

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



With love and patience, nothing is impossible. Daisaku Ikeda

DIARY DATES

2021	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
28.05.21	LAST DAY OF TERM
07.06.21	TERM STARTS
07.06.21	CLASS 2 SWIMMING
08.06.21	YEAR 5 & 6 WHITEMOOR LAKE PERMISSIONS DUE
09.06.21	CLASS 2 VIOLINS
11.06.21	FOOTBALL SHIRT FRIDAY
11.06.21	CLASS 1 PERMISSION LETTERS DUE BACK FOR PACKINGTON FARM
14.06.21	YEAR 5 & 6 ACTIVITY DAY—WHITEMOOR LAKE
18.06.21	FATHERS DAY SERVICE
22.06.21	CLASS 1 TRIP TO PACKINGTON FARM,
23.06.21	YEAR 6 DRUGS AWARENESS PRESENTATION
28.06.21/ 29.06.21	MOVE UP/TRANSITION DAYS
30.06.21	YEAR 4/5 STANDON BOWERS PERMISSIONS/DEPOSITS DUE
01.07.21	CLASS 2 AND YEAR 4'S FROM CLASS 3 TRIP TO CONKERS
09.07.21	NO WORSHIP
16.07.21	LAST DAY OF TERM & MRS GETHIN'S LAST DAY
W/C	SCHOOL CLUBS
09.06.21	KWIK CRICKET AFTERSCHOOL SESSIONS—CLASS 2 AND 3—3.30PM - 4.30PM

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
	Noah, Joseph, Oscar, Abigail x 2, Orla, Mason, Martha, William H	Charlotte W
Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★
Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆
Bronze Medal 🏅	Silver medal 🏅 Minnie	Gold medal
OF THE WEEK		
Class 1 Alice—For working so hard in all her learning activities this half term. She has been making excellent contributions in class as well as asking staff if she is unsure! Great job Alice!	Class 2 Orla—For making it into the gold circle twice this week! Firstly, for creating and sharing with us your limericks you had written at home after our lesson in school. Also, for getting 10/10 on your spellings for 3 weeks running. A spectacular week Orla!	Class 3 Issy P—For being willing and ready to learn in every lesson. Issy is so keen to aim for her personal best—making effort with her presentation in English and being an active participant in some challenging Maths lessons. All done with a smile! We are so proud of this positive attitude to learning Issy!





FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



Class 1

Faithfulness – Liberty – For being an active and thoughtful participant during worship to show her faithfulness

Love – Etta – For her kind and loving nature towards her class mates

Self-Control – Xanthe – For showing self-control when she finds something difficult and knowing ways in which she can find help

Class 2

Goodness—Hazel-Blossom—For her polite and warm greetings she gives to everyone each morning and end of the day

Kindness—Noah—For being a kind and caring friend to others

Gentleness—Bella—For being a kind and gentle class mate to all members of Class 2

Class 3

Patience—Mishka—For continued patience and resilience that he shows throughout each school day

Peace—Jake—For being a peaceful and clam member of our class during all our lessons.

Joy—Poppy-Sue—For always being joyful as she arrives at school each morning

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

Our final week of this half term has been excellent and, whilst tired, children have had a super week of learning.

Children and Ralph had a great opportunity to interview our SCITT (school centred Initial teacher training) with the John Taylor SCITT for students who wish to train to become teachers. They enjoyed the activities and asking questions, well done.

Mrs Jones enjoyed visiting the Star Foundation Academy so that we can see how it can be used for our children, it is looking fantastic and the opportunities for us are amazing.

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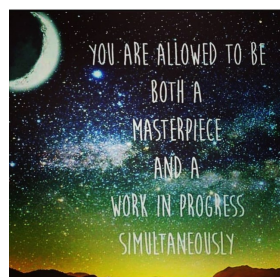
We have been taking part in the Festival of School and College Arts - celebrating the achievement of children and young people. Across the day today, the event has been taken place on Twitter using the hashtag #EduArtsFest. We have filled the platform with the voices of our children playing music, performing drama, sharing artwork, poetry, singing and dancing. Please join us on Twitter to see all the wonderful things the children have been doing!

We are really grateful to John Taylor Multi academy trust for gifting us two books from world book day. The winning entries from hospitals and the other schools in the trust.

COVID Update: Whilst Children's clubs can meet after school and children from a variety of schools and bubbles can complete activities together, they cannot in school. Whilst adults can all mix in groups of 6 in the pub or 30 outside, we cannot in school. We have had a serious update from the local authority and continue to tighten our procedures again after a term of stringent measures. This does mean that transition activities cannot go ahead as normal. We will ensure we conduct some activities with your child's new teacher if moving classroom's I order to help but it will look different to normal. We are only having our reception children for a short period of time/small groups and they will not mix with their new friends yet. Any new children admitted will not be able to come until September and, as I am sure you are aware, high schools have cancelled transition days. Please continue to be vigilant in distancing, face masks if you choose and certainly in school if you have a formal visit and. Don't forget to wash your hands regularly! Thank you.

Ralph has enjoyed some walks and snuggles with the children, interviews for the SCITT as well as watching them play rugby at All Saints in a friendly tournament.

