

# FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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

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## Friday 24th September 2021



*1 Corinthians 9:26-27: Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified*

### DIARY DATES

2021	LATEST ITEMS SHOWN IN RED
27.09.21	ACADEMY PHOTOGRAPHS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS
30.09.21	TT ROCKSTARS DAY—COME DRESSED AS A ROCKSTAR
01.10.21	STANDON BOWERS FINAL DEPOSIT DUE—YR 5 AND 6
01.10.21	HARVEST FOOD DONATIONS TO BE HANDED IN
01.10.21	HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE—2.30PM
13.10.21	PARENTS EVENING
18.10.21	FLU VACCINATION
19.10.21	NEEDWOOD OPEN MORNING FOR NEW CHILDREN
20.10.21	PTA CAKE SALE
21.10.21	FINAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP
21.10.21	LAST DAY OF TERM
22.10.21	INSET DAY
01.11.21	INSET DAY
02.11.21	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN—START OF TERM
08.11.21-12.11.21	STANDON BOWERS RESIDENTIAL TRIP—YR 5 AND 6
11.11.21	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.30AM
26.11.21	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
29.11.21	PTA NON UNIFORM DAY
17.12.21	FINAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP
17.12.21	LAST DAY OF TERM
04.01.22	INSET DAY
05.01.22	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN—START OF TERM

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Grace, Ellie	Joseph, William C, Tiffany, William H, George D	Effie
Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ☆
		Gold Star ★
	Orla (C2)	
Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆
Bronze Medal 🏅	Silver medal 🏅	Gold medal 🏅

### OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Etta—For excellent Maths work! Etta used her knowledge of number sentences to solve problems. Well done Etta!	William H—For his focus and determination to always produce his best work. In Maths he always rises to the challenge of the 'Go Deeper' activities and in English he listens carefully and responds to feedback by editing his work to make it even better. Well done William!	Lewis—For his outstanding work and dedicated approach in Maths this week. Lewis has participated fully and with such enthusiasm in our Maths lessons. He listens with such concentration and then has applied what he has learned in his independent work. Really well done Lewis—keep up this wonderful attitude!

### W/C SCHOOL CLUBS

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## **THIS WEEK IN FOCUS**

Another super week of learning, it has been a privilege to pop in and watch the teachers in all classes deliver their Maths lessons to the children. Some amazing explanations and mathematical language used by the children as well as written definitions and pictures too. It has been lovely to welcome Mr Baxter into both schools this week who came in for a visit, I'm sure we will be seeing more of him around school as the weeks race up to Christmas.

To maintain our beautiful villages where our schools are located can we please switch off our car engines whilst awaiting collection and think carefully where we park, not blocking any junctions or driveways of residents. Also we have noticed quite a lot of litter around the villages and fields, please take your litter home or bin it. The school councils are eager to start a litter picking/eco club to help care for our local area. Watch this space!

We look forward to next week where we will be doing lots of practise for our Harvest and Thanksgiving service, this will be on zoom - look for the link on dojo. We are asking for donations for the local foodbank (Thank you to those that have donated to the Church this week too!) Unfortunately we cannot accept perishable goods or flowers this year as we won't be able to decorate the church as we have done for previous harvest festivals.

A few suggestions are:-



Tinned foods (ring pulls only please) - soup, baked beans, tomatoes, tinned fruit etc. Dry Foods - cereal bars, cakes, chocolate bars, biscuits etc.

Rice, pasta, cereals, crackers, crisps

Bottled water, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shower gel, hand sanitiser, anti-bacterial cream/wipes, first aid supplies.

Please can all donations be handed to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend everyone. Mrs J Jones

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Individual photographs, sibling photographs (for Siblings in school only) and class photographs will be taking place in school next Monday (27<sup>th</sup> September). Please can all children come in School Uniform next Monday. Class 1 – PE for next week only will be on Weds 29th Sept & Fri 1st Oct.



### **IT'S GOOD TO GROW SCHEME**



We have registered our School for the Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme.

Good to Grow is a token collection scheme that allows us to collect for free gardening equipment to get kids outdoors and growing. Between 6th September and 24th October 2021 for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons customers will automatically receive one Grow Token to donate to your chosen school.

You'll need to be a MyMorrisons customer to take part so make sure you download the app and select our school to donate your Grow Tokens to.

Finally, don't forget to scan your app or MyMorrisons card at checkout every time you shop to receive your Grow Tokens. Once you've selected Needwood, you'll be able to donate your Grow Tokens to us.

From 24th October, we will be able to redeem the Grow Tokens we have collected against a range of growing and gardening equipment for school. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **ROCKSTARS DAY!**

On Thursday 30th September we shall be holding a Rockstars Day. This is linked to our arithmetic practice of multiplication and number facts. Throughout the day the children will have the opportunity to practice these facts whilst rocking out to some music! It's usually great fun and encourages the children to regularly practice these important facts.

We would like the children to get dressed up as rockstars for the occasion! Can we just request caution over choices of footwear, accessories etc as we wouldn't want to have any accidents! If your child has PE on this day, they will still have this, so please ensure they wear their normal PE footwear and clothing that they can easily move around in in a safe way.

Many thanks for your support, we look forward to meeting all our rockstars on the day!



