

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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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 Earhart

DIARY DATES

2021	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
10.05.21	CLASS 2 SWIMMING
12.05.21	CLASS 2 BRING IN VIOLINS
11.05.21	RECEPTION HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRES DUE BACK
19.05.21	SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS DUE BACK FOR GRADUATIONS, LEAVERS AND SCHOOL TEAM S
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
12.05.21	Class 2 & 3 Tag Rugby (3.30-4.30pm)
13.05.21	Class 1 Yoga (3.30-4.30pm)

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
	Minnie	Destiny, Tristan
Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★
Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆
Bronze Medal 🏅	Silver medal 🏅	Gold medal 🏅

OF THE WEEK

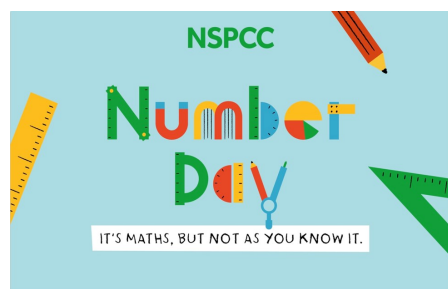
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Lilly—Lilly has made an outstanding start to our class and school. She has been listening to instructions and making friends! Great job Lilly!	Oscar—For excellent work in guided reading and comprehension activities. Oscar always gives detailed and thoughtful answers to inference questions	Tristan—For his knowledge and enthusiasm for our Science topic this half term. Tristan always has his hand up in Science lessons to answer and ask questions. His observations of our tadpoles have been detailed and impressive. Keep up the super work Tristan!

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THIS WEEK IN FOCUS



What a week, it's been even more of a whirlwind than normal for us all despite being disjointed. We missed having our May day well dressing complete with May queens and maypole dancing. 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!

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.

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

enjoyed presenting the world book day prize to one of our children and they enjoyed reading to him. Lovely to see the new pug books being used!

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



A MESSAGE FROM MRS GETHIN

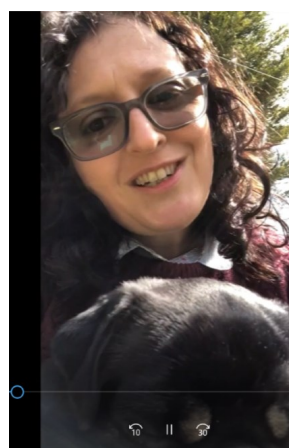
I have prepared a video message to personally deliver the information below:

<https://www.amg-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.

A MESSAGE FROM SELENA TYE—CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

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, success 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;



We are now working hard with the Trust and have began 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)

USEFUL INFORMATION

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Copies of the school photographs that were taken last week will be coming home tonight for our Year 6 Leavers, Reception Graduations and any other team photographs that were taken (please note this was not a whole school photo event so your child may not have had a photo taken during the session last week). Please can any orders be returned to the school office by the 19th May 2021.

LUNCH MENU

We are on week 3 of the school lunch for next week (WC 10.05.21)—the menu is attached for your information.

STAFFORDSHIRE LIBRARIES UPDATE

Please see the below link for the Staffordshire Libraries' update for May. You can subscribe at the bottom of the linked page for free to receive this directly:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSTAFFORDSHIRECC/bulletins/2cc9991>

CHURCH/COMMUNITY NEWS/ADVERTS

SEND – VIRTUAL SUN SESSIONS

SUN sessions are networking and information sharing sessions between parents, carers, young people, schools and services, for anyone living with or working with a child or young person with SEND. It is an opportunity to find out/share what is happening locally, and what support and services might be available

Dates and Times of SUN Sessions - Numbers will be limited therefore booking is essential.

Tuesday 15 June - 1.00pm – 2.00pm - North Staffs

Thursday 17 June - 1.00pm – 2.00pm - South Staffs

Tuesday 22 June - 1.00pm – 2.00pm - East Staffs

Thursday 24 June - 1.00pm – 2.00pm - Cannock/Lichfield

Tuesday 29 June - 1.00pm – 2.00pm - Stafford

If you are a parent, carer, young person or a service provider and would like to attend please email; sun@staffordshire.gov.uk or telephone [01785 356921](tel:01785 356921) on receipt of your completed booking form, you will be emailed with a link to access the meeting once your place is confirmed.

May Staffordshire Libraries and Arts Facebook Activity Schedule

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

11.00am Crossida Cowell Reads "How to train your dragon" - a chapter a day
12.00pm National Trust - Wimborne Farm Stories - a glimpse of life on the farm
2.00pm Get Creative Adult Craft Time
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School information can be provided in different languages, large print, simple text only or Braille.

