

Awards

7th January 2022

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Maliha**

Class 2: **Ayden**

Class 3: **Amelie**

Class 4: **Joel**

Badges:

Headteacher awards:

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Zakariyah**

Class 2: **Liberty**

Class 3: **Lauren**

Badges:

Headteacher awards:

Message from Mr Baxter

It has been a fantastic first week of the year at both of our wonderful schools. The children have returned after the Christmas break ready to learn and with great enthusiasm. I have been getting to know the children in lessons and out on the playground and they have been delightful! I have been very impressed with their friendliness, positivity and learning attitudes. Thank you to all of the children and staff for making me feel so welcome!

This week we have set all of the classes the challenge of creating a Forest Family prayer. They have produced some very reflective and thoughtful responses so far. I look forward to sharing some with you when they are finished.

It has been great to meet many families at drop off and pick up, thank you to everyone for your warm welcome. I look forward to a busy and productive term full of exciting learning opportunities.

Best wishes,

Mr Baxter

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

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| 10.1.22 | VIOLIN LESSONS YEARS 4 AND 5 |
| 31.1.22 | BIKEABILITY FOR YEARS 4 AND 5 |
| 1.2.22 | BIKEABILITY FOR YEARS 4 AND 5 |
| 18.2.22 | LAST DAY OF HALF TERM |
| 28.2.22 | FIRST DAY BACK |
| 8.4.22 | LAST DAY OF TERM |
| 25.4.22 | RETURN AFTER EASTER HOLIDAY |

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

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| 25.1.22 | BIKEABILITY YEAR 5 |
| 26.1.22 | BIKEABILITY YEAR 4 |
| 18.2.22 | LAST DAY OF HALF TERM |
| 28.2.22 | FIRST DAY BACK |
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PE DAYS AT NEEDWOOD

This term, classes will have PE on the following days:

Class 1 – Monday and Wednesday

Class 2 and 3 – Tuesday and Thursday



Towards the end of last term we noticed some children wearing non-uniform PE kit. Please could we respectfully ask that children only come to school in **uniform PE kit** on PE days, which is as follows:
Black joggers/leggings, white t-shirt or polo shirt and school jumper or cardigan.

As the children will be having gymnastics for one of their PE lessons, please could we also ask that the children bring in a pair of **uniform PE shorts** to keep in their drawer at school so that they can change into these for their lesson.

REMINDER - YEARS 4 AND 5 RANGEMORE

Please remember to bring in your violin for lessons on Monday. Thank you.



REMINDER - RANGEMORE

Just a reminder that we are still operating the one way system at Rangemore and we would appreciate it if parents go out of the back gate and don't double back through the front. Thank you.

A MESSAGE TO NEEDWOOD FAMILIES

Needwood Families, just a little message to mention that the Christmas gifts from the Teaching Assistants at Needwood for all the children were also from Mrs Hodson-Walker, unfortunately her name was missed off the original tag. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS - CLOSING DATE REMINDER

Just a reminder that the closing date to apply for a place in Reception is 15 January 2022.

CONFIRMATORY PCR TESTS TO BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FOR POSITIVE LATERAL FLOW DEVICE (LFD) TEST RESULTS

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Thank you.

Scripture - Matthew 2:12

Verse Concepts

And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.



WELL-BEING

Please see below January's well-being calendar - 'Happier January 2022'.

Happier January 2022

| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1 Find three things to look forward to this year | 2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself | 3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day | 4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why | 5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths | 6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe | 7 Learn something new and share it with others |
| 8 Say positive things to the people you meet today | 9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors) | 10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why | 11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime | 12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat | 13 Take a different route today and see what you notice | 14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today |
| 15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful | 16 Contribute positively to your local community | 17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes | 18 Get back in contact with an old friend | 19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough | 20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge | 21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone |
| 22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you | 23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment | 24 Take a small step towards an important goal | 25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down | 26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today | 27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside | 28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently |
| 29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better | 30 See how many people you can smile at today | 31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future | | | | |



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Happy New Year

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. Developed by Epic Games, it began life exclusively as a 'battle royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms).

IN-APP PURCHASES

Not all of Fortnite is free. Save the World mode, for example, can become quite costly. An in-game currency called V-Bucks is used to buy items such as cosmetics, which are not a necessity to play the game. It can feel like buying them is essential, however – even for adult players. Making sure no payment methods are linked to the game's store is a good idea when children are playing Fortnite.

REPEAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Fortnite now offers a monthly repeat subscription which costs £9.99 (or equivalent). This package offers different non-essential benefits every month – including fancy cosmetics, rare weapons, V-Bucks and special bonuses. Signing up, therefore, can be tempting for dedicated players. However, subscriptions cannot be paid for with V-Bucks earned in the game, only with real-world money.

COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY

Fortnite isn't purely a competitive experience (some modes prioritise cooperation), but the rivalry aspect remains central. Battle Royale is an especially ruthless mode, where the last player or squad left standing wins. Games can become heated, and players' desire to win can often cause excessively aggressive or 'toxic' behaviour towards others – via the game's audio chat, for instance.

POSSIBILITY OF SCAMS

Popular games like Fortnite are often targeted by unscrupulous individuals trying to trick or exploit genuine fans. In Fortnite, scammers have been known to offer children free V-Bucks or vast amounts of V-Bucks in exchange for rare items – often asking the player to click a particular link. These scammers are seeking access to your child's account, personal information and payment details.

USER-CONTROLLED CONTENT

Some elements of online video games can't be rated for age appropriateness because the developer doesn't have control over them. In Fortnite, for instance, things like voice or text chat, usernames, trades and other player-generated content may not always be suitable for children. It also means that the makers aren't liable for anything a stranger might say to young Fortnite players online.

Advice for Parents & Carers

STAY AWARE OF SPENDING

Free-to-play games (that is, ones without up-front costs) can still be big financial drains. In Fortnite, for example, the Battle Pass – a set of rewards to improve players' experience in the game – can be either earned through playing or bought with real money (with additional incentives for the latter). With supervision however, this can be a great lesson in money management for children.

TALK ABOUT TALKING

Communication is key in the squad-based Fortnite modes, and children will quickly realise that talking with team-mates online helps to increase their win rate. It's a good idea, therefore, to chat with your child first about speaking to strangers online, trading, scammers and other potential risks. Remind them that they can always come to you for help if they run into problems online.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

Gaming sessions can reach marathon lengths, especially when your child is on a winning streak and doesn't want to stop. Sitting in the same position for hours, of course, isn't healthy but it's an easy habit to form. Encouraging young ones to break regularly for drinks and so on will help them stay hydrated, rest their eyes and release some of the tension from competitive gameplay.

DISCUSS OTHER APPS

Games like Fortnite can lead on to third-party apps (Discord, for example) where players can join a voice, text or – in some cases – video chat about the game. Certain add-ons also let children talk with other players from their local area, which clearly presents a potential risk. When discussing Fortnite with your child, you might also want to ask them about other apps they use while playing.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Please speak to Mr Baxter if you have a particular requirement.

