

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Have a great weekend.

Awards

4th November 2022

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Clara** Class 2: **Fran** Class 3: **Oscar** Class 4 **Mrs Brinkley!**

Badges:

Headteacher awards: **Fran**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Robin** Class 2: **Xanthe, Aisha** Class 3 **All of Class 3**

★ Badges: **Heidi W, Alice R (Bronze Star), Noah (Gold Star)**

Headteacher: **Evie R, Ellie P, Romilly T, James R, Orion-Duke N, Alexander G, Poppy K, Ava A**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope all of our families had a good week.

I would like to start this week by saying a huge 'well done' to our children in Year 5 and 6 at both schools for having such a brilliant time at their Willersley Castle residential. The children were an absolute pleasure to be with, and were regularly praised by the centre staff. They really got stuck in to the activities, which included canoeing, climbing, grass sledging and even axe throwing! A big thank you to the staff for giving up their own time to take the children and to give them such a fantastic experience.

We are hosting our open afternoons for Reception 2023 this coming week. If your child is due to start school next year then it would be great if you can join us. The dates and times are on our website.

Finally, we are inviting our parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 into school for a phonics information session on Tuesday 15th November at All Saints. The session will be straight after school and will cover the Essential Letters and Sounds programme. If you can attend it will really help you to support your child with phonics.

Have a great weekend,
Best wishes,

Mr Baxter

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

9.11.22	OPEN AFTERNOON
11.11.22	FLU VACCINATIONS (WHOLE SCHOOL)
15.11.22	PHONICS INFORMATION SESSION AT RM
2.12.22	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
8.12.22	CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND CAROLS
9.12.22	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
15.12.22	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY
16.12.22	FINAL WORSHIP

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

7.11.22	FLU VACCINATIONS (WHOLE SCHOOL)
10.11.22	OPEN AFTERNOON
18.11.22	CLASS 1 - VICTORIAN THEMED DAY
2.12.22	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
9.12.22	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
15.12.22	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY
15.12.22	NW PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO
16.12.22	FINAL WORSHIP

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 96%

CLASS 2 - 91%

CLASS 3 - 96%

CLASS 4 - 98%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 99%

CLASS 2 - 99%

CLASS 3 - 97%

WELL DONE EVERYONE

WORLD CUP DAY - MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

To celebrate the start of the World Cup, the children can come to school in a football kit, or dress in a colour of one of the World Cup teams. We will also allow the children who want to watch the England match in the afternoon to do so in school.

NEW INTAKE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

If you have a child starting school in September you will need to apply through Staffordshire County Council. If you have a sibling due to start in September 2023 please make sure you apply via this system as soon as possible.

Thank you.

SCHOOL NURSE - VIRTUAL DROP IN CLINIC

For Parents

Families' Health and Wellbeing


School Nurse
virtual drop in clinic

Every Thursday from 3.30 - 4.30pm

The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse. We provide a confidential and friendly service

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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 app of many 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

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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Have a sustainable Bonfire Night

Go to a public display

To minimise the impact of multiple bonfires and a scattering of personal fireworks displays, go to a public display - [check out events in Staffordshire](#).

Avoid sky lanterns

Parts of sky lanterns can take more than a year to completely biodegrade and are a big danger to wildlife, so avoid if you can.

Go firework free

The most sustainable way to celebrate is to not use fireworks at all - but if you need your fix, opt for sparklers - they have low impact on air quality and give the desired sparkle.

True colours

To make the vibrant colours in fireworks, lots of harmful toxins are used. If you are having a private display, opt for white fireworks which contain fewer chemicals.

Burn the right materials in bonfires

Don't burn furniture or household rubbish as it can cause pollution and harm health. You can take most of your unwanted waste to your local [home waste recycling centre](#).

Keep it clean

If you see fallen debris at your own firework display or at a public display, once it has cooled down, put it in the bin to keep greenery clean and safe.





STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Needwood Drop in Session



Come and meet your local neighbourhood policing team.

They will be there to listen to any issues or concerns relating to your community, provide prevention advice and to offer reassurance. Make sure you come a long and say Hello!

Mondays 21st November, 12th

December, and 23rd January 2023

10:30 hrs to 11:30 hrs

Rangemore Playing Fields Community

Garden, Tatenhill Lane, Rangemore,

DE13 9RW

PCSO Tim Leathers



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