

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

## Awards

13th January 2023

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Ibrahim** Class 2 **Adeline** Class 3 **Andrew** Class 4 **Reggie**

Badges: ★ **Holly H (Silver Star)** 🏆 **(Bronze Cup)**

Headteacher awards: **Mason M, Sami K, Oliver H**

Writer of the Week: **Caitlin F**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Tate** Class 2 **Finn J** Class 3 **Mia**

Badges: ★ **Lilly K, Grace P (Bronze Star)** ★ **Thomas C (Gold Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Joey S, Heidi W, Tate C, Owen D, Zakariyah, Verity R, Isabella P, Henrietta W, Tobias W, Orion-Duke, Alexander G, Francesca P, Joshua S, Alfie H, Poppy K**

Writer if the Week: **Maryam K**

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy first full week back in school. Well done to all of the children for getting back into the routine of school and working hard in their learning.

After Christmas it is an important time to think about online safety, especially as many children will have received new devices as gifts. Please see below for some information and links to support keeping the children safe.

Congratulations to all of the children in both schools who took part in Young Voices on Monday. It was our first time at the event and the children absolutely loved it! The staff and I are so proud of the children, who behaved impeccably all day at the Resorts World Arena. They were a joy to be with! Thank you also to our parents who attended, for supporting the children and for such positive feedback! Hopefully we will go again next year!

Have a great weekend,

Best Wishes  
**Mr Baxter**

## ATTENDANCE

### ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 90%

**CLASS 2 - 96%**

CLASS 3 - 95%

CLASS 4 - 94%

### NEEDWOOD

**CLASS 1 - 98%**

CLASS 2 - 97%

**CLASS 3 - 98%**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## DIARY

### ALL SAINTS

17.1.23	CLASS 3 DEER PARK TREE PLANTING
30&31	YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY
31.1.23	YEAR 4 BIKEABILITY
17.2.23	LAST DAY OF TERM

### NEEDWOOD

16.1.23	YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY
17.1.23	CLASS 2 DEER PARK TREE PLANTING
18.1.23	YEAR 4 BIKEABILITY
17.2.23	LAST DAY OF TERM

## REMINDER— APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION 2023

The closing date for applications for a place in reception 2023 is **15TH JANUARY 2023**.

## PARKING - RANGEMORE

Can we please remind parents to park responsibly when they drop off and pick up from school. Can the entrance to the back drive please be kept clear at all times as this is our emergency access point as well as being the entrance for parking for the school house.

Thanks

## YOUNG VOICES PHOTOGRAPHS



# ONLINE SAFETY

## **Online gaming / Social Media**

We would like to remind parents of the challenges associated with children online gaming or using social media independently. There is a really comprehensive website with guidance and support for parents, thinking in particular about the new technology that may have been received over Christmas. Support around the use of social media apps, including Whatsapp, Snap Chat, Tik Tok etc. is really important as use of these can be quite challenging for children to learn how to moderate their responses. Please consider talking to your child about what they should do if they are uncomfortable about anything they see on these platforms.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/online-safety-and-gaming.pdf>

## **A guide to Fortnite**

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guide-keep-kids-safe-gaming>

## **Facebook challenge**

It has come to our attention that there is “A Game” being circulated via Facebook to children which contains several different actions for them to complete, including the encouragement of self-harm and hurting others.

Whilst many of our children will, I am sure, be confident in ignoring these messages, we wanted to make you aware that this is circulating. Thank you for reminding children of the importance of speaking to adults at home whenever they come across something that feels unusual or unsafe.



What a blustery start to our Forest School session but as is the ethos of Forest School as long as we are wrapped up well the great outdoors is still a joy. We did need to leave about 5 minutes early as it became a little too windy which is quite unusual but luckily we were able to finish our drink, biscuit and end with a great sing-a-long.

As is always the case on the first week, some of the time was taken up getting all kitted out. Each child was allocated an all-in one which they will wear every week. A water proof coat, hat, gloves and wellies are still needed and once bundled up we were set for a fun afternoon.

Lots of wild play, tree climbing and rope swinging. The children also went on a treasure hunt and showed the group additionally we found some insects including a worm and wood lice to have a closer look at.

Everyone fully joined in when they had to guess the typical age of various birds that live in the garden. The common pigeon usually lives about 4 years but in captivity the oldest has lived to 44 years!

Next week we will be using a bow saw among other things.



## COMMUNITY

The next Drop In Session is on the 23rd January



**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**

PC SO Tim Leathers

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### Saltmine Theatre Company's Celebration Day 2023 is NEXT SATURDAY!

You are invited to join us for a **showcase of our productions and projects** – this is your chance to learn about:

- the impact of our Faith Motivated Arts in 2022
  - our exciting plans for 2023
- ways in which you can pray for or support Saltmine's work

This diverse presentation will include a medley from our Christmas shows, updates about theatre-in-education projects and a extract from our major new production *The Liberator*.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Amblecote Community Church (DY8 4BS)**  
**Light lunch from 1pm, Showcase 2pm – 4.30pm**

**FREE to attend** (advance booking necessary)

**\*Book your place now: <https://saltminetrust.org.uk/celebrationday>**

**ONE WEEK TO GO - Book in now for Saltmine Theatre Company's Celebration Day 2023 next Saturday!**

*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.*

