

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Have a great weekend.

Awards

20th May 2022

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Idris T** Class 2: **Ella A** Class 3: **Seth S** Class 4 **Holly M**

Badges: ★ **Charlotte R (Red Star)** ★ **Nathaniel M (Silver Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Gilbert D, Joseph H, Phoebe L, Ella-Ray B, Aaisla-May W**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Finn H** Class 2: **William H** Class 3 **Hazel-Blossom**

Badges: ★ (Green Star) ★ (Bronze Star)

Headteacher awards: **Sienna S, Joseph M, Afeni W**

★ (Silver Star)
Liberty L

★ (Gold Star)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by at both of our schools!

I would like to remind everyone that we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next Friday. The children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue or a combination of those colours. We will be enjoying a street party at lunchtime so all the children are welcome to order the school Jubilee lunch that day. At the end of the day we will be hosting worship at school, on the playground if the weather is kind!

Yesterday it was the turn of the Needwood PTA to put on the first school disco since the pandemic began. Now both schools have had the chance to enjoy a disco, so a big thank you to the PTA at both schools. It was wonderful to see the children have such a great time at both of the discos! A welcome return to some kind of normality!

We have added some event dates for the summer term to this letter, so please take a note of them and we hope you can join us!

Have a great weekend. Best wishes

Mr Baxter

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

24.5.22	CLASS 2 MULTI-SKILLS, JTHS
27.5.22	JUBILEE PARTY
30.5.22	HALF TERM
8.6.22	CLASSES 3 & 4 TWYCROSS ZOO TRIP
17.6.22	FATHER'S DAY SERVICE TIMINGS TBC
5.7.22	SPORTS DAY TIME TBC
8.7.22	INSET DAY
18.7.22 2.00 pm	YR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE/ FINAL WORSHIP
20.7.22	LAST DAY OF TERM

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

23.5.22	HEIGHT & WEIGHT CHECK REC/Y6
24.5.22	CLASS 1, MULTI-SKILLS, JTHS
27.5.22	JUBILEE PARTY
30.5.22	HALF TERM
9.6.22	STAR FOUNDATION COLLECTION
17.6.22	FATHER'S DAY SERVICE TIMINGS TBC
7.7.22	SPORTS DAY TIME TBC
8.7.22	INSET DAY
14.7.22 1.30 pm	YR6 LEAVERS SERVICE/ FINAL WORSHIP
20.7.22	LAST DAY OF TERM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 94.77%

CLASS 2 - 97.22%

CLASS 3 - 99.31%

CLASS 4 - 94.95%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 91.19%

CLASS 2 - 95.65%

CLASS 3 - 94.07%



WELL DONE EVERYONE

Awesome Acorns



The weather has been lovely this week. Children have played very well (outside for most of the time) making up their own games and showing lots of support and team work towards the younger children.

The bunting/colouring for the Jubilee day is looking lovely so thank you to the children who have done such a lovely job so far, these are proudly displayed in the school hall.

Just to let you know, we will be having an end of term 'Film and Pizza night' in Awesome Acorns next Thursday (26th May).

*Thank you as always, for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend.*

Mrs Slater and the Awesome Acorns team

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL AT RANGEMORE

As we have now reduced the time between the KS1 and KS2 pick up, can parents please be considerate of the village and neighbours when they park for drop off and collection. If a cone has been put outside a house to stop you parking there, can you please not move this and park somewhere else.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

NEEDWOOD—STAR FOUNDATION COLLECTION 9th JUNE 2022

On Thursday 9th June we will holding a collection for the Star Foundation. Please save any unwanted clothing, shoes, blankets, books, DVDs and CDs and bring them to school on the 9th June to support this foundation. More details about what the Star Foundation do can be found on their website:

<http://starfoundation.org.uk/>

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 apps 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 **DISCORD**

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate privately online – but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

13+

Servers and channels marked as 'NSFW' require users to be 18 or older to join.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Discord does have strict Terms of Service and Community Guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content; a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag images that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

Meet Our Expert

Coral Cripps is a Canadian-born, London-based tech journalist at gmw3.com: a website specialising in all things Web3, gaming and XR (extended reality). With a focus on brands and culture, she researches and writes about the ways that our current innovations — including the metaverse and Web3 — are impacting people, places and things.



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Titus 3:2

To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarrelling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

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 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.

