

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

Have a great weekend.

9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the start of the new school year! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer, and that the children have been enjoying their new year groups and classes this week.

It is with much sorrow that this first newsletter of the year goes out at such a sad time for our nation. Today we have been dealing sensitively with the children's questions and thoughts about Her Majesty the Queen, in different ways depending on the age of the children. What has been wonderful throughout today, has been the kindness and thoughtfulness displayed by our children in both schools.

There has been a lot happening in both schools over the summer, with lots of decorating at All Saints as well as new boilers being installed. At Needwood you will have probably seen the scaffolding around the school. We are having the roof replaced so this will unfortunately take many weeks to complete. At least we will have a nice new roof by the time winter arrives!

I would like to say good luck to Mrs Keenan, who is joining All Saints in Class 1, and Mrs Neal, who is joining Needwood as a Teaching Assistant. I'm sure they are going to love being part of the Forest Family, and that everyone will give them a warm welcome.

At the start of this new school year, I would like to remind everyone of our expectations for communicating at the start and end of the day. The staff will continue to let the children into school and home via the usual doors, so there are opportunities to catch them briefly in the mornings or after school with any messages or concerns. Please talk to us if you have anything to tell us, or have a worry, particularly in person if you can. A problem shared is a problem solved! Also, please look at the Class Dojo expectations that we have attached to the newsletter. I would especially like to remind everyone that Dojo must not be used to report a child's absence. This must continue to be communicated by telephone or email to the office. Thank you.

I'd like to finish with this quote from a 14-year-old Princess Elizabeth, from her broadcast to the children of the Commonwealth in October 1940:

**“And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place”.**

Best wishes,

**Mr Baxter**  
**Executive Headteacher**

## **READING DIARIES**

This school year we have introduced a different reading diary for all of the children. We would like the children to read to you at home at least 5 times a week. The children should aim to read for about 10 minutes if they can (this will depend on age of course). Those children that read regularly at home find accessing the rest of the curriculum more straightforward and make better progress. When you listen to your child read please make a comment and sign the diary. If your child is independently reading, they can complete their diary but we ask that a parent signs to see that they have read. Thank you for your support!

## **UNIFORM**

Please look out for our uniform expectations that will be sent separately to parents. Thank you to everyone for your support, the children have looked really smart on their return to school this week.

## **CLASS DOJO**

### **Expectations:**

- Whilst it is convenient that we can communicate with Dojo, please be mindful of the relevance and frequency of communication. It is still better to speak to a member of staff in person or on the telephone if you are able to do so.
- Please carefully consider if the method of communication is most appropriate in the situation and to remember that staff have a right to be treated with respect, and any concerns or complaints are expected to be approached in a calm and appropriate manner. Messages written in anger or frustration, containing threatening or offensive language will not be responded to and a meeting will be convened.
- Also, please consider the timing of any Dojo messages. The staff have families and lives outside of school so do not expect a reply after 'normal' working hours.
- If a member of staff believes that a topic is too sensitive for a written reply, an appointment will be made for a face-to-face discussion.
- Please send only non-vital messages via email and Dojo. Absence, appointments, alterations in collections and medications etc must be communicated via the school office, by telephone or in person please.
- Please remember that confidential information should be conveyed by phone or personal contact.

Thank you to all of our Parents and families for your support.

## **REMINDER — SNACK TIME**

We request that only water is sent to school in your child's water bottles, not squash. Milk is provided for Reception children.

Also may we request that children only bring a healthy mid-morning snack into school. We are also a nut free school, due to some children with serious nut allergies.

Thank you for your support.

## **VACANCY**

All Saints has a Kitchen Assistant vacancy for 3.5 hrs a day. If you are interested in this position please contact the school and ask to speak to Janice Mills, who will be able to provide more information.

Thank you.

## FAMILY FUN OPEN DAY AT BARTON TENNIS CLUB

Date: Saturday 10th September

Time: 1:30pm - 3pm

FREE

- Test rackets available
- Junior Session (ages 5-16)
- Adults Sessions (Beginners, Rusty Rackets, returning and existing players)

To register please email  
tom@micro-sports.co.uk



Draycott & Hanbury Cricket Club



Please join us for our

# Bale Push



On Sunday 18th September 2022  
10am



Bring a team of 4  
or join a team on the day  
and laugh your way across  
the finish line  
at our annual fun Bale Push  
£10.00 per team



Can you beat last years winners?



Bacon butties and refreshments available

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.

