

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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'... Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.' 1 Acts 4:17



"A positive statement propels hope toward a better future, it builds up your faith and that of others, and it promotes change." - Jan Dargatz

DIARY DATES

2021	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
28.06.21	CLASS 2 SWIMMING
29.06.21	MOVE UP/TRANSITION DAYS
26.06.21	YEAR 6'S TRANSITION DAY TO JOHN TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL
30.06.21	YEAR 4/5 STANDON BOWERS PERMISSIONS/DEPOSITS DUE
30.06.21	CLASS 2 VIOLINS
01.07.21	CLASS 2 AND YEAR 4'S FROM CLASS 3 TRIP TO CONKERS
08.07.21	NEEDWOOD SPORTS DAY PM—FROM 1.10PM
09.07.21	NO WORSHIP
14.07.21	LEAVERS LUNCH AND SERVICE FROM 1.00PM
15.07.21	NW FINAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP 9.15AM
16.07.21	FF SERVICE 9.30AM
16.07.21	LAST DAY OF TERM & MRS GETHIN'S LAST DAY

W/C	SCHOOL CLUBS
30.06.21	KWIK CRICKET AFTERSCHOOL SESSIONS—CLASS 2 AND 3—3.30PM - 4.30PM

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Sebastian, Ellie, Maisie, Opal		Tallulah, Pawel, Destiny, William T, Austin, Izzy T
Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★
Preston		Finley R (C2)
Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆
Bronze Medal 🏅	Silver medal 🏅	Gold medal 🏅
Abigail (C2)		Austin (C3)

OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
All of Class 1—This week class 1 visited Packington Farm. They were all outstanding representatives for our school and were praised by the farm staff for their wonderful manners and behaviour. We are so proud of our wonderful class.	Daisy—For a great week of work. Daisy has been listening and contributing well in lessons then completing the activities much faster. Keep it up Daisy!	Julian—His contributions to all lessons and willingness to share his wonderful ideas and thoughts with the class. Well done Julian!

Well done!

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

It has been an excellent week! Our trust were thrilled to receive some high calibre candidates to interview this week to appoint my successor and, I look forward to sharing with you the outcome once we know and all checks have been put on place. It has been such an odd feeling but I put full trust in JTMAT and our Governing Body to have appointed someone passionate and driven to lead our Forest Family into the next stage of its development.



Our older children culminated their drug education over the years with a session this week. We desperately hope that this layers their understanding of the potential impact of the decisions and choices they may make as they grow up and, that no one has control over substances and the effect they can have, the pressures and dangers.



2 more of our trips have gone ahead this week across The Forest Family, Packington for class 1 at Needwood and Conkers for Class 3 at all Saints, children had a fantastic time – very tired on their return, but a wonderful day with great weather and super opportunities for learning and play. It was funny and brilliant that Mrs. Jones hosted worship from the climbing wall!



We look forward to our new reception children visiting our school for a short period of time next week. We cannot have 'move up' days but we do have plans for bubble safe transition and hope our reception have a great time! We also look forward to our next instalment of trips with class 2 (and all year 4) at Conkers and All Saints PTA next week!

Ralph is enjoying as much time as he can with the children and had a fabulous bath and groom, joined in learning and after school club and enjoyed some lovely walks.

Have a good weekend, with love, Mrs Gethin and Ralph.



USEFUL INFORMATION

SPORTS DAY/LEAVERS 2021



The following information is subject to any further guidance/restrictions from the government - and of course, sports days are very difficult to do virtually! There has been nothing that we haven't been able to do this year from harvest and Christmasy through to Shrove Tuesday pancake races!

We have given the following options significant consideration and are desperately trying to ensure some normality for our children and opportunities to end the year in a way which builds memories and connections, demonstrate skills and talents and engages our families and community.

