



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

*Phoebe, Lewis, Sebastian, Nat*

Red

★ Bronze  
*Oliver S*

★ Silver

★ Gold



Bronze Cup



Silver Cup

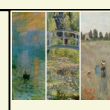
Gold Cup



Bronze Medal



*Charlotte* for consistent approach to her learning and for displaying excellent behaviour.



*Cal* for using his imagination so well while writing about a spooky forest. He used super, descriptive writing that hooked us in so much, we wanted to read more! Well done Cal!



*Mila* for her consistent effort and self-motivation in all lessons. Well done Mila.



*Elizabeth* for setting such high standards for yourself in every lesson. You always try your very best and it is great to see the results of such dedication in brilliant maths and outstanding writing this week.

## DIARY DATES

28.5.21	LAST DAY OF TERM
18.6.21	FATHERS DAY SERVICE
24.6.21 Cancelled	FEDERATION SPORTS DAY
9.7.21	SPORTS DAY DATE CHANGE

*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*

*Philippians 4:5*



*"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity."*

*Amelia Earhar*



## WEEK COMMENCING 10.05.2021

Monday	
Tuesday	AFTERSCHOOL - TAG RUGBY - CLASS 3, NETBALL - CLASS 4
Wednesday	VIOLIN LESSONS - CLASS 3
Thursday	SWIMMING LESSONS - CLASS 3
Friday	

## THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

What a week, it's been even more of a whirlwind than normal for us all despite being disjointed. Staff were highly productive on our INSET day and we hope you managed to have a good day together.

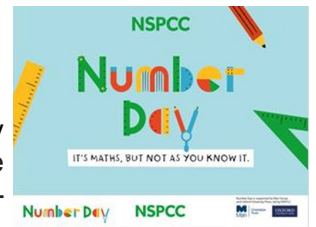
I thank everyone for their kind comments and support with regards to my news and, for anyone who missed it, the details follow in this newsletter. I am still very mixed in my emotions but, I am grateful for your understanding and I so look forward to the final weeks of the summer term before the next difficult step.

Children enjoyed our sleep clinic worship which was presented this week, we thought it was excellent and learned a lot ourselves!

Ralph enjoyed some wonderful trots with the children and a fabulous bath this week.



## THIS WEEK IN FOCUS (Continued)



Children had a really lovely NSPCC Rocks day for National Numbers day. They enjoyed doing some mathematical fundraising to mark and celebrate the day. We will let you know how much we raised and the length of our chain next week - keep an eye on our twitter feed! Thank you for your support.

We hope that you have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!

**I have prepared a video message to personally deliver the information below -**  
<https://www.amq-it.co.uk/forestfederation/Messagetofamilies.mp4>

To date, from a personal perspective, this is one of the most difficult messages I have written to our children and families.

In the summer of this year, after having the privilege of working as a Headteacher for just over 14 years, 8 of which in the Forest Family/Federation and, over 2 years in JTMAT, I shall be leaving.

On one hand I feel like my heart is being torn out and I am leaving my family behind but, I am excited about the path I am to take as I have secured the post of CEO (Chief Education Officer) in TSSMAT (The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust) which currently has 4, small, rural schools and, intends to grow, which will form part of my role.

I can honestly say that, despite some significant challenges, not a day has gone by that I haven't wanted to come to work, to go to school and see our fantastic staff - my wonderful colleagues, to speak to our engaged, lovely parents and most of all, to learn, play and work with our amazing children.

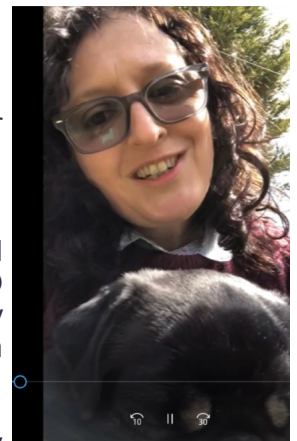
I have learned a huge amount about myself as a person and a leader during my time here and I am grateful for how I have grown and am proud of the part I have played, within a great team, in making The Forest Family the thriving collaboration that it is today. My dream to lead small, rural schools and be an integral part of their communities has been beautifully realised.

