

# FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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## Thursday 1st April 2021



Hebrews 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."



**S.D. Gordon** Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life. Wishing you a special, hopeful and beautiful Easter

"Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul  
And sings the tune without the words  
And never stops at all." — Emily Dickinson

### DIARY DATES

2021	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
01.04.21	FINAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP 2.30PM
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
22.01.21	Class 1 Yoga (3.30-4.30PM)

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Paige, Etta, James, Verity	Poppy-Eve, Abigail, Effie, Orla	
Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★
Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆
Bronze Medal 🏅	Silver medal 🏅	

### OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Sienna—Amazing, independent writing. Sienna engaged so well in lesson and then applied her learning in her own writing at length. Well done Sienna!	George D—For an amazing end to the spring term. You have been focussed and hard working, your contributions and enthusiasm in lessons have been excellent. Keep it up George.	Harvey—For his contributions and effort in lessons this week. In Maths, Harvey has made significant contributions, working in a focused and accurate way. In English we have seen Harvey really focus on writing more as well as proof-reading for accuracy. Well done Harvey.

### OF THE TERM

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Charlie—Engaging so well in all his learning this term. Charlie's confidence is growing so much and he is happy now to 'have a go' at working more independently. Well done Charlie!	Abigail—For a fantastic term; you consistently show exceptional learning skills. You always listen carefully, are eager to contribute to lessons and then produce work that you should be extremely proud of. We are lucky to have you in class 2.	Aart—Aart is a huge asset to Class 3. He participates during every lesson in a calm and focused way, making thoughtful contributions that benefit the rest of the class. He is kind and considerate to everyone and we are very fortunate to have him in our class.



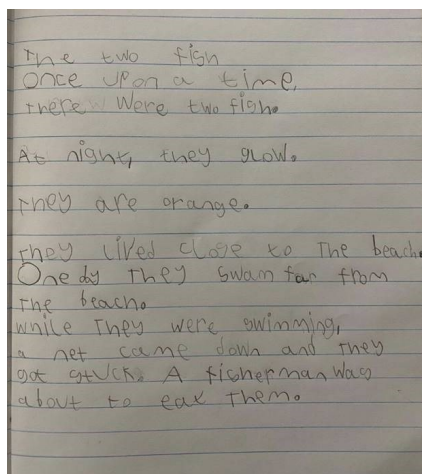
**ATTENDANCE— Has been at 98% this week—a super team effort, well done everyone!**

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT		
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
<p><b>Joy</b>—Verity—The most cheerful greeting and huge smile every morning. Verity spreads joy wherever she goes.</p> <p><b>Patience</b>—Thomas C—For always showing patience with his learning and friends, especially while teaching chess to others.</p> <p><b>Kindness</b>—Charlie—For being a kind and caring friend to others.</p>	<p><b>Love</b>—Romilly—For always showing a kind and caring attitude to everyone.</p> <p><b>Self-Control</b>—William T—For showing self-control and trying his best every day.</p> <p><b>Peace</b>—May—For always showing a calm and peaceful attitude to all.</p>	<p><b>Goodness</b>—Joel—For showing goodness everyday by being very reliable and kind member of class 3.</p> <p><b>Faithfulness</b>—Charlotte W—For being an active and thoughtful participant during worship to show her faithfulness.</p> <p><b>Gentleness</b>—George N—For being kind and gentle classmate to all the members of class 3.</p>

## WORLD BOOK DAY—HIGHLY COMMENDED WINNERS

Well done to everyone who contributed to world book day. Here are our Highly commended winners for world book day and, the overall winner is Sienna who will receive a book token from our amazing Trust, JTMAT – well done!

### Class 1—Sienna

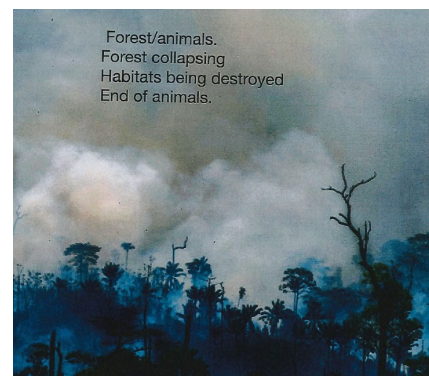


There is a wonderful audio clip of Sienna telling the story! [https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared\\_item?item\\_id=item.a1fc4d24-58d6-4899-beb8-06b2edef3979&share\\_token=ePSfu8CZQyqgrTMTNRpQDg&mode=share](https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.a1fc4d24-58d6-4899-beb8-06b2edef3979&share_token=ePSfu8CZQyqgrTMTNRpQDg&mode=share)

### Class 2— Minnie



### Class 3—Thomas H



Don't forget you can see our World Book Day montage and staff reading following these links below:

[The Forest Family celebrate World Book Day 2021 – JTMAT Loves Reading](#)

[JTMAT Loves Reading](#) and all schools together.