SPORTS DAY—Thursday July 8th 2021. You can start arriving from 1.10pm. We should be able to start for around 1.20pm

- Please enter by the back gate. Please stay in your car or distanced so that this is not a bottle neck. Please keep to your bubble.
- The events will take place on the field with the children on the running track at the right and parents on the left (as you look at the field)
- Only parents can attend
- Siblings can attend but they must not go on the play equipment or run around the field.
- Bring your own chairs or blankets and find a space across the width of the field. We are sorry that you are not necessarily going to be able to see it all but it is better than cancelling.
- Please keep a 2 M distance from the next family either next to or in front of/behind you.
- Do not move around the group or greet /engage physically with other families even if you socialise outside school and are allowed to do that.
- Do not share anything with other bubbles.
- You can clap, please cheer sensibly.
- Sadly there will be no parents/toddler races.
- You can bring refreshments.
- There will not be any toilet facilities except in an emergency.
- Please maintain your distance staggering your exit and maintaining distance going to cars.
- Children can go home once they have got back to class and sorted, please collect in the usual manner
- Please can children wear their PE kits for the day a t-shirt color that matches their team point group please:
Meynell Magpies = red, Byrkley Badgers = Blue, Lancaster Ladybirds = Yellow, Dunstall Deer = Green

I am sure that you will respect these plans. I appreciate that 'in the real world' things are more normal but, most schools are cancelling events as guidance is so woolly yet strict and I really want to end the children's year well.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS LUNCH AND SERVICE—1.00pm. 14th July is the only date we have. It is weather permitting – if the weather is bad we will zoom it to you.

- Please enter by the back gate. Please stay in your car or distanced so that this is not a bottle neck. Please keep to your bubble.
- The events will take place with parents on the field and the children on the playground.
- Two family members can attend. This may be a grandparent but only 2 adults per child.
- Siblings can attend but they must not go on the play equipment or run around the field.
- Bring your own chairs or blankets and find a space along the grass line. Please keep a 2 M distance from the next family either next to or in front of/behind you.
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MRS ASHTON—CLASS 3

Just a little message to let you know that sadly, Mrs Ashton's mum is very poorly and, you let you know what is happening. Over the next few weeks we have a timetable so that we can continue teaching class 3 children effectively whilst Mrs Ashton is not here. She sends her love you all our children and families and misses them all a lot but, is exactly where she should be. Either myself, Mrs Neeson, Mrs Wagstaff or Miss O'Dell will be teaching class 3. Mrs Ashton has sent us her plans so that a beat should not be missed.

Additionally, if you can direct any communications you have through Mrs Wagstaff please, that would be helpful so that Mrs Ashton doesn't need to respond. We are grateful to her for her support.

We are a couple of staff down at the moment so are jiggling as best as possible for consistency and all staff on site are covering in one form or another to help out. We thank them for their support.

Thank you for your understanding and prayerful thoughts.

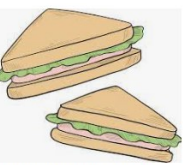
FINAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP AND FAREWELL FOREST FAMILY SERVICE

A little note to confirm that our Final Celebration Worship of the year will take place at 9.15am on Thursday 15th July via Zoom. We will then hold our very special Forest Family Farewell Service on Friday 16th July at 9.30am. Links to all will be sent out nearer the time.



LUNCH MENU

Please be advised that we will only be able to offer cold lunches next week. Children will be able to choose from Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches. As soon as we are able to offer hot lunches again we will let you know. Apologies for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for your understanding.



CHILDREN'S ITEMS/UNIFORM

Please can families make sure that all items of clothing, including water bottles, lunch bags etc.. are clearly named please. We have had lots of items recently that are unnamed and it makes it very tricky to return to the correct owner—it is also really important in the current climate that we do not mix them up.

Please can water bottles also be left outside of the school bags so that they do not leak—we have had a few soggy books recently!



Please can we also remind parents that any children's hair that falls below the collar line will need to be tied up please.

