

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Have a great weekend.

Awards

1st July 2022

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: Penny J Class 2: William R Class 3: Maddie W Class 4 Elizabeth T

Badges: ★ Eva T (Gold Star) 🏆 Elizabeth T (Bronze Cup)

Headteacher awards: Joseph W, Evelyn T, David S, Joel H, Eisha E

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: Tate C Class 2: Albert Class 3 All of Class 5

Badges: ★ Harrison L (Green Star) ★ Sienna S (Bronze Star)

Headteacher: Alice R, Finn J

Dear Parents,

Forest Fest today has been wonderful! It has been fantastic to see the children from both schools coming together, meeting their pen pals and taking part in the activities together. They have taken part in Commando Joes adventure activities, circus skills, parachute games, craft activities, disco and many more! Thank you to the parents of Needwood for bringing the children over today. I am so proud of all of the children of both schools who have mixed really well and have shown lots of positivity throughout the day! We are looking forward to the All Saints PTA summer fair later!

Next week we have our sports days. At All Saints, sports day is on Tuesday afternoon and we are aiming for a 1.15pm start. At Needwood, sports day is on Thursday, also with a 1.15pm start. If you are able to, please bring a chair or blanket. We hope you can join us!

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Baxter

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

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
7.7.22	LAST SWIMMING SESSION (CLASS 3)
8.7.22	INSET DAY
11/12.7.22	WOW RETREAT
15.7.22	CLASS 4 END OF YEAR PLAY
18.7.22 2.00 pm	YR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE/ FINAL WORSHIP
20.7.22	LAST DAY OF TERM

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

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
14.7.22	YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ACTIVITY (4.45 PM)
19.7.22	WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP - TWYCROSS ZOO
20.7.22	LAST DAY OF TERM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 92.16%

CLASS 2 - 98.26%

CLASS 3 - 97.57%

CLASS 4 - 100%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 97.70%

CLASS 2 - 99.03%

CLASS 3 - 99.63%

WELL DONE EVERYONE

STAFFING CHANGES

I have some staffing updates before we finish for the summer holidays.

Firstly, at Needwood, we are sad to announce that after nine years at the school, Mrs Neeson is finishing her teaching assistant role to take up a position with the Police. We thank her for all of her years of service to the school and wish her the best of luck in her new position. Mrs Neal will be taking on the role of teaching assistant from September.

At Rangemore, Mrs Evans will have a slightly reduced teaching commitment from September and will be covering all of the classes over the course of the week, so we are welcoming Mrs Keenan to the role of Class 1 teacher.

We hope our new members of staff enjoy being part of the Forest Family.

Mr Baxter

RANGEMORE - LUNCH CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday	Pork or Veggie Sausages
Tuesday	Burger in a Bun and Potato Wedges
Wednesday	Pasta Bolognese
Thursday	Fish Fingers and Chips
Friday	INSET DAY

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 games 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 MINECRAFT

AGE RATING
7+

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unsettle young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lot of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

Meet Our Expert

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BARTON under NEEDWOOD
R. U. F. C.



Barton Under Needwood RUFC are recruiting across all Mini Junior age groups specifically age groups Reception - Under 5/6's to Year 4 Under 9's. We also have age groups up to U16s to cater for all age groups. We are an RFU Kids first Affiliated Rugby club meaning all our Coaches and Volunteers are DBS checked and are RFU accredited coaches. U6's to U8 age groups play TAG rugby with contact rugby starting at the U9's age group.

We offer the first 4 sessions free as an introduction to make sure your child enjoys the sessions and games before looking at club membership.

The Season will restart again from early September 4th/11th 2022 so please contact Club Chairman Jon Leason 07866032412 or Mini Junior Section Chairman Jon McCall for more details on 07738277977 or follow us on social media for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/officialbartonrugby>

<https://www.instagram.com/bartonunderneedwoodruffc/>



1 Corinthians

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

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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.

