

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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Titus 3:2 :To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarrelling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

Quote the Week

Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we were born—Albert Einstein

DIARY DATES

2021	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
26.04.21	GOVERNORS MEETING
26.04.21	CLASS 2—SWIMMING KITS
29.04.21	ACADEMY PHOTOS—LEAVERS, GRADUATIONS, TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS —ALL CHILDREN TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM
03.05.21	MAY DAY
06.05.21	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
28.05.21	LAST DAY OF TERM
07.06.21	TERM STARTS
18.06.21	FATHERS DAY SERVICE
28.06.21/ 29.06.21	MOVE UP/TRANSITION DAYS
16.07.21	LAST DAY OF TERM

W/C	SCHOOL CLUBS
28.04.21	Class 2 & 3 Tag Rugby (3.30-4.30pm)
29.04.21	Class 1 Yoga (3.30-4.30PM)

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
		Oliver
Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★
		Gold Star ★
Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆
Bronze Medal 🏅	Silver medal 🏅	
Joel (C3)		

OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Opal—Opal has been a huge support this week, settling the Guinea Pigs back in after Easter break, as well as helping Miss Waterhouse with our baby chicks. Opal's kind heart has shone this week, as she has cared for our Class 1 animals.	Lewis—For his enthusiasm and contributions in all lessons. In particular Lewis has been making thoughtful contributions during RE and has also showed excellent knowledge in our new History topic. Well done Lewis.	Julian—For his contributions and enthusiasm in our lessons about Shakespeare this week. Julian has been willingly sharing his knowledge and ideas with class during English—we can't wait to read your final playscript next week Julian! Well done.

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

Our first week back after Easter has been superb! The children have been excellent and the weather, beautiful. Children enjoyed their first swimming session and we were impressed by the pre-preparation and the safety on the day, Meadowside were brilliant.

Our Governors are working hard behind the scenes and are reading a wealth of paperwork for Monday's meeting. We thank them for their hard work on behalf of our schools.

We are thrilled to share our house point winners for the half term in the run up to Easter:

- 1st Byrkley Badgers 33
- 2nd Dunstall Deer 30
- 3rd Lancaster Ladybirds 27
- 4th Meynell Magpies 20

It was great to have a Parent forum sessions.

Catch up premium has seemed to be contentious and, as my letter stated, Catch up allocation for your child does not mean you need to worry about your child's learning, merely that we have apportioned some of the significant funds outlined towards your child's progress and should not be seen as a detrimental thing at all. It is funding we can only dream of in normal years to support children even further.

We discussed children's stamina in physical activity and, how it is pleasing to have the opportunity in school for physical activity including clubs and the opportunity for tournaments in the future.

Parents thanked our school and staff for their immense work during the lockdown and how children returned so brilliantly, for the emotional support available and children's safety.

It was a super session, thank you. Do contact us if you have anything further you wish to discuss.

Ralph loved meeting the author Addy Farmer In the holidays, she signed some books for Mrs Gethin. We are so grateful to her for donating one of her books to our schools and for writing such an important, special book. Ralph and I had a wonderful time. @addyfarmer <https://addyfarmer.com/>

Have a lovely weekend . Mrs Gethin and Ralph.



GAP ANALYSIS TARGETS

As promised prior to parents evening, now that we have analysed children's assessments, class work and outcomes and have identified some key learning targets to share with you have been prepared, These are being sent home today either on email, Dojo message attachment or a paper copy in your child's bag. We hope that you find them useful.

As outlined on several occasions, we are grateful to parents and staff for the hard work conducted during lockdown and, as a consequences, our children are doing rather well considering the challenges they faced. Any interventions planned are simply to add value to your child's progress and support them for the future, if you weren't told at parents evening that there were concerns then there aren't and any curriculum or core understanding gaps are being addressed readily in class and these targets are to help you know where to support your child in their learning. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher. We are sure they are self-explanatory though and the children are aware of the targets also, at an age specific level.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—ALL CHILDREN TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

On Thursday 29th April we will be joined by Academy Photography to take pictures of our Year 6 Leavers, Reception Graduation children and other team photographs. Please can we ask that all children come in school uniform on this day whilst we have a mix of photographs taking place (please note, not all children will be having their photograph taken as this is not the whole school session).

