

## Awards

18th November 2022

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Emilia** Class 2: **Poppy** Class 3: **Sam A** Class 4: **Mason**

Badges: ★ **Maisie (Red Star)** ★ **Samuel R (Bronze Star)** ★ **Lily (Silver Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Joseph L, Oliver N, Harry C, Zach, Matthew, Mason**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **George** Class 2: **Romilly** Class 3: **Finley**

Badges: ★ **Tate C (Green Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Harrison L, Owen D, Finn H, Morgan P**

Dear Parents,

Today the children have received their Mini London Marathon badges. I hope they look after them and in years to come are reminded about their brilliant achievements. The children in both schools have raised an incredible amount of sponsorship to raise funds. Very well done, children!

We are quickly approaching December and all of our Christmas events at both schools. The children and staff are working hard to practice the events planned. Please make a note of the events listed on your calendars or in your diaries as there is a lot going on this year after the disruption of Covid. We have also made a couple of changes to our plans at Rangemore for Christmas jumper day.

Finally, on behalf of everyone I would like to give Mrs Jones our best wishes, who is doing her last day today before her maternity leave. We wish her the best of luck with her two new arrivals! Mrs Ward has now taken over as Acting Deputy and Mrs Evans will be with Class 2 on Thursdays and Fridays.

Have a great weekend,  
Best wishes,  
**Mr Baxter**

**MINI MARATHON TOTAL MONEY RAISED - NW - £927.16 RM - £1144.00**

## ATTENDANCE

### ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 94%

CLASS 2 - 94%

CLASS 3 - 93%

**CLASS 4 - 97%**

### NEEDWOOD

**CLASS 1 - 99%**

CLASS 2 - 94%

CLASS 3 - 93%

**WELL DONE EVERYONE**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## DIARY

### ALL SAINTS

21.11.22	WORLD CUP DAY - WEAR FOOTBALL KIT
25.11.22	PTA DRESS DOWN DAY— BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE FOR PTA CHRISTMAS MARKET
1.12.22	YR 6—JTMAT CONCERT
1.12.22	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON
2.12.22 2.00 pm	CHRISTINGLE / CAROL SERVICE CHURCH
2.12.22 3.00 pm	PTA CHRISTMAS MARKET CHRISTMAS CLOTHING SWAP SHOP
13.12.22 9.30 am 2.00 pm	KS1 AND RECEPTION NATIVITY PLAY SCHOOL HALL
14.12.22	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
15.12.22	WEAR CHRISTMAS JUMPER
15.12.22	PANTOMIME ENRICHMENT DAY
16.12.22	FINAL WORSHIP

### NEEDWOOD

21.11.22	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 3.30 - 4
21.11.22	WORLD CUP DAY - WEAR FOOTBALL KIT
22.11.22	CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP DAY
25.11.22	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY -DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA PLEASE
30.11.22	SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTOMIME IN SCHOOL.
30.11 4 PM	CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON IN VILLAGE
1.12.22	JTMAT CONCERT
9.12.22 1.45 PM	CHRISTINGLE/CAROLSERVICE CHURCH
9.12.22	PTA XMAS FUN—AFTER SCHOOL
12.12.22	BOOGIE WOOGIE NATIVITY - PERFORMANCES AT 1.30PM AND 5.30PM
13.12.22	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
15.12.22	ENRICHMENT DAY
15.12.22	NW PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO 3.30—5.30

### PTA – NEEDWOOD BAKE OFF

Wow! What a fantastic array of creative cakes we saw on Monday at our winter themed Needwood Bake Off. The children were clearly incredibly proud of what they had produced, and they all looked spectacular! They also sold very quickly at break time and after school, so thank you to everyone who purchased cakes, the PTA raised a wonderful £129 from the event and school is very grateful. Star Bakers (which they all were!) are to be announced in Friday Celebration Worship.