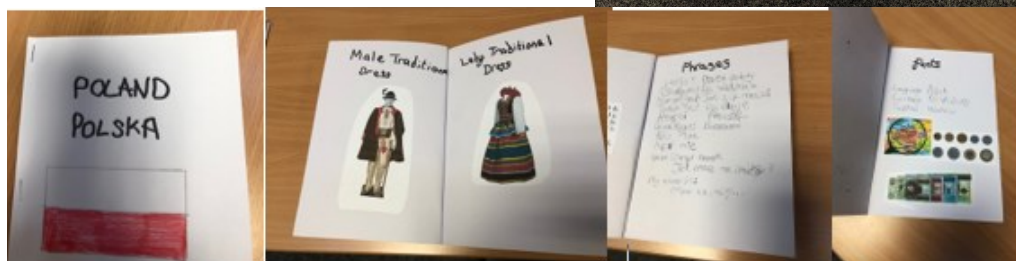
## LANGUAGE OF THE TERM—POLISH

We have had some super entries for our Polish Language of the half term, well done everyone!

The winners of the half term project month this half term is

All Saints: Joseph L

Needwood: Victor and Julian.





## THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

It's been a truly fantastic week which saw our Easter service, Ralph's birthday and our final worship which included a large number of awards! We've had a superb term, children have been so settled and hard working and our schools have been exceptional places to learn, play and work.

We had a special Easter service, children shared readings, songs which were pre-recorded outside, prayers and some wonderful artwork too - the Easter tree looked beautiful. It was fabulous to see so many families. Well done everyone.

Ralph was 4 on Tuesday (we have created a little birthday gallery below) and, as he is such a lucky dog, the children thought it would be great to make him some cards and donate food, toys and blankets to Crowfoot Kennels. We thank the families for being so generous.

<https://www.crowfootkennels.co.uk>

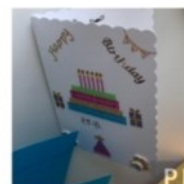
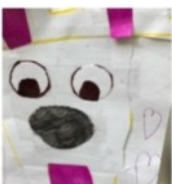
Thank you so much to our beautiful PTA for the special sunflower seeds.

We hope that you have an excellent Easter, time to reflect and rest. I hope that you enjoy family time without home learning - well just a bit of reading and arithmetic. Happy Easter.

Mrs Gethin and Ralph



## RALPH'S BIRTHDAY GALLERY





## WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

### CLASS 2 SWIMMING



Swimming sessions begin for class 2 on Monday 19th April 2021 at Meadow Side Leisure Centre, Burton. Children need: swimming trunks (no shorts) or a one piece costume, towel and swimming hat – all in a suitably waterproof bag. Any child wearing earrings needs to remove these for lessons – they will not be allowed to enter the pool wearing them and this is non negotiable. Therefore we strongly advise that on swimming days the children remove earrings before they come to school and keep them safe at home. **Please note that children will be expected to wear a face mask on the bus to and from the pool – please ensure children have a mask with them and a bag to pop it in between uses. Thank you.**

### 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!

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### 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.

### PARENT PAY BALANCES

Please can we politely ask families to check their Parent Pay accounts and clear any balances that they may have on their account over half term for lunches and extended school clubs were applicable. Thank you in advance.

### CLASS 1—GUINEA PIG THANK YOU

Class 1 would like to thank our lovely families for the generous donations of equipment for their new class Guinea Pigs. Snowy, Ginger and Biscuit are 3 very lucky Guinea Pigs and are so very thankful for their new homes and accessories we have received—thank you!

### LUNCH MENU

We are on week 2 of the school lunch when we return—the menu is attached for your information. Please note that Friday will be Fish Fingers rather than Southern Fried Bites.