USEFUL INFORMATION

MAY DAY AND INSET DAY

A gentle reminder that Monday 3rd May school will be closed due to Bank Holiday Monday and that on Thursday 6th May we also have an INSET day and school will also be closed on this day to children.

LATENESS

Please can we remind all families to arrive at school at promptly at your allocated drop off time. Anyone arriving after the gates are shut will be marked as late—this helps us get all the children into school and settled as soon as possible to start their day with little disruption. Thank you for your understanding.

THREADWORMS

We have been advised of a case of Threadworms in class 1. Please can families keep an eye on their children and treat any cases as necessary. For further information please refer to the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

LUNCH MENU

We are on week **1** of the school lunch for next week (WC 26.04.21)—the menu is attached for your information.

NATIONAL SURVEY OF CHILDREN—THE BIG ASK

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. All schools are encouraged to support their pupils to [complete this survey](#). A range of [teaching resources](#) have also been produced, including lesson plans and activity packs, to help teachers incorporate this into their lessons.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

STAFFORDSHIRE WARMER HOMES

Staffordshire are offering families who claim free school meals the chance to get free first-time central heating installed in their homes. Applications will be assessed on a first come, first serve basis. Families could get their home fully insulated, have a free first time central heating system and brand new boiler or air source heat pump fitted in their home. [Families will need to visit our page on the Staffordshire Web](#) and choose the option they want installed in their home, and then make the application.



INTERNET SAFETY



ActionFraud Cyber Aware
www.actionfraud.police.uk/999

actionfraud.police.uk/secureyouraccounts

Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat were the most hacked social media accounts reported to Action Fraud

#SecureYourAccounts

Use a strong and separate password for your email. You should also protect your other important accounts, such as banking or social media.

Enable two-factor authentication (2FA). It will help to stop hackers from getting into your online accounts, even if they have your password.

If you can't access your account, search the company's online support or help pages. You'll find information about how to recover your account.

WELLBEING
CHILDRENS BEHAVIOUR/MENTAL HEALTH



Worried about your Child's Behaviour or Mental Health? Here is a new website covering a wide range of issues:
<https://www.happymaps.co.uk>

RESOURCES REGARDING SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT

We have added a suite of resources to the wellbeing section of our website regarding sexual abuse and harassment. Please see the 'Abuse' section under the following link: [The Forest Family - Mental Health & Wellbeing \(theforestfederation.co.uk\)](http://theforestfederation.co.uk)

GUIDE TO SCREEN ADDICTIONS AND RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL USE

Have you been spending more time on your phone or laptop? The way we spend our time has been changing as a result of COVID-19. Whether it's during a lockdown or as we adjust to new norms, it's likely you've been spending more time on your devices.

The pandemic may have encouraged more screen-related bad habits, but the risks were always there. How does your time online make you feel? Are you able to switch off when you need to?

The time we spend in front of screens has a huge influence on our lives. Take control and ensure your digital devices have a positive impact on your life: <https://www.comparethemarket.com/broadband/content/screen-usage-guide/>

STAFFORDSHIRE SUPPORT GROUPS



We have attached some information from the Tamworth, Lichfield and East Staffordshire Your Way Service regarding help re mental wellbeing. If you think you could benefit from some advice and support please see the attached information.

Burton Mind group have also sent some information below that may be of benefit:

for better mental health
Burton and District

Grow Eco-therapy at 67
Bransdon Road – Monday AM
Kingfisher Eco-therapy of
Mosefield Crescent –
Monday PM
01283 566696

Free to join weekly projects
that help wellbeing whilst you
learn about gardening and nature

COVID-19
Safe Project
We have developed
and improved
online the support
of our members

burtonmind.co.uk

**"It means I know
how to spend more
time in my garden
– my safe space"**

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Support

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Register online at www.burtonmind.co.uk/contact-us

✓ Starting May 2021
✓ Weekly 2 hour Sessions
over Zoom
✓ Thursdays, 6pm-8pm
✓ Experienced Facilitators
with Lived Experience

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your chest and
occasionally sharing a
laugh about it all!"**

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LOVEINSPIRE FONDATION—COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please see below flyers for local community events:

Tailored Exercise Sessions

Restart your fitness journey
together. **FREE exercise
sessions** until 30th June

Start Date:
28th April 2021

Venues: St. Chads Community Hall
Red Lion Community Centre

Sessions will be tailored to suit all
fitness levels. Health assessments
will be completed at the start of
each programme.

