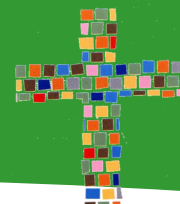


Friday
16th July 2021

Newsletter



OF THE WEEK

Noah, you have recently showed a growing maturity in your approach to your learning and friendships within the class. This is lovely to see, well done!

All of Class 2

Reggie for settling into our class and school superbly. You've made new friends, worked hard and showed us what an asset you'll be to our class from now on. We hope you've enjoyed your time with us so far. Well done.

Class 4 for their resilience, determination and flexibility to adapt (once again) to home learning. You have so many fabulous skills that will be useful for your future because of these difficulties and I couldn't be more proud of every one of you.

OF THE TERM

Ella B You have been a consistently kind, calm, friendly and helpful member of the class. You have approached your learning well and stayed focused on your work, Good job, Ella!

Isa for fabulous engagement in everything this term. You have listened carefully and consistently worked hard to produce some super work. We are so proud of you Isa!

Riley for working your socks off from the moment you first joined our school during lockdown! You've worked extremely hard to learn and improve your knowledge and skills by trying hard in lessons attending TWO interventions after school for many weeks. We are so proud of you Riley!

Dylan for a brilliant third term with us, showing great progress and involvement in activities. It has felt like you have been here forever, you are such a valuable part of our class (especially our sports teams). Thank you for being so enthusiastic in all you do.

OF THE YEAR

Haadi you have been an absolute pleasure to have in class 1. Not only have you worked really hard throughout the year, but you have been consistently kind, considerate, helpful, calm, and friendly member of the class. Well done, Haadi!

Ray for your outstanding achievements this year. You have put 100% into your work, persevered, with a determined attitude and produced some super work. It has been a joy to teach you and been lovely to see how much you have grown in confidence and maturity too! Well done!

Eleanor for being such a beautiful person inside and out! Eleanor has worked tremendously hard and has achieved greater depth standard in multiple subjects for the first time. However, this award does not only celebrate her learning successes, but also the admirable amounts of kindness, patience and enthusiasm that she shows us on a daily basis. Well done Eleanor!

Josh for an incredible year; both academically in the classroom and in the wider opportunities available (despite COVID). You are an incredible student in every way and we will miss you.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

BACK TO SCHOOL - THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

Red 	Bronze 	Silver 	Gold
Bronze Cup 	Silver 	Gold Cup 	Bronze Medal

AWARDS

SHEILA UFTON AWARD FOR CONSISTENT EFFORT AND ATTITUDE TO LEARNING AND LIFE THROUGHOUT THEIR SCHOOLING

Congratulations go **Beth**

LUCY HALL ART AWARD

Congratulation go to **Theo H-L** for the Lucy Hall Art Award.

DAVID WILKINSON SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS


Congratulation go to **Shoaib** for achieving the David Wilkinson Award for Football and Sporting Achievements.

WI COMMUNITY COMMITMENT AWARD





Congratulation go to **Harris B** for being awarded the WI Community Commitment Award.

JOY AND FAITHFULNESS AWARD in memory of Rev. Les for being joyful and happy and demonstrating faith in self, others and spirit.

Congratulations go to **Harris M** in memory of Rev. Les.



After all the turbulence of the last year, let us not forget that we walk in the light of the Lord.
Walking in the light - Ephesians 5:8-13
 "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light."

Overall Award	Oscar	
 Peace - Gil	 Goodness - Joe L	 Faithfulness - Alex
 Patience -	 Kindness - Maddie W	 Self-control -
 Gentleness - Alice	 Joy - Madeline W	 Love - Alice

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS



What a fantastic final week. What a blessing to see such vibrancy and community in our final week, it has been wonderful.

Children have continued to enjoy forest school sessions right until this last week, how lucky we are to have such provision! It has been an amazing year with two fantastic sites, dedication from Mrs Spencer and wonderful volunteers to make this happen.

Our final celebration workshops were wonderful seeing our Of the Week, Term and Year awards, our Fruits of the Spirit and our special awards, all listed in this week's newsletter. Well done to our amazing achievers.

We were pleased to have Wendy's blessing to present our newest award, the Rev. Les Faithfulness and Joy award this year. This will be a legacy award which is presented each year and we are blessed to have worked with, to have been supported and loved by, such a wonderful man who has touched all of our lives.



