

Awards

24th June 2022

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: Francesca M-R Class 2: Ayden A Class 3: Cal T Class 4 Jacob D

Badges: ★ (Red Star) ★ (Bronze Star)

Headteacher awards: Ayden A, Andrew M, Penny J, Amelia F, Harvey R, Francesca M-R, Adelaide C, Beau B

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: Jude N Class 2: Romilly Class 3 Lewis

Badges: ★ (Green Star) 🛛 🔶 May S (Gold Star)



Headteacher: Xanthe C, Maryam K, Tiffany R

Dear Parents,

This has been another busy week at both schools. Well done to all of the children today for dressing up as part of the Commonwealth Games theme!

Next week is a busy week for all of our children, with our Year 6 children going off for transition days at their new schools, and move-up mornings happening at both of our schools. I'm sure the children will really enjoy being part of their new year groups as part of their transition for September.

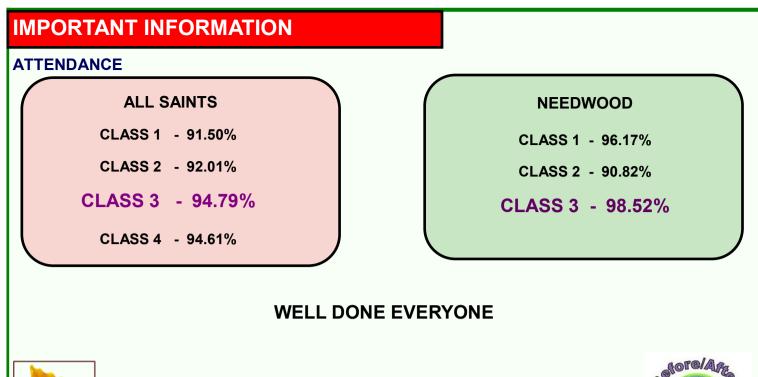
Have a great weekend,

Best wishes

Mr Baxter

29.6.22	DIARY - ALL SAINTS
1.7.22	FOREST FEST
5.7.22	SPORTS DAY (1.15 PM)
6.7.22	JCB ACADEMY YEAR 6 GIRLS (AM)
6.7.22	ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE TRIP C2
8.7.22	INSET DAY
11/12.7.	WOW RETREAT
18.7.22	YR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE/
2.00 pm	FINAL WORSHIP
20.7.22	LAST DAY OF TERM

	DIARY - NEEDWOOD
28.6.22	MOVING UP MORNING
1.7.22	FOREST FEST
5.7.22	JCB ACADEMY YEAR 6 GIRLS (PM)
7.7.22	SPORTS DAY (1.15 PM)
8.7.22	INSET DAY
11/12.7. 22	WOW RETREAT
14.7.22 1.30 pm	YR6 LEAVERS SERVICE/ FINAL WORSHIP
19.7.22	WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP - TWYCROSS ZOO
20.7.22	LAST DAY OF TERM





Awesome Acorns



The children have enjoyed their time outside in the lovely sunshine this week again, especially last night where the children made their own sandwiches and had a picnic outside.

We are still getting a lot of children being booked into Acorns and either not turning up in a morning or being picked up at 3.15pm without sending a Dojo to cancel or giving enough notice that they won't be needing provision. Could I please ask that you Dojo me directly (not tell staff at drop off/pick up time) to let me know provision isn't needed anymore for that particular day - with food costs rising, we have had to throw food away also still have to charge you if no Dojo has been sent - this may also be quite costly to you too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Slater and the Awesome Acorns team

THE BOOK CAVE OPENING – THURSDAY 30TH JUNE 2022 – NEEDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to invite parents to the official opening of The Book Cave in the playground on Thursday the 30th of June at 9.00am. Please drop your children off at normal then make your way around to the playground.

SCHOOL PARKING REMINDER

Please do not park in front of any of our neighbour's drives and park considerately at all times.

Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MESSAGE FROM CHARTWELLS

Chartwells

DID YOU KNOW?

SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

All of our school meals are nutritionally balanced and meet the School Food Standards. We ensure that the favourite dishes are featured on our menu and also cater for children with allergens and intolerances. We believe that enjoying a nutritious hot meal at lunch time is always better than a packed lunch... and it's even better when it's free!

Save £400 in 2022 on average

ONLINE SAFETY



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ESPORTS

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of \$1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities ... but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports arena and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.



MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions are in-game purchases that unlock new features or give players special abilities, characters or content. These can cost anything from 99p to £99 (and sometimes morel). The topic of microtransactions in gaming is heavily scrutinised – with cosmetics, pay-to-win features and loot boxes all being a source of contention for gamers and governing bodies in recent years.