Have a super Whitsun week – see below for its meaning, and we look forward to seeing you in the final half term which is jam packed with sports days, Commando Joe Platinum days, visits, Father's day activities, tournaments including football, cricket, rounders and athletics, plays and leavers services (which we need to carefully plan for safety). The first week back sees the launch of the Euros, see detail below as we have a whole week of activities culminating in, we hope, an interview with Good Morning Britain! Enjoy the week and don't work too hard. Mrs C Gethin and Ralph.



USEFUL INFORMATION

CONTACT TRACING OVER HALF TERM

Please contact Mrs Gethin on asr-headteacher@asr.jtmat.co.uk to inform her 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.

WHITSUN WEEK

Whitsun week is next week so what is it all about?

Whitsun, also known as Pentecost, celebrates the Christian festival of Pentecost which occurs 50 days after Easter. It marks the date that the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension from earth to heaven on Ascension Day.. Whitsun, is also known, Whitsunday or Whit Sunday in different places throughout the world. Whitsun is closely followed by Whit Monday which is considered the second day of the Pentecost festival and is a public holiday in many countries with Christian traditions.

Why is it called Whitsun? The name of this religious holiday most likely originates from the term 'White Sunday' as it is believed to be a specific day for Christian baptisms which are ceremonies where people traditionally wear white as a symbol of their new birth into a life of grace.



FOOTBALL SHIRT FRIDAY—FRIDAY 11TH JUNE

EUROS 2021 – Football shirt Friday 11th June (don't buy one specially, if you don't have one, wear PE kit, country native dress or team colours!).

We are excited to let you know about our planned events for the first week back in the run up to the 'kick off' of the Euros on Friday 11th June 2021.

Our Forest Family schools have had a long relationship with St George's Park since its initial development and opening. We were proud to take children and staff to the original ground-breaking celebration, took part in opening events and have used the site since: providing teams for football coaches to learn and develop their skills; providing ball girls and boys for international fixtures for teams of all age groups and meeting some highly regarded players, coaches and managers along the way. Although this has been disrupted by COVID the impact of having such a prestigious site nearby means that football is often in the minds of our pupils (and staff) with some of them using facilities out of school and all showing an interest in our international team.

The postponed Euro 2020 tournament provides the next opportunity for us to use football – and all the positives it encompasses – to enhance our curriculum delivery within school.

Our launch worship is planned for our return to school after the Whit half term, on Monday 7th June, with learning over the week to build up to our 'Football Shirt Friday Event' to tie in with the opening fixtures which take place on Friday June 11th.

Activities all week will be linked to a variety of subjects, such as Geography, English and Maths and children will randomly select countries in the tournament to study in the launch week and to follow throughout the tournament. Children will be involved in finding out about the teams involved in the tournament, the locations of the matches and a range learning linked to this from researching flags and national anthems, to finding out about kits (colours, materials and technology), learning about the mascots and designing for them, studying statistics and using them in our maths and of course playing football ourselves too it will be a busy week.

We have been in contact with Good Morning Britain and hope to be interviewed by them as schools closest to St George's park and, we will wear Football shirts on the Friday!



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TRIPS



We are thrilled to notify you that we have organised some wonderful end of year trips for our children who have missed out in so much this year. We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA who have contributed £150.00 towards our trips which helps us to keep the costs down for our families—thank you!

Year 5 and 6 are going on an extended day to Whitmore lakes. It doesn't completely replace the residential that they have missed but goes a long way to do so and meet their curriculum requirements of outdoor education.

Class 2 and Year 4's from Class 3 (as separate bubbles) are visiting Conkers, a wonderful, outdoor opportunity for our children (the letter will come out after Half Term for this one).

Class 1 will be visiting Packington Farm for the day for their wonderful educational outdoor farm tour.

Specific letters with dates and details are to follow—please keep a look out!

LUNCH MENU

We are on week 1 of the school lunch when we return (WC 07.06.21)—the menu is attached for your information.



WELLBEING AWARD

We are thrilled to receive our official certificate to confirm that we have been awarded the WAS award for positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in school.



School Photos

Late Orders



Missed The Deadline Date
For Photo Orders?

Don't Worry

Return any 'late' orders within
the next couple of school days
and these will be collected and processed
for you at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE

(Orders later than this will need to be posted
directly to us at Academy Photography
and will incur an additional return postage charge)

Any Queries? Please call 01782 566 100

INTERNET SAFETY

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE BULLYING

Following the national school closures in response to the Covid 19 pandemic and the subsequent return to school over the last few months. Colleagues in our partner services have seen a rise in reports of online bullying and incidents occurring over social media.

Through PSHE lessons, form tutor time and assemblies, we will endeavor to discuss these issues with students and raise their awareness to the concerns and dangers of social media use.

However, we also ask that as parents/carers you are aware of these issues, the age restrictions on certain social media and apps and are alert to what your children are engaging in online.

Please find attached with this Newsletter, a few leaflets with information regarding age restrictions on social media/apps and also a document from Staffordshire Police with further information about some apps that are popular with students as well as some further sources of support and information.



APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+				16+	
	Facebook		Snapchat		WhatsApp
	Instagram		Twitter	17+	
	TikTok		Kik		
	YouNow		Yubo	18+	
	House Party		Monkey		
					Sarahah
					YOLO
					MeetMe
					LiveMe



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For more information please contact the
Wildchild team.
getwild@staffs-wildlife.org.uk
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www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/events.php

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