Class 4 managed to have their sports day which was fun and enabled them to have a final, primary school event which saw the obligatory beanbags as well as some close run, highly competitive sprints. Well done!

Our leavers services were so delightful. It was wonderful to see our families, in a safe manner, join us for such a wonderful occasion under the sunshine! Our children had a lot of fun, memories and reflections and we are really proud. It was hard to send them off and we wish them every success for their futures.



Thank you to everyone who bought a balloon! They have been floating over virtual land all week and children have enjoyed watching them seeing who is the furthest and winning and, where Ralph is! We look forward to reviewing them on Friday!

We are grateful to our PTA for the uniform sale. Children were going to get involved in this 'recycling' opportunity which was an ECO drive but sadly they were isolating, so we got on with it and did well. It's wonderful families have low cost, good quality and (up cycled/recycled uniform) and the PTA made some money. Excellent!



I was so grateful for my final, special service on Friday. Whilst I am a larger than life character and often have a lot to say, I don't do well being in the spotlight in this way - I know that's hard to believe and, I am humbled and grateful to everyone for their kindness in organising such an occasion and I have so many memories to take with me. Thank you so much.

And so to finish. I'm not going to say a lot about me and I have just got a couple of messages to give.

I'm not going to tell you how sad I am to be leaving or how emotional and painful, but also how joyful and uplifting each final thing has been, you know that.

I'm not going to tell you that I wasn't looking for a job and that I found out about this opportunity quite by accident but, it was a prospect that I couldn't let pass me by and is what I call a God job. I am peaceful about this decision. I know it is right and, I know our Forest Family is in good hands and will continue to grow and develop and go from strength to strength. I know everyone will be more than ok and, I know that I will enjoy the next steps although I am emotional to leave and that I leave part of my heart behind.

What I am going to say is about you, our Trust, Governors, community, families, staff and most importantly, our children.

I am grateful to Mr. Donoghue for his integrity and leadership and to the Trust - what a phenomenal partnership which has connected so many and will help the Forest Family go from strength to strength.

I am grateful to our Governors and their commitment and hard work behind the scenes with lots of tricky things for our staff, children and families, for their unwavering support and appropriate challenge.

Staff, I could be here for days outlining how lucky I am and how lucky the Forest Family is to have such dedicated staff who work so hard for the best of each individual child. You bring professionalism, research, drive and passion to our teaching and learning community. I have been blessed and know that you will all continue to move our developments forward and, I hope you have enjoyed reading my little messages to each of you, I am so grateful for such a wonderful team, one I have been blessed to work with.

I am grateful to our communities for connecting with us and allowing us to be a central part of each village's events and developments and for their great engagement and communication with us.

I am grateful to our families for your unwavering support and, when there are difficulties, for treating us with respect and talking through issues, for your partnership and help.

And so, to our children.

Whilst our mission is to teach all of the national curriculum subjects and, I believe we do this exceptionally well with creativity, passion and drive, I think some of the most important lessons that we have instilled in our children are those of how to live.

Of:

how to be a good friend,

how to manage conflict,

how to be tolerant and loving towards people who are different or people in difficulty,

how to be resilient, to pick ourselves up when we fall down, or to keep going when we fail, how to persevere with things which are tricky.

It's so important that we have taught you about respect which starts with respecting yourself and respect for others.

Learning is a lifelong journey and I'd like to think that most of our children leave our Family with the desire to learn, to continue to pick up a book to read another chapter or to login to learn something new, to join a club, to find an interest and to get involved, to be community minded and to help. Do something different, new and daring. I saw this quote recently at an exhibition and it spoke to me - it's about our lifelong journey and the character development of perseverance.

"I am always doing what I cannot do yet, in order to learn how to do it - *Vincent Van Gogh*



Thank you for making me smile each and every day, for grounding me, reminding me of my priorities and for teaching us so much, so much more than you will ever know. You are awesome young people with the world at your feet, dreams to dream, wishes to fulfil. Dream and wish big.

The lesson of love, which is a key fruit of the spirit and which runs through the very veins of The Forest Family is so important, if you don't love yourself you cannot love others.

What others think of you is none of your business, just be the best human being you can, live an exciting, fulfilled life doing whatever you are destined to do and be kind. You have nothing to prove to anyone but yourself and, if you have faith, your God. You are worthy. You are good enough. Believe in yourself and the fact that you can achieve your dreams and make a difference.

