

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Have a great weekend.

Awards

23rd September 2022

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Felicity S** Class 2: **Harvey R** Class 3: **Lily B** Class 4 **Jessica L**

Badges: ★ **Mya A, Maddie W (Silver Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Madeline W, Samuel R, Caitlin F**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Zakariyah K**

Class 2: **Evie**

Class 3 **Poppy-Eve**

Badges:

Headteacher: **Daisy G, Sienna E**

Dear Parents

It has been a very busy four days in both schools this week. The children are working hard and have settled well into their new classes.

We have begun working with our junior children to learn the songs for the Young Voices concert, which will be held in January. We hope that all the children will really enjoy learning the songs and dance moves, as part of their music provision. I would like to stress that the children can attend the concert in January, even if it is not possible for anyone to come and watch them. We would just love for them to take part. The children can order an official t-shirt, but it is not compulsory. As long as they have a white t-shirt for the concert. We know that the cost of living is putting everyone under pressure, so the children can take part without cost. We of course would be delighted if our parents come to the Resorts World Arena to watch, so if you can come, please get your ticket requests in as soon as possible so that we can get the best block of seats available.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our home reading guidelines. Reading regularly at home really does make a difference!

Have a great weekend,
Best wishes,
Mr Baxter

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

27.9.22 7.30 PM	PTA MEETING
29.9.22 & 3.10.22	BOOK FAIR (AFTER SCHOOL)
7.10.22 AM	HARVEST AND THANKS GIVING SERVICE
21.10.22	INSET DAY
24.10.22	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
31.10.22 - 2.11.22	WILLESLEY CASTLE RESIDENTIAL C4

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

27.29.9. 22	TWYCROSS ZOO TRIP WHOLE SCHOOL
6.10.22 9.00 am	NW PTA AGM (IN SCHOOL)
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 98%

CLASS 2 - 94%

CLASS 3 - 99%

CLASS 4 - 98%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 90%

CLASS 2 - 94%

CLASS 3 - 99%

WELL DONE EVERYONE

HARVEST DONATIONS (BOTH SCHOOLS)

This year as part of our Harvest and Thanksgiving Service we shall be collecting any donations of non-perishable food that will be given to local residents and also to Burton HOPE who are desperate for items for their food bank. Here are some ideas of suitable donations which would be very much appreciated:

Tins
Dry goods
Pasta
Rice
Long life milk
Cereals
Soup tins
Packet noodles
Vegetable tins etc

Items can be brought into school from **Wednesday 5th October** in preparation for the service on the 7th, thank you.

BOOK FAIR - RANGEMORE ONLY

The book fair is coming! We are having a delivery next Tuesday. The children will get time to browse the book fair in the school hall during the school day, so watch out for wish lists! The more we sell the more books the school gets for free from the fair! I will be telling the children in worship tomorrow about a competition to win a £5.00 voucher to spend at the fair.

The fair will be open in the hall for parents/carers on

Thursday 29th September and Monday the 3rd October
straight after school to purchase books.

We can take cash, pre payment gift vouchers (available at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents) and card payment via a QR code using your smart phone (posters will be displayed around hall).

Hope you can make it!



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 unnervingly 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 lots 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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TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN

KS1 and KS2 created their own flowers in honour of the queen. These have been taken and placed in London with a neighbour from Rangemore village. The children in class 2 also visited the commonwealth tree and placed a photograph of the flowers created there in the village garden.



YMCA BURTON



Since January, our foodbank has given out over 1,400 food parcels. If you can help, we need the following items:

Foodbank shopping list:

Long life milk	Instant pasta
Tinned potatoes	Instant rice
Tinned tomatoes	Instant noodles
Tinned peas	Tinned fruit
Tinned carrots	Tinned fish
Tinned spaghetti	Biscuits
Tinned hot dogs	Teabags
Tinned rice pudding	Jars pasta sauce
Rice	Instant coffee
Sugar	Toiletries (Shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste)

Thank you

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