### ENTRUST SPRING FESTIVAL

You may be interested to view this, some children are involved in taking part in this concert.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4\\_e5A3ezmk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4_e5A3ezmk)





**THE LAST DAY OF FOREST SCHOOL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.**

**ABIGAIL'S FATHER CAME ALONG TO HELP SET UP A NIGHT VISION SERVEILANCE CAMERA, SO, FINGERS CROSSED WE SHOULD HOPEFULLY CATCH SIGHT OF SOME WONDERFUL WILDLIFE.**

**THE GROUP THEN SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS AND HAD A FABULOUS OBSTACLE COURSE RACE.**

**PLENTY OF BALANCING, CRAWLING UNDER TARPS, CARRYING BUCKETS OF WATER AND LOTS OF SHOUTING TOO WITH VERY ENTHUSIASTIC SHOUTING.**



**JADE HAD BROUGHT SOME FROG SPAWN AND TADPOLES FOR US TO LOOK AT AND THE CHILDREN LOVED EXAMINING THEM THROUGH A MAGNIFYING GLASS AND SOME WERE EVEN BOLD ENOUGH TO SCOOP UP THE FROG SPAWN. !!**

**WE FINISHED UP WITH ME DEMONSTRATING USING A SHEATH KNIFE TO WHITTLE.**

**WE DID FINISH UP WITH HOT CHOCOATE AND SOME ENORMOUS MARSHMALLOWS - THANK YOU MRS ASTLEY.**

**THIS HAS BEEN ANOTHER LOVELY FEW WEEKS. THE CHILDREN HAVE ALL BEEN THOROUGHLY ENGAGED AND ENTHUSIASTIC.**



## CHURCH/COMMUNITY NEWS/ADVERTS

### STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL— Consultation for children and young people who are autistic, have a learning disability or both

The local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have been awarded funding to test a Community Keyworking programme for children and young people who are autistic, have a learning disability or both. The CCGs are keen that the support offered reflects the needs of these children, young people and families.

SCVYS is working with the local CCGs to understand how a new Keyworker role can support children and young people who are autistic, have a learning disability or both.

Please follow the link for further details and how to take the survey: <https://staffscvys.org.uk/survey/>

**SATURDAY 3RD APRIL**  
**We're Going on a Story Hunt**  
 Free event. Starts 10am. Join us for a scavenger hunt around your home finished with a story told by the fabulous storyteller John Kirk.  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/were-going-on-a-story-hunt-tickets-128770954391?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/were-going-on-a-story-hunt-tickets-128770954391?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Branston Brownies Wants To Welcome You!

1<sup>st</sup> Branston Brownies is an all girls group for 7-11 year olds that meet once a week on a Monday 6-7:15pm in Tatenhill Village Hall. We aim to create the perfect environment to nurture each girls blossoming individuality, creativity, leadership and communication skills and most importantly have lots of fun filled adventures with great friends.

If you are interested in finding out more then you can drop us an email to [firstbranstonbrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:firstbranstonbrownies@hotmail.com)

or you can register your interest on the Girl Guiding website. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram.



**Where are our camps running?**

**Action Packed Holiday Camps!**  
 from just £15 per day

**2021 Dates**

**Our daily schedule**

**Multi-Sports**  
 Children will enjoy a huge range of water and exciting sports! Each day features fun focused lots of sports, games and tournaments in a variety of different sports including: Tennis, Cricket, Rugby, Football, Hockey, Basketball, Chess and much more!

**Football**  
 Our football course offers each child the opportunity to develop their football skills through a guaranteed progression and enjoyable experience! Each team and player receives a certificate of achievement, a trophy and goal setting. Each day features a mini tournament to discover all our new skills.

**Dance & Cheerleading**  
 Learn, create, perform! Take part in the ultimate performance course where each child will have the chance to learn and create new routines. Following practice sessions with new moves, each day will finish with a final showcase performance where everyone receives a certificate.

**Arts & Crafts**  
 An active course doesn't always have to be sporty! Our arts and crafts course is perfect for those who would like a change from a sporting experience. Your child will work with our craft specialists to create a range of amazing projects. Each day will finish with a showcase where each day's work will be displayed to all for all ages.

**How to book!**  
[www.premieractive.co.uk](http://www.premieractive.co.uk) or call 0800 195 0898

**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

SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS

HEALTHY EATING

FITNESS

GETTING ACTIVE

1st prize

ANNUAL CONKERS FAMILY PASS

## Parish News

**Holy Communion Service—Sunday 4th April 2021 at 10.00am—Hanbury**



*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.