I am so grateful for your beautiful words, card and gifts and I hope that I didn't miss anyone in my messages of thanks (or that notes got lost in bags), so I send my gratitude for your generosity and kindness. Additionally, our staff all say personal thank yous to families for their kind cards and gifts and I extend their thanks also. With much gratitude and appreciation.

So, I finish with my love and gratitude to each and every person who has shaped me on my Forest Family journey and enabled me to achieve my dreams, to lead two beautiful, successful, rural, church schools and I hand them over now into good hands to keep them safe and successful. Thank you.

The final event blog is attached and is as up to date as it can be, I hope you enjoy!

Have a wonderful, happy and safe summer and Ralph and I will pop back to see you in the autumn. Lots of love.

Mrs Charlene Gethin and Ralph.



THIS WEEK IN FOCUS CONTINUED

Our sports day was so lovely, not as vibrant as having the whole school but, having it in bubble slots worked well and, we were blessed with the weather.



Sports day Results KS1

Class 1	Fastest boy: Morgan Luke
	Fastest girl: Iyla Elliot
Class 2/	Fastest boy: Joseph Hubinger
Year 1	Fastest girl: Ella Gray
Class 2/	Fastest boy: Jack Booth
Year 2	Fastest girl: Bonnie Bayley



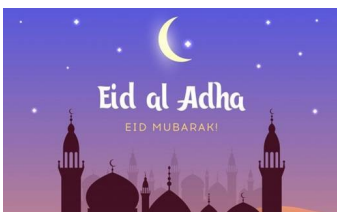
Overall KS1 winners - St George's (Red)

Well done everyone!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

As always, we would like to encourage you to keep reading with your children over the summer holidays. It can be a great time to go to the library and explore new books, to build reading dens in the garden and to share stories linked to places you can visit too. To help with recommendations of books to read there are some reading challenges set up by 'A New Chapter Books'. These are arranged to be at a level suitable for each year group (including our Year 6s going on to Year 7) and are super books, chosen to engage and excite, but also chosen to represent all the differences in our communities and society. Books in school are chosen to encompass this and it is great that this company are helping us to engage parents in reading a range of themed books too. Lists will be shared on Dojo for you to access.

I hope you enjoy whatever you read over the summer, but if you manage to keep a track of books read - like the ones shared here I would love you to share them with me in September. Many thanks, and happy reading. **Mrs. Wells.**



We wish all of our Islamic families Eid-Al-Adha.

There are two key Eid's (Celebration Festivals) in Islam: Eid-ul-Fitr, which signifies the completion of the Holy Month of Ramadan; and **Eid-ul-Adha**, the greater Eid, which follows the completion of the annual Hajj pilgrimage, at the time of **Qurbani** (sacrifice).

MESSAGE FROM JTMTAT (FOR ALL SCHOOLS IN THE JTMTAT)

Just a quick Reminder

"Parents are respectfully reminded that holidays will not be authorised during term time and may be subject to the issuing of a fixed penalty notice (fine).

Parents are also advised not to book holidays abroad that would mean pupils isolating during term time on their return to the UK. In these instances such absences may also be unauthorised and subject to the issuing of a fixed penalty notice (fine)."



Final month's 50:50 Club winners
1st Helen / Lucinda Hughes
2nd Charlotte/Alice Brazier
3rd Satishna/Johan Millensted

Mrs Gethin has all the winnings and will get them to your children in time for collection.

A huge thank you from the PTA for all your support over the year, we and the children at the school are hugely grateful and we hope you can see the money has been well spent!

Have a wonderful summer

20/21 PTA

RANGEMORE PLAYING FIELD - MOLES

Some more moles have invaded the fields near the children's playing area. Please can we request that children do not go near the area that has got a blue rope round it (next to the tree planting) as there are mole traps set? These are very dangerous if played with.



A BIG THANK YOU

Look at the beautiful Forest Family representation the staff had painted for me - all by our own talented Mrs Sally Ward. It's so perfect! Look out for all the features of our gorgeous schools.



She also does made to order, bespoke cards, paintings and even sells Christmas cards- have a look on:

Facebook: [@designsbysallyanne](#)
Instagram: [Sallyanne.designs](#)

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 bags and unless you are notified, are not paid to provide this information. We do not necessarily endorse and we cannot be held responsible for the validity or content of external information.

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.