### NEEDWOOD BUS CHILDREN—IMPORTANT

Please make sure you are on time for the bus pick up in a morning. Thank you.

### PHONICS SESSION

The slides from the Phonics session will be put on the website.

## PTA CHRISTMAS POSTER



# Christmas Market



FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER -

3PM ONWARDS

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's PTA Christmas Market, which will be held on the school playground after the Christingle service.

## Christmas Clothing Swap Shop

Please bring any unwanted Christmas jumpers, t-shirts etc into school (box outside school reception). We will hold a swap shop at the Christmas Market on 2nd December.

All items £1.



## TEDDY DONATIONS

In readiness for our Christmas Market, we are kindly asking for any teddy donations. We'd appreciate any teddies to be left in the box outside school reception by 25th November.



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER CONTRIBUTIONS



We would really appreciate contributions towards our Christmas Hampers which will be part of our Christmas raffle prizes. Anything Christmas related which can be enjoyed over the festive season, such as Christmas food & drink & seasonal gifts would be greatly received.

Please leave at school by 2nd December.





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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about VIRTUAL REALITY

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PREMATURE EXPOSURE

13+

While VR has already found its way into schools worldwide – allowing teachers to take their class on digital field trips – most manufacturers advise an age restriction of 13. This safeguard is based on the idea that children's brains, eyes and bodies are still developing. With the technology still in its infancy, not enough research has been conducted as to how VR affects children in the longer term.

### EYE STRAIN

One of the main worries about VR is that essentially having TV screens so close to your eyes could harm them with prolonged use. Lenses inside each headset have been specifically designed to trick the human eye into focusing to infinity (just as they would in the real world) to mitigate possible eye strain. Even so, longer VR sessions should be limited to adults only.

### PHYSICAL ACCIDENTS

When used correctly, VR isn't dangerous as there are safety features built in. A common concern is that a child wearing a headset could bump into real-world objects while playing – so creating a clear, tidy gaming space is essential. Headsets also come with 'Guardian' or digital barrier systems that can be set up beforehand, indicating where walls and furniture are located so nobody trips over and hurts themselves.

### SOCIAL VR

VR is more immersive than normal gaming and makes players feel very present in the moment. There are additional online safety fears, therefore, relating to trolling and abusive comments as players engage with each other in social VR spaces. Personal information shouldn't be given out and privacy and safety controls (who can see your real name, for example) need to be activated where possible.

### MOTION SICKNESS

Children who are prone to travel sickness might encounter what's known as 'simulator sickness'. This is nausea caused by the eyes seeing images which tell the brain that the person is moving, while the rest of the body knows it is stationary. Most apps have features to reduce this discomfort, while some games simply don't feature locomotion to make for a more comfortable experience.

### VIOLENT CONTENT

Among the growing range of VR games and apps, not all of them are appropriate for young players. Violent content can be far more visceral and disturbing in VR, so it's important to consider the age and maturity of your child before giving them access to this type of gameplay. As the majority of VR content is digital, online store access is easy – so careful curation is advised.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### START OFF SLOWLY

Just like regular video games, if your child wants to try VR the best way to reduce risks is moderation. Keep their VR sessions to short sprints – and for young adults new to the technology, build up their usage time gradually to let them get acquainted with it. If they feel any discomfort, remove the headset and try again at a later point.

### NO SURPRISES

It's easy to get lost in the moment in VR – and possibly forget where you might be standing in the real world. A minimum 2m x 2m play area is recommended, with no plant pots or other delicate objects within reach of flailing arms. Take pets into account, too: don't let the cat or dog walk into the room, for example, because a VR player won't see them and could certainly trip. A child is far more likely to get over-enthusiastic in VR, posing a risk to themselves and anything in their path.

### KEEP A WATCHING BRIEF

It may seem that a VR player is in their own world, but all VR headsets allow external viewing via a linked monitor or mobile phone. This is the best way to ensure whatever a child is playing is appropriate. More VR supervision tools are on the way, such as securing specific apps behind unlock patterns or sending an approval notification to the parent if their child wants to purchase a game.

