

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

Have a great weekend,

## Awards

25th March 2022

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Spencer T** Class 2: **Sebastian B** Class 3: **Reggie** Class 4 **Caitlin F**

Badges: ★ **Harry C (Gold Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Sebastian B, Lilly-Rose B, Pixie, Emilia, Idris x2, Oliver H, Francesca x2, Maisie, Harvey R, Harry C, Madeleine W**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Joshua S** Class 2: **Martha O** Class 3 **William H**

Badges: ★ **Henrietta W, Verity R (Green star)** ☆ **Joseph M – (Silver star)** 🏆 **Destiny, (Star Trophy)**

Headteacher awards: **William C, Jack B, William H, Bella C, Millie**

Dear Parents,

The weeks seem to be going very fast at All Saints and Needwood! It is amazing to think we are nearly at the end of the Spring term. The children have enjoyed playing outside in the sunshine at both schools, and at All Saints we have had the new field cut ready to be used!

The children have been doing some fantastic activities as part of science week and it has been great for them to meet different people to find out how they use science in their jobs. Thank you to the parents who have been able to talk to the children.

It has been wonderful to invite parents to our Mother's Day services today. Sadly, with rising covid cases we still have to be careful about the number of visitors we have so thank you for your support. Well done to the staff and children for putting together their class performances.

Have a great weekend,  
Best Wishes

**Mr Baxter**

### DIARY - ALL SAINTS

29.3.22	CLASS 3 PIZZA EXPRESS TRIP
30.3.22	YEAR 6 LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPHS
6.4.22	EASTER SERVICE DETAILS TBC
7.4.22	LAST DAY OF TERM
8.4.22	EXTRA INSET DAY
25.4.22	RETURN AFTER EASTER HOLIDAY

### DIARY - NEEDWOOD

29.3.22	YEAR 6 LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPHS
1.4.22	PTA NON UNIFORM DAY—£1
6.4.22	EASTER SERVICE DETAILS TBC
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### ATTENDANCE

#### ALL SAINTS

**CLASS 1 - 99.32%**

**CLASS 2 - 91.64%**

**CLASS 3 - 88.40%**

**CLASS 4 - 89.76%**

### WELL DONE EVERYONE

#### NEEDWOOD

**CLASS 1 - 94.64 %**

**CLASS 2 - 85.99%**

**CLASS 3 - 84.67%**

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPH

**Needwood** on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

**Rangemore** on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Please make sure your child has their school jumper for the photo.**

### UNIFORM

A reminder that all children must wear black shoes for school (apart from PE days, of course). No boots please. Thank you.

### PARKING

Zig Zag's are **designed to indicate that parking and overtaking in these zones is strictly prohibited**. This is to give a clear view of the road where children are crossing to get to school.

Please can all parent make sure that they **DO NOT** park or even drop off on these. Thank you.

### Y3/4 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT:

Two teams of children played in a Barton hockey tournament against other primary schools last Friday and showed huge amounts of courage, team work and resilience. The sun was shining, children were cheering, and Miss Williams, Mrs C Jones, parents and pupils left the pitches feeling very proud of our teams' achievements - especially considering they'd only had two hockey lessons prior to this event. Well done to all the children involved!



### SCIENCE WEEK:

Both schools got involved in lots of investigations and discussions this week to celebrate Science week. Classes carried out a whole-school investigation to find out whether older people have larger hands than younger people, which united all classes in one big project. Children also learnt about some of our pupils' parents' science-linked careers, asked them lots of questions and felt inspired by the amazing science that happens around us all the time. Miss Williams would like to thank the parents who got involved for their support in making science week so successful for our children.





What a glorious spring day it was on Wednesday and what a fun packed afternoon we all had at Forest School.

The bird song was almost deafening on arrival at the site which was very appropriate as we started the session talking about birds and their average life expectancy in comparison to the oldest recorded.

A lot of fun was had guessing the ages and most were very surprised with the correct answers!

Who would have believed that a typical lifespan of a Blackbird was 3 years but oldest recorded was 47!

Or that a Starling was 5 years but oldest recorded was 34 years.

The rest of the session was den building and what dens they made! We only had 10 children today due to illness and they made three dens between them. All very different and unique. I was very happy to see lots of team work and listening to each other's ideas.

During the session we got a quick visit from Mr Baxter, his first visit to the site, he was most impressed with how things were going and I really think he would have liked to have stopped and joined in ☐.

Of course, I had to give them all the water test i.e. each team getting into their dens whilst I threw a small bucket of water over the den. Everyone stayed dry luckily – well done everyone for your great constructions.

**PLEASE REMEMBER NEXT WEEK SESSION WILL BE THIS COMING MONDAY AM 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FOR THIS WEEK ONLY – SO PLEASE BRING ALL YOUR FOREST SCHOOL THINGS WITH YOU PLEASE.**





## PTA **CHOCOLATE BINGO—6TH APRIL**

A decision has been made with Mr Baxter to cancel our chocolate bingo evening due to the rising cases of covid at School.

We therefore will not be asking for chocolate / Easter eggs donations to be brought into school on the 4th April.