WRAPAROUND PROVISION

We are providing advance notice that we are changing our timings and some pricing plans for our wraparound provision from September. Please refer to the email sent from the school office on the 22nd June for further information. The main changes are noted below:

- Reduce by 30 minutes per day (closing at 5.30 pm rather than 6.00 pm) as we rarely have children. There would be an opportunity for provision should parents book in advance but, staff also reserve the right to say they are unavailable. This will take effect from September 2021.
- Have set costs per day without the organisational need for discount with weekly bookings. (No discount)
- All costs remain the same except if a 5.30 pm – 6.00 pm slot is booked.

We hope that you understand our position and we are pleased that we continue to be able to run this service with such small numbers of children. Thank you.

SUMMER PROVISION

Please remember to send in your response sheet by the 1st July if you are interested in the summer provision that was also emailed on the 22nd June from the School Office. We have only had 2 responses for any summer provision required and they don't necessarily tally on the same dates. We are anxious to be able to provide holiday provision. It may be that this chivvies more families to reply but at this moment in time we obviously not be viable and the cost to parents too high. Just like the poster below. We have been advertising summer provision and some families have taken that up already further diluting what we could offer this year. Either please do send us the forms a matter of urgency and be prepared to book other provision. We are more than happy and able to offer some summer provision but we cannot have only one or two children as we have to have two staff. Thank you for your understanding.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL—AIMING HIGH ACTIVITIES

Lots of exciting activities are running during weekends, after school and holiday periods for young people and their families. The activities are open to young people from Staffordshire aged 0-18 who have a disability or additional support need. For further information please follow the below link: [Aiming High Activities](#)

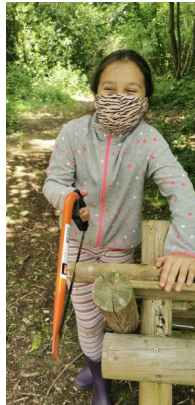


As usual, we had a really lovely day in the Forest on Wednesday. The start of the session saw the children collecting all different types of flora that grew around them and made some really fabulous vases of flowers, as you can see below:



They also painted the vases and the end results were spectacular. We were excited to have a visit by Mrs Ward and the children took great delight showing her what they had achieved.

Those children who had not used the bow saw yesterday did so today and some started to paint them ready for drilling next week.



We carefully had a look under the log to see how the young voles were doing but were not quick enough as mom shot out VERY quickly. We quickly returned it back to its original position.

We have re-sited the camera to see what other animals are visiting our woods and I will be putting some of the images up next week.

We finished the session, after a drink and biscuit of course, with a loud rendition of 'Everywhere we go'. We certainly let the neighbours know we were there!

INTERNET SAFETY

Loot boxes linked to problem gambling in new research

Many of the online gaming environments have the facility to buy game or character enhancers and level boosts, sometimes these are only available for a limited period compelling young people to spend money on in game or in app purchases.

A new report, carried out by researchers at the universities of Plymouth and Wolverhampton, found that loot boxes "are structurally and psychologically akin to gambling" robustly verifying a link between gaming loot boxes and problem gambling. The new research, commissioned by the GambleAware charity, compiles existing research to examine the strength of links between the in-game random prizes and gambling behaviour.

It found:

- Of the **93% of children** who play video games, up to 40% opened loot boxes
- About **5% of gamers** generate half the entire revenue from the boxes
- **Twelve out of 13 studies** on the topic have established "unambiguous" connections to problem gambling behaviour
- **Young men** are the most likely to use loot boxes - with young age and lower education correlating with increased uses

Internetmatters.org have produced a guide called [Online Money Management](#) for parents and carers to equip young people with the skills they need to spend money online through gaming and social media platforms smartly and safely.



CHURCH/COMMUNITY NEWS/ADVERTS

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL—HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHILDREN

COMING SOON! Booking for #Staffordshire's Summer Holiday Activity and Food Programme opens on 5th July. Free places are available for children and young people who are eligible for free school meals. Activities include art and crafts, cookery and sports. Find out more at

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

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FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*

*Eligible children and young people will get a letter from school to register

Registration opens 5th July 2021

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

HANBURY PLAYGROUND AND COMMON

Help build up our plans

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