### ANTI-NAUSEA OPTIONS

It's wise to get used to VR while comfortably seated and progress to standing or 'room-scale' VR (where players physically walk around an area) later. Look at the in-app options first: switching between seated and standing adjusts the player's height, while a vignette or 'tunnel' darkens the peripheral vision to reduce nausea. Teleportation Mode and Snap Turning are also important options for enhancing comfort.

### RESEARCH CONTENT

There will be information online about most games and apps, explaining what type of experience they provide. They'll list age ratings indicating how violent the gameplay might be; comfort, so you'll know the intensity of the experience; and how much access the game requires to personal information or features like the built-in microphone.

## Meet Our Expert

Peter Graham is the editor at XR (extended reality) and Web3 specialist site [gmw3.com](http://gmw3.com) and has been writing about VR, augmented reality and the immersive tech industry for more than seven years. He's served as a panel speaker and a judge at awards events and game hackathons.



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# COMMUNITY

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## School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

**NHS**  
Midlands Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust  
A Keele University Teaching Trust

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.  
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### Topic: - Road Traffic Collisions

What you can do to help

Its National Road Safety see the link <https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>

Over the last 12 months our crews have responded to **185** Road Traffic Collisions across the Lichfield, Burton & Tamworth areas. Involving **118** casualties who sustained injuries.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service is committed, with partners, in reducing the numbers of people killed or seriously injured on our roads.



Can you help us to make our roads safer by sharing this information with your family, friends and colleagues?

Be Road Aware

<https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/NFCC-Road-Safety>



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### Topic: - Road Traffic Collisions

Our Top Tips

Top tips for young drivers

- Always wear a seatbelt. Not wearing a seatbelt can be a fatal decision even on short familiar journeys.
- Don't get distracted. Taking your eyes off the road to check your phone, sat nav or music player could be very dangerous.
- Don't drink and drive and be aware that you may still be over the limit the morning after. If you're going out with friends arrange to have a designated non-drinking driver.
- Check both the tyre pressure and tyre tread every month
- Taking further training after you've passed your test will increase your safety. For more information see the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership website.
- Always drive within the speed limit and reduce your speed according to the conditions. Make sure you allow enough time for every journey and always stick to the speed limit.
- Never take drugs and drive. This would be a cocktail for disaster as drugs greatly affect reaction times, concentration and may cause confusion.
- Don't try and impress your mates. Having friends in the car can encourage you to take more risks, remember their safety is your responsibility
- Consider using "P" plates. Using "P" plates after you have passed your test so other road users know there is an inexperienced driver at the wheel. This can encourage them to take extra caution and decrease the risk of being involved in a collision.

**Inexperienced Drivers and Distraction is a Lethal Cocktail**



For more Road Safety Information Please Contact your local Prevent Team

Please give us a call and have a chat with your Community Safety Officers. Service is completely confidential. **01785 898719** or email: [-ESDG.Prevent@staffordshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:-ESDG.Prevent@staffordshirefire.gov.uk)

In the event of an emergency get out, stay out and dial 999



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**THE BIG SWITCH ON  
SAVE THE DATE  
4TH DECEMBER 2022**

**Come along and join us for the big switch on of our Community Christmas Tree at 6pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Tatenhill Village Hall. The Village Hall will be open from 4pm onwards for the creation of Christmas baubles and writing letters to Santa.**

**Colour in your own bauble and add it to the tree. There will also be the opportunity to write a letter to Santa and get a reply from the North Pole. (small charge).**

**We will have free refreshments including soft drinks, mulled wine and mince pies.**

**Bring your friends, family, children and grandchildren. Children of all ages are welcome as long as they bring a responsible adult with them.**



MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER



**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 21<sup>st</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup>  
December, and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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Please speak to Mr Baxter if you have a particular requirement.

