

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Have a great weekend.

Awards

4th February 2022

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Harvey R** Class 2: **Sami K-G** Class 3: **Dylan** Class 4: **Olivia G**

Badges: ★ **Johan M (Red Star)** ★ **Riley P (Silver)**

Headteacher awards: **Phoebe F, Isaac Q**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Heidi W** Class 2: **Y4 Rockstars** Class 3: **Jasmine S**

Badges: ★ **Joseph M (Gold Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Bella C, Oscar C, Finn J, Maisie C, William C**

Dear Parents,

I would like to say a massive 'well done' to the children for taking part in NSPCC Number Day today. There have been some wonderfully creative ways of dressing as numbers in both schools! Today has also been a great opportunity for us to remind the children the importance of helping others. Thank you to all of our families for your generosity in raising money for such an important cause. Also, well done to the children who have been busy at home (and school!) battling on Times Table Rock Stars! We have been battling against the other JTMAT schools, so we are just waiting for the final results. The children have been trying really hard to top the leader board, and Class 2 at Needwood have been particularly keen!

Very well done to all of the children.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Baxter

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

8.2.22	PTA MEETING 7.00 PM HORSESHOE
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28.2.22	FIRST DAY BACK
3.3.22	WORLD BOOK DAY
7.4.22	LAST DAY OF TERM
8.4.22	EXTRA INSET DAY
25.4.22	RETURN AFTER EASTER HOLIDAY

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 69.01%

CLASS 2 - 94.79%

CLASS 3 - 97.98%

CLASS 4 - 91.00%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 96.55%

CLASS 2 - 87.80%

CLASS 3 - 95.79%

WELL DONE CHILDREN!



Awesome Acorns



Mrs Brinkley and I returned back to school this week after isolating. We're both glad to be back and it's been lovely seeing all the awesome children and supporting them in Acorns. Thank you to Mrs C Jones and Mrs J Jones for stepping in to help this week.

We are now out of our bubbles and the children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to work together again. The older children have been brilliant helping and supporting the younger children during the sessions. The behaviour has been super!

Well done Awesome Acorns!

We have been getting a few children being booked on the same day that provision is needed. Could I just ask that you send a Dojo message personally to me, at least 24 hours before provision is needed (unless in an emergency) so that staff know/the book can be updated before the session/how many children we need to organise activities for/food for that particular day also if your child is booked into Acorns and you no longer need provision that day, could you please Dojo me at the latest, by the lunch time, so you don't get charged for that session.

Thank you for your understanding.

Next week's activities are:

Monday 7th February - Children choose activities

Tuesday 8th February - Film Night

Wednesday 9th February - Arts and Crafts

Thursday 10th February - Team building activities

Friday 11th February - Games Night

FUNKY PHEASANTS WRAP AROUND

We have had a very busy week this week, trying out our new games table. First of all learning how to play pool, holding the cue at the right angle was a challenge at first but once we'd mastered the angles the children really enjoyed the new activity.

The weather was kind on Wednesday so we managed a lovely play outside. Inside the children have been playing role play games, colouring, playing board games also learning their spellings, not forgetting any chance to go on 'TT Rockstars'.

