

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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1. I John 3:18: My little children, let's not love in word only, or with the tongue only, but in deed and truth.



We always have to believe in what is possible in life and not be hindered by history or expectations. Gareth Southgate

DIARY DATES

2021	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
05.07.21	CLASS 2 SWIMMING
05.07.21	W/C 05.07.21 ALL READING BOOKS TO BROUGHT IN ON CHILDS NORMAL DAY
07.07.21	CLASS 2 VIOLINS
07.07.21	NEEDWOOD SPORTS DAY PM—NEW DATE—FROM 1.10PM
09.07.21	COMMANDO JOES PLATINUM DAY
09.07.21	NO WORSHIP
09.07.21	SHOPPING BAG TO BE BROUGHT IN
14.07.21	LEAVERS LUNCH AND SERVICE FROM 1.00PM
14.07.21	ICE CREAM VAN IN SCHOOL
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
19.07.21/ 20.07.21/ 21.07.21	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
01.09.21	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
02.09.21	TERM STARTS—ALL CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL
W/C	SCHOOL CLUBS
07.07.21	KWIK CRICKET AFTERSCHOOL SESSIONS—CLASS 2 AND 3—3.30PM - 4.30PM—LAST SESSION

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
	Mason, May, Betty x 2, Victor	
Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★
		Gold Star ★
Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆
Bronze Medal 🏅	Silver medal 🏅	Gold medal 🏅

OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Evie R—For making super contributions to our Forest School activities and remembering all of our fire safety rules. Evie always joins in with such enthusiasm. Well done Evie!	Tiffany—For your superb attitude to your daily reading programme. You have been so focussed and hard-working and because of this have made great progress. Well done Tiffany! Class 2 and Year 4's from class 3— For making our trip to conkers such a fabulous day out. You embraced all the activities with smiles on your faces and were perfect role models for Needwood school. Thank you for making the day as much fun for all the adults as it was for you!	Gracie - For a brilliant week. Gracie has been helpful, polite and well-mannered. Gracie has shown resilience in her tests and was great support at Forest School. Well done!



THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

What a wonderful week! Several children had excellent day on their transition to high school day and, we enjoyed welcoming our new reception children too. We had to do quite a bit of organisation to make this Covid safe but it was worth the effort and special to have them, they seem like a wonderful group of children and we are excited for September.



Class 2 and year 4s went to Conkers, they had a wonderful day together. They enjoyed a variety of activities including an orienteering activity, a barefoot walking through mud, stones and water and then exploration of the play area . They enjoyed two trips on the Conkerchoo train and finished the day with a Construction Derby building scooters.



Our Governors meeting this week was super and included some excellent, impactful work around safeguarding, risk registers and reviewed subject monitoring to name just a few items. I continue to be grateful to our Governors for their hard work and commitment – reading a wealth of papers and supporting and challenging senior leaders. Thank you.



We are so excited for our final two weeks, there is so much happening and it feels like a vibrant end to a tricky year! We look forward to our rounders tournament next week, we are taking two teams, a team from each school, how wonderful! We have two Commando Joe days next week, one at each school. This is really exciting for our children and a brilliant day of curriculum linked physical activity which also challenges our brain in problem solving activities AND our RESPECT principles in our vision statement

We develop positive learning attitudes through our RESPECT approach. To have:

Resilience	Empathy	Self-Aware	Passion	Excellence	Communication	Teamwork
Determination, self-control, Integrity, persistence, courage, diligence, perseverance, tenacity and the confidence to take risks.	Love, fairness, compassion, forgiveness, kindness, courtesy, peace, gentleness and selflessness.	Self-confidence; self-discipline; honesty/truthfulness; humour; humility; adaptability, Willingness , Responsibility, Self-worth, independence, fulfilment.	Gratitude, motivation, positive attitudes, Inspiration, willpower, hope, faith and joy.	Creativity, curiosity, an inquiring mind, pride, critical thinking, focus and Innovation.	Good listening skills, influence, presence, clarity, to give and receive feedback, be reflective, evaluative and have the ability to express opinions well.	Cooperation, responsibility, care; unity, patience, trust, equality, consideration, to be able to delegate, to be helpful and to make good decisions.

How wonderful and exciting.

Additionally, our violin lessons have been fantastic and the children’s progress can be heard on twitter, we are so proud of their commitment. Do also look at the pictures of our forest school in recent newsletter and online, it continues to be a brilliant provision.

This is just a reminder that there is NO WORSHIP next Friday as it is All Saints Sports afternoon. Thank you for your understanding, we look forward to celebrating with you the week after in our final week. 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.

Ralph has enjoyed another week, some great walks, time spent with children in class and on the playground and a bath! Have a good weekend, Mrs C Gethin and Ralph.



USEFUL INFORMATION

PE KITS—SEPTEMBER 2021

We would like to give you advance notice about PE days in September. By children coming to school in PE kits, we have certainly saved time for curriculum learning by not having to change. Therefore, in September we would like to continue with this, but please can the children wear the school PE uniform, thank you. Please check the [school uniform policy](#) on the website and children should wear this with a school jumper or cardigan on the top. Whilst we have been flexible during this difficult year, we would like to make sure that uniform is adhered to in the forthcoming academic year. Many thanks for your support with this.

SUMMER PROVISION

We have had a wonderful influx of requests. Whilst we never expected to offer the full 6 weeks, I do have 8 days where we are viable (assuming all those who have requested days do book) and, some that are close so, if there are any final requests please do let us know.

At the moment we can offer every Thursday and a couple of additional days.

I am pleased to be able to provide a booking form (attached to this Newsletter), detailing the dates we are able to offer over the summer holiday. This is subject to enough final bookings being received, as these dates are based on the provisional summer requirement forms.