MENTAL HEALTH

Studies show that esports competitors face the same level of mental health issues as athletes from traditional sports, along with some specific additional demands. Like mainstream professional sport, esports is an incredibly tough industry – requiring countless hours of practice. Competing at the highest level can lead to pressures such as handling setbacks, stressful situations and facing criticism.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT & BEHAVIOUR

C BEHAVIOUR Only 22% of gamers globally are aged between 10 and 20 – meaning the majority are adults, who might not always act or talk in a way that's appropriate for children. Like traditional sport, esports has many athletes and 'personalities' to look up to. However, it's important that your child stays aware of how influenced they are by the people they follow, and whether the athlete is age appropriate.

TROLLS & TOXICITY

An internet troll is someone who tries to offend people and cause trouble by posting derogatory comments. Toxicity, as in the real world, refers to negative behaviours like harassment, verbal abuse and inappropriate conduct, which all impact on wellbeing. Trolls and toxicity are an issue within esports, perhaps due to its pressurised, extremely competitive and high-stakes nature.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

The revenue in esports is potentially vast. Organisations often look to professionals and content creators to help grow their brand, in exchange for the organisation's backing, a salary, and marketing and sponsorship benefits. However, the industry is still in its infancy – and so is its regulated at all, so things can get sticky if players don't know what they're doing or who they're working with.

PHYSICAL EFFECTS

The common perception of esports involves a sedentary lifestyle, an unhealthy diet and very little physical activity – which has obvious health implications. It's certainly true that players sit at their desk for hours, looking into bright screens and not getting regular exercise. Some professional esports players have nutritionists, personal trainers and disticians specifically to protect their health.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

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ENCOURAGE BALANCE

Dedicating oneself intensely to any activity – including esports – can be harmful, both mentally and physically. Make sure your child's gaming routine is balanced with exercise, regular breaks, healthy food and plenty of water. If your child spends long hours gaming, using a chair with the proper supports and taking the time to practise good posture will help protect their lower back, neck and wrists.

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UNDERSTAND GAMING

Chat to your child about the games they play; ask to watch or even take part to get an idea of how appropriate they are. This will give you an awareness of the phrases esports players and content creators use, helping you understand young gamers' slang. If you find some of the games unsuitable, talk to your child about why. You can also explore age-specific settings on apps like YouTube and Twitch.

Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is an experienced gamer, teacher and athlete. He is Course Leader for the BTEC Esports programme at Salisbury Sixth Form College. Nathan has more than 10 years' experience working in schools and colleges, and holds a Masters degree in Sport Psychology.

GET EXPERT HELP

If your child does start on the road to becoming a professional, get in touch with an esports-specific agency who are experienced in industry terminology and loopholes. Do due diligence on any team or organisation offering your child a contract: a key point is how long your child would be contracted to them – the esports industry changes quickly, so there might be better and more secure offers out there.

BLOCK TOXIC USERS

Monitoring in-game chats, or disabling them altogether (either through the console or in the game itself), is a comprehensive way to avoid negative experiences and reduce the risk of toxic messaging. Your child also has options to block messages from particular players and only interact with their friends; this can also help to prevent them from encountering the blocked users in future games.



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SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

We are unable to offer Summer Holiday Clubs at either school this Summer, however we can signpost you towards the following, available with other local schools.

- SH Active Sports at Richard Wakefield Primary and Granville Academy.
- Footsteps at Henry Chadwick School.
- Active Learning Sports at Shobnall Primary.



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USEFUL INFOMATION

EXPLORING AUTISM: (FOR PARENTS/CARERS)

Cost: FREE

Available Dates: 28.06.2022

Time: 10.00-11.30 (Duration: 1.5 Hours)

- Raising awareness and understanding of Autism;
- Key areas of difference, and helpful strategies to try at home.
- Designed for parents and carers of Autistic young people.

Location: Stafford Children's Centre, Faraday Road

If you are interested plese contact the office for a booking form

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Are you concerned about your child's speech, language or communication? Below are some links which may be useful and help you to recognise appropriate ages and stages.

https://ican.org.uk/i-can-s-enquiry-service/

If you experience any difficulties in using the booking link or have any questions, please write to us at **<u>enquiries@ican.org.uk</u>** or call **020 7843 2544** and leave your name and number and we will contact you. _

https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/progress-checker-home/

https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/parents/ages-and-stages/

Proverbs 31:26

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

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.