Next week's activity plan is:-

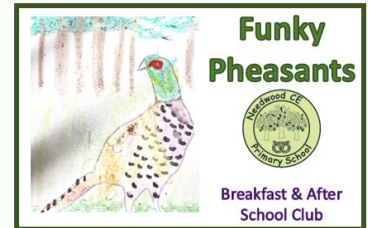
Monday- Board Games

Tuesday- Technology night

Wednesday- Den building

Thursday- Making Crispy Chocolate Valentine cakes

Friday- Lego

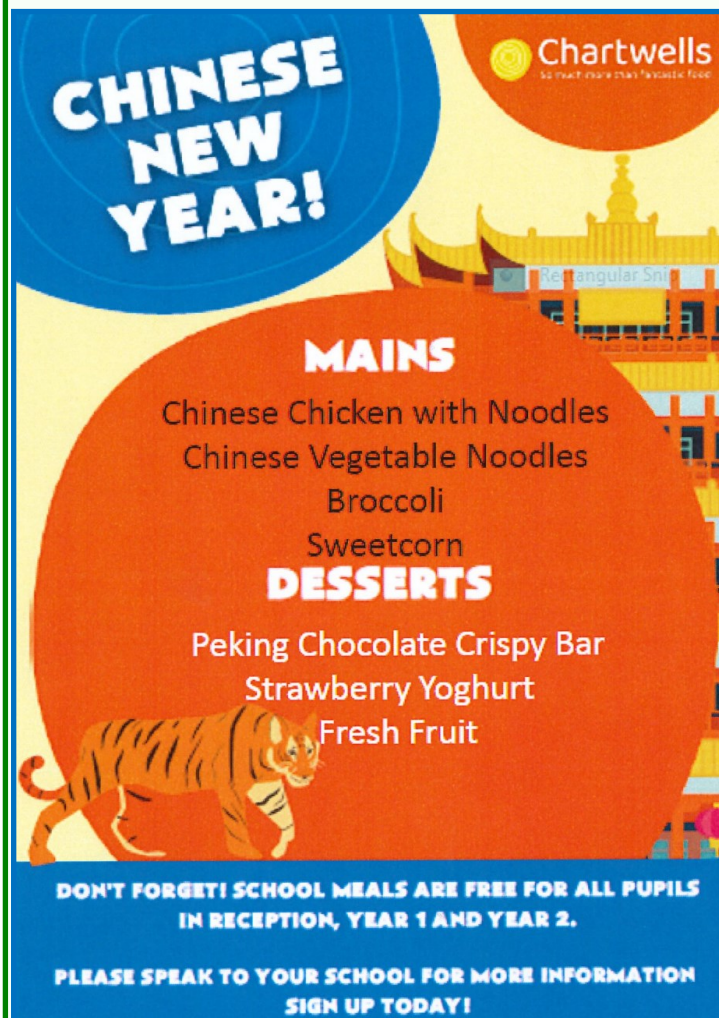


Events coming up :-

Movie night 14th February.

Details will be on parentpay shortly.

Have a good weekend everyone from Mrs Goring and Mrs Cooper."



CHINESE NEW YEAR!

Chartwells
so good you'll want to eat it every day

MAINS

- Chinese Chicken with Noodles
- Chinese Vegetable Noodles
- Broccoli
- Sweetcorn

DESSERTS

- Peking Chocolate Crispy Bar
- Strawberry Yoghurt
- Fresh Fruit

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION SIGN UP TODAY!

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH MENU IS WEEK 3

On Wednesday 9th, we have a change of menu to this Chinese New Year menu.

(see poster).

MESSAGE FROM ENTRUST MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents

I would like to announce that the application process for this year's Staffordshire Young Musician 2022 competition is 'open'. Historically the Staffordshire Young Musician competition has played an important role in the development of the counties musicians, and last year's competition was no different. We had a record number of applications (c.120 musicians) and have decided to continue the online preliminary round and live face-to-face final.

We know how challenging the last few years have been, but hopefully the competition will give the young people in your school a good focus during these times, and a much needed performance platform. We do encourage all young people to take part, whatever level they are at.

With us having such a huge success last year, we have tweaked the layout and added an additional competition. There are now 3 grouped categories, where a winner from each level will be awarded a trophy;

- Junior – up to and including Year 6 pupils
- Intermediate – Year 7 to Year 9 pupils
- Senior – Year 10 or above in full-time education

We have also added a Composers category to the Instrumentalists and Singers, widening the musical spectrum for all types of musicians.

This year's competition will be open to singers, instrumentalists and composers of all disciplines / abilities / ages and each participant will receive constructive feedback, with an emphasis on ensuring a positive experience for all. Detailed guidance on the recording process will be sent to all applicants after the closing date for applications.