To book a place, complete a contact form online:
www.loveinspirefoundation.co.uk

Crusade Foundation &
Early Intervention
Children's Mental Health Charity

Stay Connected
#whatsooking

Join a collection of
local chefs/cooks for a
series of **LIVE cooking
demonstrations**.

FREE 4 week session
Every Friday, starting
Friday 7th May 5pm-6pm
Horniglow/Eton & Anglesey

Spaces are limited
Call: **07838 516607**

**Slow
Cooker
Provided**

Crusade Foundation &
Early Intervention
Children's Mental Health Charity

All participants
will receive a grow
pack and have the
opportunity to grow
their own fruit &
vegetables

To register, complete a contact form online:
www.loveinspirefoundation.co.uk
or call: **07838 516607**

REGISTER NOW

**Grow
Together**

**Saturday 24th April
at 11am**

Crusade Foundation &
Early Intervention
Children's Mental Health Charity

Craftermoons

Tuesday 8th, 12th and 15th June
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Do you live in the Burton upon Trent area?
Sign up to get free craft packs by post then join us online for these live sessions to learn decoupage, felting and silk painting.
Don't have a device or can't get on the internet? We are able to loan devices and data and provide support to get online for the sessions. Just let us know what help you need when you book.

YOUR LIBRARY
Staffordshire County Council

BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Strachan And Buxton Trust

To book, or find out more, email
burton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk or call
01283 881204

CAN YOU HELP STAFFORDSHIRE #DITCHTHEBLADE?

SIGNS WHICH COULD INDICATE THAT YOUR CHILD IS AT RISK OF BEING INVOLVED IN KNIFE CRIME:

- WITHDRAWING** FROM FAMILY AND SCHOOL, CHANGING FRIENDS, AND BEING DRAGGED TO A PARTY.
- LOOKING INTERESTED** IN WEAPONS AND GUNS, AND BEING ASKED TO TAKE A PHOTO OF THEM.
- BEHAVING AGGRESSIVE** AND BULLYING, PARTICULARLY ABOUT WEAPONS AND GUNS, AND BEING ASKED TO TAKE A PHOTO OF THEM.
- YOU'RE NERVOUS** KNIVES ARE MESSING FROM THE HOUSE OR NEIGHBOURHOOD, OR YOU HAVE FOUND ONE IN YOUR CHILD'S BAG OR CASE.

Some of these things seem easily explained as part of the difficult teenage years, but it's still important to talk to them about knife crime.

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A REPORT ABOUT A CHILD CARRYING A KNIFE PLEASE CALL STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE ON 101
OR YOU CAN PRIVATE MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK OR TWITTER.
YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CALL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY.

WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE CARRYING A KNIFE?
If you are a parent or carer and you are worried about a child you can find advice at:
WWW.STAFFORDSHIRE.POLICE.UK/DITCHTHEBLADE

#DITCHTHEBLADE

Brighter Beginnings: workshops for parent carers

contact for families with disabled children

Learn from our experienced trainers in a supportive, non-judgemental space
Hear other parents' experiences; share as much or as little of your story as you wish

Free online workshop for parent carers hosted by Contact
for the Staffordshire Parent Carer Forum

How children and young people are supported with their special educational needs



Education Health and Care Plans
and SEN Support

Tuesday 11th May 2021

19:30 – 21:30 [Book here](#)

Thursday 13th May 2021

10:00 – 12:00 [Book here](#)

Find out what educational support is available for your child with additional needs

This online Zoom workshop will help you to understand:

- What are Special Educational Needs?
- What is the legal framework?
- What is SEN Support?
- Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCPs/EHC Plans)
- Your right to appeal
- What support is available

Find more workshops and other advice and opportunities at www.contact.org.uk

contact for families with disabled children
Brighter Beginnings: the 4 essential workshops
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NEED URGENT SUPPORT?

THINK 111 FIRST.

An NHS advisor or clinician will be able to direct you to the right service.

NHS

Parish News

Sunday 25th April, Easter 4 - Colour White 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion TBA Newborough

Sunday 2nd May, Easter 5 - Colour White 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion TBA Hanbury



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School information can be provided in different languages, large print, simple text only or Braille.

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