## SCHOOL DAY



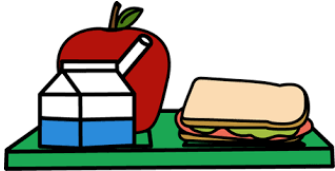
Please can we remind families that doors will open at 8.50am in the morning and will close at 9.00am for morning registration. Please arrive before the doors close at 9.00am so that disruption can be kept to a minimum during morning registration and we can start the school day promptly. Anyone arriving after 9.00am will be marked as late and will need to ring the bell to gain entrance into school. Thank you for your understanding.

## GET CAUGHT PLAYING SPORT

In school, we have a board entitled 'Get Caught playing Sport' and we want to celebrate all sporting activity in school and also any sport the children take part in out of school too. If you have a photograph showing your child/children taking part in a sport and you are happy to share it, please send it into school and we will add it to the display. Thank you.



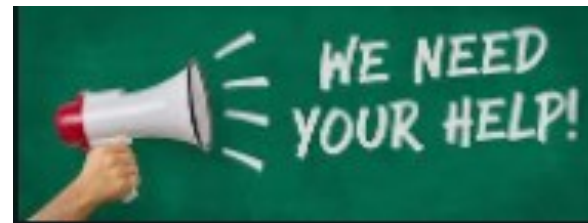
## LUNCH MENU



Our school lunch menu for next week (week 2) is attached to this Newsletter. Please note that we are hoping that our kitchen is back up and running again. Chartwells will always arrange for sandwich packed lunches to be available should hot food not be available. We will hopefully be able to provide you with an update next week.

Lunches are free for all Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. School lunches for Year 3 upwards are charged at £2.34 payable on Parent Pay. There is no need to pre-order, children just need to let their class teacher know their choice on the day during morning registration.

## PTA



The PTA held its AGM in school on Thursday 23rd September at 7.30pm and was attended by 6 parents. The PTA have supported the school tremendously over the last few years and provided funds for essentials and extras in school that have benefitted all children. It is therefore worrying for school that the current committee, who have worked so hard over recent years, were only joined by one other parent at the meeting. It had been the intention for a number of the committee to step down last night, but in order to support school and ensure the children don't miss out on key opportunities this term, they have agreed to

continue until Christmas for which school is very grateful.

The PTA and school are extremely grateful to those people who have spoken to members of the PTA committee recently and offered to provide help with events/activities, but without a committee we shall simply lose these things. I'm sure you will all agree that this would be deeply saddening. One example of what the PTA provide is the coach costs for the pantomime trip each year and without this we believe that the cost would potentially be unaffordable to school and families.

So this is a heartfelt plea to ask parents to consider helping out the school via the PTA. We completely understand that families have busy lives, parents work and it feels like the commitment is too much, but we would be grateful of what little time you could offer. It may be that with a friend you could share a role on the committee and share the responsibility. It may be that you can commit to organising one event/activity only. It may be that you have a particular skill or occupation that would be great for a particular event. Please give some thought to what you might be able to offer.

If you have any questions about the PTA roles, please speak to one of the PTA committee and if you're unsure who they are please ask Mrs Preston or a member of staff on the school gate and we will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Some of the events planned for this term include:

- A cake sale on 20th October after school
- A car treasure hunt during the weekend 20th/21st November
- The sale of tea towels with pictures of the whole school on it - great for Christmas gifts! Available after half term.
- The making and selling of Christmas wreaths. A non-uniform day will be held on 29th November in exchange for donations towards making the wreaths, further information will follow.

Letters to and from Father Christmas - information will come out on 22nd November and need to be returned by 26th November.

Please remember that as a parent, like the staff at our small school, you are all automatically members of the PTA and we would truly appreciate any support you are willing to offer. Many thanks.



## Branston Baby Bounce & Rhyme

with Burton Library



FREE sessions for 0-3s (older siblings welcome during the holidays). Numbers limited. Booking essential.

Please book through Eventbrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/branston-baby-bounce-and-rhyme-with-burton-library-tickets-164818786427>  
 or call Burton Library on 01283 881204

Clays Lane Sports Pavilion,  
 Branston  
 Tuesdays 2pm—2.30pm  
 17th and 24th August then  
 every week from 7th September



## DEVELOPMENT THROUGH DRAMA

1 HOUR CLASSES FOR 4 - 18 YEAR OLDS  
 FACE-TO-FACE & ONLINE CLASSES AVAILABLE

Our development drama programme has been taught around the world, by our experienced and trained teachers, for over 40 years and has helped our students to:

- Build CONFIDENCE and SELF-ESTEEM
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- Develop PERFORMANCE skills
- Extend SOCIAL SKILLS and make new friends

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 LOCAL CLASS  
 TODAY



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Call 01889802376/ 07776285407  
 Or email – [staffs@helenogrady.co.uk](mailto:staffs@helenogrady.co.uk)  
 For Your Free Lesson



## THE VOICE KIDS 2022 APPLY NOW!

The Voice Kids is back and we're looking for super talented **SOLO SINGERS & DUOS** who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage!

If you know any 7-14 year olds who want their voices to be heard, we want to hear from you!

For more information about how to enter go to  
[itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids](http://itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids)  
 or [stv.tv/voicekids](http://stv.tv/voicekids)

Applications close on  
**Friday 29th October 2021**

We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our discretion

Other eligibility criteria and terms and conditions also apply (see entry form for full details).  
 Personal data provided by you will be collected and processed in accordance with the privacy notices set out in the entry form.



## Parish News



*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.

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