The dates for this year's competition will be;

- Closing date for applications (returned to the Music Service) **Friday 11th March 2022** – no need to confirm repertoire choice
- Deadline to return the Preliminary Round Video **Thursday 7th April 2022** – instrumentalists and singers only
- Candidates will know if they have reached the final at the start of the Summer Term
- Composition submission date is **Friday 27th May 2022**
- Winning Composers to be announced on **Friday 1st July 2022**
- The Finals will be held on **Saturday 9th July 2022** (Singers) and **Sunday 10th July 2022** (Instrumentalists) at the Riverway Centre, Stafford. The winning compositions will also be performed at these finals

This year, we have 2 ways of applying;

1. Completing the editable PDF that is attached and returning it to the Music Service inbox
2. Following the QR Code or hyperlink to 'Microsoft Forms' to complete the details on there

I have attached the necessary forms in full and we look forward to receiving your application. Please can you cascade this out to pupils in school who would benefit from taking part; especially the new composers award which could be linked to your curriculum lessons you deliver in school – it could also be an excellent focus for a GCSE / A-Level Composition as part of your pupils exams.

Please do contact me if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your continued support of the Music Service.

Kind Regards,

Paul Hughes

**Head of Partnerships, Community and Learning,
Entrust Music Service Staffordshire - The Music Partnership**

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 of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Top Tips for Respect Online: INSPIRING CHILDREN TO BUILD A BETTER DIGITAL WORLD

Our ability to communicate with anyone in the world, at any time, via the internet has grown at breakneck speed. For teachers and parents, it can feel impossible to keep up. Worrying about our young people is understandable, and not unjustified: in 2020, for example, one in five 10- to 15-year-olds experienced bullying online. Our tips highlight ways that adults can support young people's positive online behaviours: by adopting and following 'netiquette', we can show them how to avoid getting into difficulty as they learn to negotiate the continually evolving digital landscape.

WHAT IS NETIQUETTE?

Just like etiquette is a set of rules which guides and governs our interactions with others in everyday life, netiquette – etiquette on the net – is the framework which helps inform how we communicate with people online. The rules of engagement often aren't the same as a face-to-face meeting, so it's important that we can accurately 'read' situations in the digital world and know how to act appropriately.

1 ACCEPT DIFFERENT RULES

A lot of our interaction with others is helped by non-verbal signals like body language and facial expressions. Online, of course, many of these clues are missing. Talk to your child about why this makes misunderstandings more likely to occur in the digital world and why keeping in mind that online communication is a very different process can help to prevent difficulties from arising.

2 PRESS 'PAUSE'

It's so easy to do things quickly online that most people (adults included) habitually send or respond to messages without considering the consequences. Pushing 'the pause button' buys a young person some time while they ponder the golden rule: "Would I still say this if the other person was right front of me?" You could practise this with your child on some made-up tricky situations.

3 THE INTERNET IS ADDICTIVE

Apps and sites use sophisticated algorithms and clever marketing to keep us engaged, while notifications to our devices are designed to draw us back in. It's no wonder that people continually return to the digital world, sometimes spending long periods of time there. You and your child could trial turning off notifications on certain apps and instead agree a time to check for updates manually.

4 BEWARE THE DARK SIDE

Getting a hurtful or unhelpful comment on social media or in a group chat can make the recipient feel publicly shamed. That's painful for anyone – but especially for a young person whose status in a group is integral to their sense of identity. Encourage your child to think about the best and safest way to send a message: for example, doing it as a private message rather than a public post.

5 HARMFUL INTERACTIONS

Unfortunately, it's very easy to send a hurtful message or to spread gossip and rumours online. We all know this happens regularly. Not having to deal with actually seeing the other person's distress usually doesn't help people to make a positive decision in the moment. It's important that trusted adults help children to visualise the potential consequences and have empathy for others.

6 APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES

We're all built differently; some people are simply more emotionally sensitive than others. Young people can be particularly affected by negative online communication, such as group shaming. Even a single message (which might seem trivial at face value) can cause deep anguish. Trusted adults should be prepared to be patient and listen to any difficulties their child might have had online.