I have had the honour of working with inspiring leaders, dedicated and passionate teachers, hardworking and enthused support staff, kind and impacting volunteers, supportive and engaged families, loving and involved clergy, interested and helpful community and, of course, our inspiring, funny, and beautiful children who teach me something new every day. My years at each stage of The Forest Family's growth have been wonderful and have given me the privilege and the pleasure of seeing hundreds of children develop and flourish as confident, successful young people, many staff to nurture and grow including two TAs to teachers and 2 Deputies into Headship. And, it will be with sadness and lifelong fond memories that I will leave The Forest Family; two happy and vibrant, successful schools attributed to the dedication and the passion of all of our staff at all levels and the exemplary behaviour and attitudes of our children.

In order to prevent any anxiety about the future of the leadership of our family, recruitment is underway for a new, excellent Executive Headteacher across The Forest Family and, in the interim our highly capable Deputy, Mrs J. Jones will be acting Executive Headteacher with the consistent and excellent Deputy Headteacher support of Mrs D. Preston at Needwood and, a new post of acting Deputy from within our teaching body at All Saints. Our Governing Body and JTMAT are responsible for appointing my successor and they will ensure they appoint the right person, someone who is fantastic to lead our schools into the next phase of their journey. Additionally, they are fortunate in having a strong academy trust, effective Governing Body, and leadership team as well as all the brilliant and committed staff who are passionate about improving the education and well-being of our children each day.

Thank you for your support so that I can take the next steps into my future.

**Mrs Gethin**



## Message from the Chair

Following Mrs Gethin's news this week, I felt that it was only right for me to say a few words. Mrs Gethin and I have been working together for over 8 years, in the early years with the PTA and then within the Governing Body. It has been really hard for me to find the right words to say, but here we go; I am absolutely thrilled for her and her new role as CEO at the SSMAT (Small Schools Multi Academy Trust), we all know that she will strive, and support its growth with her wealth of experience gained from the Forest Family. It will, however leave us with some rather large shoes to fill.

Mrs Gethin has lived and breathed school life for 14 years, the Forest Family it became one over 4 years ago and she has embraced becoming part of the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust for the last two years. Her drive, enthusiasm, positivity, love and support have made the family what it is to day and she will be sorely missed. On behalf of the LGB and the Family;

# THANK YOU!

We are now working hard with the Trust and have begun the recruitment process and I can assure you, that we will be doing our utmost to ensure that the next part of our journey will be led by another exceptional leader.

**Selena Tye**  
(Chair of LGB)

## WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO -

### LUNCHES

**Next week's menu will be:-**

Monday	Pizza
Tuesday	Mac N Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Chicken
Thursday	Cottage Pie
Friday	Fish Fingers

### BREAK SALES

**Our Catering team are offering break sales.**

Please make sure you send a completed form (**attached to the newsletter**) with the correct money into school in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. Please order for the whole week on a **MONDAY ONLY**. **If you are unable to print a form off just write the order on a piece of paper.** Unfortunately they cannot accept any alterations to this on a different day.

### SPORTS DAY-

**PLEASE NOTE** - the date has changed to **Friday 9th July**.

### OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

Please find below email addresses for the office if you have any queries. Save them in your contacts and then they are always handy for you to find.

[asr-office@asr.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:asr-office@asr.jtmat.co.uk)  
[e.hunt@asr.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:e.hunt@asr.jtmat.co.uk)



We have some great new events coming up from a popcorn & movie night, virtual balloon race and hopefully all being well a summer event with plenty of fun and food. Information to follow for the latter.

