MONDAY

Spend some time during your week writing down negative thoughts. This can be a really simple tool to help you identify thinking errors and to start managing them more effectively

### TUESDAY

If you experience a worry try and postpone it to your worry time. Use worry time to solve any practical worries which you have experienced and to learn how to problem solve more effectively

### WEDNESDAY

If you experience a worry and can't get it out of your mind why not try and stay present with what it is you were doing before the worry popped up. Use all of your senses to stay in the present moment and to re-engage with a task

### THURSDAY

Challenge those negative thoughts. Ask yourself the following questions: are they fact or opinion? What is the evidence for or against thoughts? How can I develop a more realistic thought?

### FRIDAY

Self care is really important. Why not try engaging in some deep breathing, ratio breathing or progressive muscle relaxation. They are really useful for reducing psychological and physiological arousal

### SATURDAY

Within your week it is important that you schedule in activities that give you a sense of achievement, pleasure and satisfaction. Schedule some fun activities for the upcoming week

### SUNDAY

Connect with some colleagues, friends or family members. Focus on building a positive mental health support network

## Action Packed Holiday Camps!

From just £15 per day

Choose from 6 exciting activities

**Our daily schedule**

8am - 9am  
Early drop-off £3  
Your child can join online early drop-off at 8am - 9am for just £3 extra!

9am - 1pm  
Standard day £16  
Lunch & pick up £3  
Need longer? We've got it covered! Our optional after school session will extend pick-up time from 3pm until 4pm for just £3 extra!

1pm - 3pm  
Late pick up £3

**2021 Dates**

Summer Holiday Camps  
July 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
September 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

**How to book**

Book online at [www.premieractive.co.uk](#) or call 0800 195 0888

## 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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ALL SAINTS