7 ACCENTUATED ANXIETY

Young people's online lives create a lot of anxiety. Messages go into a 'black hole' until someone responds, there are more reasons to compare ourselves negatively, and social media can make us feel like we're missing out. Encourage activities such as sports and hobbies to balance this out, and remember that merely blocking out thoughts (by gaming, for instance) isn't the same as relaxation.

8 PRO-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

A huge positive for the internet is how it helps people to feel connected and makes being kind and helpful easy to spread. When young people get involved in pro-social behaviours online, it creates a positive feedback loop which makes them feel good. Show your child examples of when you've done or said something positive online, and praise and encourage them when they do the same.

9 BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL

One of the best things we can do as trusted adults is to role model positive online behaviour. Just letting your child see that you know when it's time to put your phone away and do something more productive can set a strong example. Some families set aside particular times of the week (such as mealtimes or a family walk) where digital devices aren't allowed and conversation takes precedence.

10 SHOW COMPASSION

Mistakes can feel much bigger online, because they're so public. If a young person does or says something regrettable on the internet, it's important to support them to forgive themselves, learn any lessons and move forward positively. Even as adults, we can often stumble when learning how things work in the fast-moving digital world, so it's important to have compassion for ourselves, too.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Carole Francis-Smith is an experienced counselling psychologist who, through her research, specialises in promoting safe and ethical online communications. She consults with businesses and organisations to support positive and effective communication online, often by considering some of the more hidden aspects of the mediums.



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Sources: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/young-people-experience-online-bullying-at-record-levels>
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WHO CAN GO? RECEPTION, YEAR 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

WHAT ARE THE DATES? FEB 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th

WHERE DO WE PLAY? PLAYGROUND, FIELD, SCHOOL HALL

WHAT TIME DO WE PLAY? ARRIVAL 8.45AM - 9.00AM, COLLECTION 2.45PM - 3.00PM

WHAT DO I NEED? TRAINERS AND SUITABLE SPORTS CLOTHING, A PACKED LUNCH AND PLENTY TO DRINK. NO NUTS IN ANY PACKED LUNCHES PLEASE.

WHERE IS THE ENTRANCE? MAIN ENTRANCE OF SCHOOL, PLEASE LOOK FOR THE BLUE ACTIVE LEARNING SPORTS FLAGS

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? COST PER DAY - £15.00 5 DAY COST - £65.00 (MEDALS WILL BE GIVEN TO EVERY CHILD THAT ATTENDS FULL WEEK)
10% DISCOUNT ON SIBLINGS

HOW TO PAY? Apply online @

<https://activelearningsports.com/product/holiday-sports-camp/>

COVID 19 SAFE- DETAILS WILL BE ON OUR WEBSITE OF HOW WE WILL BE FOLLOWING ALL GOVERNMENT GUIDE LINES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL OF THE CHILDREN AND STAFF.

PLACES ARE GIVEN ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS AND THERE IS A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLACES SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JAMES ATTWOOD ON - 07800812039 OR EMAIL - james@activelearningsports.com OR VISIT @activelearningsports.com



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- All of our coaches are first aid trained and DBS cleared.

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- Affordable, safe, fun and structured child care during school holidays.
- Presentation at the end of each week including certificates, prizes and trophies for star players!

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Football

Basketball

Cricket

Movies at lunch time

Tag rugby

Street dance

Nerf wars

Zorb football

Capture the flag

MicroSports

CLUBS

Abbots Bromley Tennis Club Sunday 20th February Open Day

Time	Age
12 - 12:45	4-8
1 - 1:45	9-11
2 - 2:45	11-16
3 - 3:45	Adults

Join us at Abbots Bromley Tennis Club on Sunday 20th February. Meet the coach and enjoy a free tennis session suitable for all ages.



Please email charlotte@micro-sports.co.uk to reserve your space



Abbots Bromley Tennis Club, Rear of Village Hall, off Bagot St, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3DB

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12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

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School information can be provided in different languages, large print, simple text only or Braille.

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