Our popcorn & movie evenings will be held over 2 days directly after school to enable us to stick with our current covid rules, teachers will be present instead of PTA members and in classrooms within current bubbles. Collection will be from normal classroom collection points. You can pay £3 per child on ParentPay in advance so children don't need to bring any money to school. Payment needs to be paid before next Thursday 13th May as we will need numbers for purchasing popcorn, sweets and drinks.

**Tuesday 18th May - 3.15 - 5pm**

**Reception** - Ice Age Dawn of Dinosaurs

**Class 2** - WALL-E

**Thursday 20th May 3.15 - 5pm**

**Class 3** - Jungle Book (2016)

**Class 4** - Sonic the Hedgehog



## **After School Film & Popcorn**

**ALL COVID RULES WILL BE ENFORCED!**

**EVERYONE WILL BE STAYING IN THEIR BUBBLES!**

*(No teddies or cushions please)*

**KS1 Night – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 3:15 – 5pm**

*Class 1 – Ice Age Dawn of the Dinosaurs*

*Class 2 – WALL-E*

**KS2 Night – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 3:15 -5pm**

*Class 3 – Jungle Book – 2016*

*Class 4 – Sonic the Hedgehog*

**£3 Ticket – Reserved & paid through Parent Pay**

*(Ticket includes a drink, a bag of popcorn and a bag of sweets)*

**Arrival** - Straight from school

**Collection 5:00pm** - Collection from normal bubble classroom points

Thank you for your continued support.

**PTA**



## COMMUNITY

### DITCH THE BLADE

The DitchtheBlade [webpages](#) on the website has recently been updated. It now contains specific help and advice for parents/carers, teachers and young people, and there are a range of useful resources including case studies, videos and podcasts. The podcasts aim to help parents and carers understand how they can talk to children about knife crime. You can hear from a parent with live experience, as well as some of the agencies that help tackle the issue and work with young people on a day-to-day basis.

There is also information on who can help if you are worried about a child and think they are involved with knife crime. To view the webpages visit: [www.staffordshire.police.uk/ditchtheblade](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk/ditchtheblade).

### MESSAGE FROM BARTON TENNIS CLUB

We are passionate about keeping our children as active and healthy as possible. During Easter half term some of the children attended the sports camp at Barton Tennis Club. The good news is that during Whitsun week, they are running again! Please click the link below or contact Yasmin Palejwala at [yasmin@micro-sports.co.uk](mailto:yasmin@micro-sports.co.uk) for more information.

#### 4-11 years

<https://microsportsltd.co.uk/barton-lawn-tennis-club/p/barton-may-half-term-camp-4-11-years>

#### 12-16 years

<https://microsportsltd.co.uk/barton-lawn-tennis-club/p/barton-may-half-term-camp-12-16-years>

### RANGEMORE VILLAGE HALL

We have now received permission from the diocese to temporarily remove the pews from the aisle in the church. This has allowed the creation of space that can be used by the community over the rest of the year. We have effectively created a Rangemore Village Hall within the church. The initial aim is to gauge demand for community activities.

If you would like to use this space for community activities, please contact John Fawn on [rangemore@btconnect.com](mailto:rangemore@btconnect.com) or 01283 716400. Initially we will not be charging for the use of the space, but donations will be very welcome.

### Church Cleaning Brigade on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May

The Church Cleaning Brigade will meet in the church at 10:00 am to clean the church before the Sunday service. We have cleaning materials and tools. Dorothy Walford might well provide tea/coffee plus cake.

### Church Service Sunday on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May

There will be a service of Holy Communion at Rangemore Church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May starting at 11:15 am. Rev Richard Tebbs will be taking the service. There will be social distancing and face masks should be worn. Unfortunately there will be no singing.

### ABOUT STAFFORDSHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE

From books to local history resources, Your Library has a host of fabulous services and exciting events for you.

Why not try out the eBooks service, join a reading group or If you're looking for something in particular, you can also search the online catalogue or view a list of frequently asked questions.

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

*Please speak to Mrs. Gethin if you have a particular requirement.*