We will plan to organise a summer event instead when families can enjoy meeting up together outdoors.



### **NON UNIFORM DAY— 1ST APRIL**

We would love to brighten up the school Playground with some new plants.

So we are hoping you will support us by donating a £1 next week on non uniform day.

Do you have a spare watering can that could be gifted to the school or a tin of outdoor wood paint left over in your garage. If you could help with any of these items please speak to Emma or Sam on the playground.

Thank you ☐

### **MOTHERS DAY SHOP**

We had a lovely Wednesday afternoon in the playground with our pop up Mothers Day shop.

Thank you to the families for your kind & generous donations. The children seemed to enjoy picking their special gift for you.

We raised £100, which is fabulous.

Thank you for your support - Needwood PTA

## **UKRAINE DONATIONS**

Thank you for all the donations received so far to help support the crisis developing in Ukraine. If anyone has any last minute donations please make sure they are dropped into school by Monday 28th at the latest. With many thanks.

A blue van with 'CTR GROUP' and 'CTRGROUP.CO.UK' written on it, parked on a street. Above the van is a red banner that says 'UKRAINE CRISIS. How we can all help.'

**UKRAINE CRISIS.**  
**How we can all help.**

**Dear Neighbour,**

With the dreadful events unfolding in Ukraine, CTR Group (based on the Marchington Industrial Estate) has decided that they have to try to help.

They are putting together a fleet of vans, filling them with much-needed donations, and their drivers will deliver them to the Poland / Ukraine border area in the coming weeks.

They have already established contact with the Polish Red Cross – who will ensure that what we bring is properly distributed to wherever the need is greatest – and are now looking to collect as much as they can in the following few days.

Specifically they are looking to contribute brand new items that the Polish Red Cross have advised are urgent.

These are:

- Medicines (painkillers, antiseptic creams etc.)
- Bandages, plasters etc.
- Rescue stretchers
- Gloves
- Tents
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows and duvets
- Camping beds
- Warm blankets
- Torches
- Batteries
- Lighters
- Warm socks
- Warm shoes (size 10+)
- Sanitary pads
- Diapers

- Formula milk for children
- Wet wipes
- Generators
- Canned food

If you are able to make a donation of any sort, please contact Renata Pierscinska at CTR Group, you can reach her by email on [renata@ctrgroup.co.uk](mailto:renata@ctrgroup.co.uk) or directly to her mobile on +44 7588 504468.

Many thanks, CTR Group

**CTR GROUP**



# Awesome Acorns



*The children have spent most of their time outside this week enjoying the lovely sunshine! We will be getting out more now the weather is getting warmer so children can play with the outdoor equipment. They have enjoyed playing with skipping ropes and bean bags and some nights, instead of playing football, have created their own games and played well together. We have seen lots of super behaviour, sharing and team work throughout the week.*

*Thank you to the children who have washed/dried up after snack this week. What a brilliant job you do and work together so well!*

*We now have a 'reward' chart in Awesome Acorns. Children will have a tally added to the chart when staff recognise positive attitudes/behaviour and reward them for different things we see them do throughout the week, from using their manners to being kind and helpful towards staff/each other. We are so proud of the children for their brilliant behaviour and the way they help and support us/each other. We will use this chart to choose our Awesome Acorn of the month (whether children are in Acorns daily or for a short while) and this is a fair way for them to be rewarded for the lovely things we see during their time with us.*

*Next week the children will continue to be involved in lots of activities where they will work together and have fun.*

*Some days (between 3.15pm -4.00pm) we may go for a play in the park or woods. We will be back in school by 4.00pm. If at any time you need to collect your child earlier, could I ask, if possible, that you Dojo me (Mrs Slater) on a day your child may be collected earlier, so a staff member can bring your child back to school for collection. Could you also Dojo me to let me know if your child has been asked to take part in any up-coming after school sports events but have already been booked into Awesome Acorns and no longer need after school provision for that day. Thank you for your understanding.*

*Thank you as always, for your continued support.*

***Mrs Slater and the Awesome Acorns team***

*Hello Everyone*

*What a lovely sunny week! The children have been making the most of the beautiful afternoons and have been discovering (and re- discovering) our outdoor equipment. Our little ones have been trying their hand at some new activities.*

*It seems hitting a small shuttlecock with a small racquet is quite difficult - time to bring in the giant shuttlecock - that worked!*

*Some ball games, role play and an egg hunt were also enjoyed along with a spot of quiet reading under the tree.*

*Our Funky Pheasants have made brilliant progress with our Easter display board, 'Egg hunt' It's looking very colourful. Thank you all*

*(still room for some more creations).*

*Last night we had our tea on the field 'picnic style' which was lovely.*

*Next week's timetable is no 2:-*

*Mon - Games table*

*Tues - Craft*

*Wed - Dressing up*

*Thurs - Tech*

*Fri -Free play*

*We will be outside as often as possible.*

*Our Easter bake is planned for Wednesday 6 April for all attending Funky Pheasants on that day.*

*Have a lovely weekend everyone -*

*Don't forget to put your clocks forward!!!*





