

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

## Awards

25th November 2022

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **George** Class 2: **Ayden** Class 3: **Noah** Class 4: **Mya**

Badges: ★ **Poppy R, Sami K-G, Charlie S (Red Star)** ★ **Phoebe L (Bronze Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Matilda H, Sebastian B, Gilbert D, Beau B, Pixie U, Emilia P, Felicity S**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Paige** Class 2: **Joey** Class 3: **Ella R**

Badges: ★ **Joshua S (Green Star)** ★ **Albert S (Bronze Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Henrietta W, Harrison L, Annabel C, Paige F, Dillon S, William C**

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter before December! Where has the year gone? The children in both schools are busy learning songs, readings and parts for the various concerts, plays and services coming up soon. Please check you have the dates of all of our events, and I hope you are able to join us for as many of them as possible!

Good luck to the Year 6 children from both schools who are representing us at the JTMAT Christmas Concert on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> December, at John Taylor High School.

Well done to the athletics teams from both schools, who took part in the indoor athletics competition this week.

Finally, I hope many of our All Saints parents will be able to join us next Friday, firstly for Christingle and Carols, then back at school for the PTA Christmas Market.

Have a great weekend,

Best Wishes  
**Mr Baxter**

## ATTENDANCE

### ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 93%

CLASS 2 - 96%

**CLASS 3 - 100%**

CLASS 4 - 93%

### NEEDWOOD

**CLASS 1 - 97%**

CLASS 2 - 93%

CLASS 3 - 89%

WELL DONE EVERYONE

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## DIARY

### ALL SAINTS

1.12.22	YR 6—JTMAT CONCERT
1.12.22	ORANGE AND SWEETS INTO SCHOOL FOR CHRISTINGLE
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

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

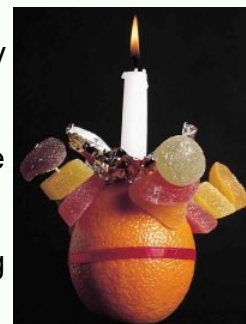
## CHRISTINGLE

We look forward to our Christingle and Carol service in Church on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December for Rangemore and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December for Needwood.

Please can we ask all children to bring in an orange and sweets/dried fruit from home to make their Christingles on this day.

Please can the orange and sweets be brought into school in a sealable bag (e.g sandwich bag) with your child's name on it **(on the Thursday before)**.

Thank you for your support.



## NEEDWOOD - DONATIONS

Mini Marathon	£1062.16 (towards new outdoor play sheds)
Dress Down Day Commonwealth Games	£50.90
Book Fair raised	£656.70.

Well done everyone!



# ONLINE SAFETY

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many 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.



The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television, like traditional consoles (think a PlayStation or an Xbox) or out and about like a portable console, such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console's screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online, in the living room together or on the go during long journeys, but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else!



## NINTENDO SWITCH ONLINE

Nintendo Switch Online is a paid service that allows the console to be played (you guessed it) online, by linking to other Switch consoles around the world. It can be purchased through the Nintendo eShop for a single account on the device, or with a family membership plan which covers 2 accounts. The purchase options come in three tiers: 1 month, 3 months and 12 months but be aware these auto-renew unless you specify otherwise.



## ONLINE DANGERS

While online, your children will be able to play with and chat to people on compatible games, which will mostly be good-natured fun, but could potentially expose them to vulgar language, indecent images or worse. There are options to limit this though, which are detailed below. It's worth remembering that many games can be played offline, so while it's not essential to get Nintendo Switch Online, it is certainly something to consider.



## NINTENDO eSHOP

The Nintendo eShop is where games can be purchased over the internet and downloaded directly onto the device. If you choose to enter your bank details (or PayPal account) onto the Switch, you can save them for easy access later on. Do note however that these can be viewed by anybody with access to the console, unless you specify otherwise. A child might accidentally purchase a game or item from the shop if these details are left improperly protected, which could leave you with a nasty surprise.



## NINTENDO'S VIDEO GAME SELECTION

Nintendo as a company offers some of the most entertaining and safe video games on the market. Games featuring characters like Super Mario, Donkey Kong and Yoshi are always a safe bet for a child-friendly experience. It's always prudent to check each game before you buy it (especially if the game hasn't been made by Nintendo) but as a rule of thumb, anything official containing well-known names like these will be great for your children, giving you peace of mind while they enjoy them.



## PORTABLE GAMING

Being able to take the Switch anywhere is a huge bonus when travelling. What's more is that almost every game can be enjoyed without the need to 'dock' the console with a television. Battery life on the Switch varies depending on what it's being used for but typically it will last around 3 or 4 hours before needing to be recharged. When the time comes, any USB-C charger will be able to do the job, but it's best and quickest to return it to the dock, which requires a normal plug socket.



# Top Tips For Parents

## PARENTAL CONTROLS

Nintendo released a free downloadable app that can be used in tandem with the Switch called Nintendo Switch Parental Controls. Once you've got the app on your mobile device, it's a simple process to pair your two devices, giving you a suite of options to help make sure your child is having fun in a safe and structured environment curated by you.



## ONLINE RESTRICTIONS

Another major inclusion in the app is the ability to block your child from seeing anything to do with age restricted games. There's also an extremely helpful feature that restricts access to games that have free communication features between strangers on the internet. This includes things like private messages and unsolicited images. Should you be concerned that strangers might be using the games to talk to your child, a simple press of a button will disallow any access they might have.

## PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD

One of the wonderful things about the Switch is that there are an abundance of great games you and your child can enjoy together, and even with the whole family. Nintendo has a long history of making and supporting fun, family friendly games like Mario Kart and Mario Party, both of which can be played with two or more players using the Joy-Con controllers.



## NINTENDO ESHOP SETTINGS

In the Nintendo eShop you can set up a password to help stop your child or somebody else from accessing any sensitive information, such as bank account details. The options here include entering a password to access the eShop to begin with, when any saved credit card information access is attempted, or when PayPal is accessed. Choosing which areas are password protected helps ensure you're deciding what level of access is given on the device. For example, if you're happy to have your child browse the shop for games they might want, you can allow access to the eShop but introduce the password before a purchase is made ensuring no mishaps occur.



## LIMITING PLAY TIME

By linking the app with the Nintendo Switch, you can set time limits and reminders when you think enough time has been spent playing. It also lets you see if a game is still being played and gives you the option to automatically put the console into sleep mode if the message is ignored. This should only be used as a last resort though as it could cause some friction between you!

## SET PLAY TIMES

Another handy feature is the ability to set different playtimes for days of the week, allowing you to tailor play time around you and your child's schedules. This is great for setting boundaries and encouraging gaming as part of a healthy routine. It will also help your child organise with their friends when they can all be online.



## SEE PLAY HISTORY

The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app can also send a report telling you how much time your child spends playing each game. This is a great way to spot their favourite or most played games and might be a nice way for you to find out more about a title before talking to your child about it. It could also help identify any possible issues around playtime before they arise.

## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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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.



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