All sessions are available from 7.30 am until 5.30 pm at a fixed cost of £36 per day, which includes lunch and tea. We will let you have details of activities and themes nearer the time, but this will be a vibrant and exciting provision.

Please tick the boxes on the form of the days you would like to take up this provision.

By signing the form you are acknowledging that this is a firm booking and understand payment will be required. **Please can all completed forms be returned by 9.00am on Tuesday 6th July.**



	Needwood Our school colour is bottle green
Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White blouse/shirt or white polo shirt,• Bottle green sweatshirt with school logo or Bottle green jumper or cardigan,• Grey or black trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore or green checked gingham dress for Summer, <i>Skirt/dresses must be no shorter than 1 inch above the knee.</i>• White, grey or black socks,• Plain tights may be worn - opaque tights are preferred (green / black / grey),• Shoes should be low, black flat-heeled for safety and fasten securely. Shoes should always be full (no sandals). Velcro or magnetic fastenings are preferable to laces for younger children.
PE / games / swimming Kit	Indoor: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White T-shirt,• Bottle green shorts,• change of socks, Outdoor: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• white T-shirt/polo shirt,• black shorts,• trainers,• Black Tracksuits may be worn at appropriate times. KS2 Swimming <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming trunks or one-piece costume should be worn,• Swimming caps will be worn by all children,• Items should be in a named waterproof bag.
All PE kits should be free from any brand logo or name	

RECRUITMENT



This is just a little message to say a huge thank you to Mrs Jones, Mrs Preston, our Governors and JTMAT for appointing my successor and, I have delight in telling you that, Mr Baxter, who is currently the Headteacher at The Mosley Primary School in Anslow, has been appointed. As you are aware he starts in January but a great deal of handover work will be undertaken from now until then. Thank you.

He offers the following letter by way of introduction and I hope that you are as pleased as we are.
dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to introduce myself as your new Executive Headteacher. I am thrilled to be following the amazing work of Mrs Gethin and I can't wait to get to know you all when I start in January 2022.

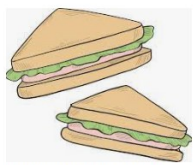
I am currently the Headteacher of The Mosley Academy, a primary academy which is also part of the John Taylor MAT.

My values as a Headteacher strongly reflect the distinctive Christian values of The Forest Family. I believe in providing a learning environment where children feel safe and valued, where friendliness and kindness is shown by all, where children and staff learn to succeed as individuals as well as support one another as a team. I believe that through these values children can receive the entitlement they deserve, as well as the entitlement to high standards of achievement and progress. I have a passion for small schools, I believe small schools are a unique environment where children can be nurtured and supported in a caring, family atmosphere, whilst being given the opportunity to succeed.

I am really excited about getting to know both schools in January!

Prior to my role at Mosley, I was Headteacher of Coton-in-the-Elms Primary, a Church of England primary school in Derbyshire, where I spent five years. I look forward to meeting you all.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Matthew Baxter

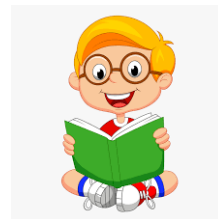


LUNCH MENU

Please be advised that we are still only 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.

READING BOOKS

From Monday 5th July— please can all reading books to be brought back in on your child's normal day change over day—they will not be swapped next week, but all children will have the opportunity to borrow some books from our Library. You will also have your Oxford Owl log in to utilise over the summer holidays.



SHOPPING BAGS

All children will need to bring in a shopping bag (not a carrier bag) for Friday 9th July (no earlier please) in readiness for items to be brought home from school.



WATER BOTTLES

Following on from last week's Newsletter please remember to make sure all water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name please

PARENT PAY

As we approach the end of the academic year please can we ask all families to check their ParentPay accounts to settle any balances that are outstanding—thank you in advance.

WELLBEING

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

This month's theme is all about resilience and understanding how we can build skills that will help us to bounce back. We can't always predict or control what life throws at us, but we can build a range of skills and nurture our resources to help us respond flexibly, effectively deal with challenges, recover more quickly and even learn and grow as a result

Jump Back Up July 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry	2. Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"	3. Be willing to ask for help when you need it	4. Find something to look forward to today	5. Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	6. Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground	7. Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy
8. Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today	9. Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture	10. Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them	11. Look for something positive in a difficult situation	12. Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'	13. Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation	14. Get outside and move to help clear your head
15. Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step	16. Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts	17. Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today	18. Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter	19. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it	20. When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself	21. Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life
22. Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down	23. Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	24. Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong	25. Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead	26. Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath	27. Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)	28. Think about what you can learn from a recent problem
29. Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right	30. Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support	31. Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**



Because of the unpredictability of the British weather, I decided we would do our ever-popular camp fire and fire lighting this week, just in case it was to rain next week, our last Forest School session. (Forest School will be on Thursday next week because of our sports day).

We started the session with a leaf recognition session and the children did incredibly well, finding lots of different species – Oak, Rowan, Beech and Fern to name a few.

After a chat about what we need for a fire and all the safety rules we got the fire up and going very quickly and the children went about searching for wood to keep it going.

Each child then had a go at using a flint and steel to create their own spark – everyone had a go and you can see below they created some amazing sparks



Of course, you cannot have a camp fire without hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows and for those who wanted to, with the help of Miss Waterhouse, melted them with a freshly whittled stick.



Next week will be our last session - how time flies. Amongst other things there will be den building.

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

COMING SOON





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

WE WANT TO CREATE FUN AREAS FOR CHILDREN AT THE PLAYGROUND AND A NATURE WALK AT THE COMMON








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