

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Awards

20th January 2023

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Ophelia** Class 2 **Harvey R** Class 3 **Cal T** Class 4 **Tilly H**

Badges: ★ **Sebastian B (Red Star)** ★ **Ella G (Bronze Star)**

Headteacher awards: Samuel R, Aaisla-M, Cal T, Andrew M, Oscar W, Amelia F, Penny J, Noah M, Harvey R, Megan L

Writer of the Week: **Matilda W**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Poppy K** Class 2 **Finn Hu** Class 3 **William Hu**

Badges: ★ **Poppy K (Green Star)** ★ **Verity R (Bronze Star)** ★ **Xanthe C (Silver Star)**
★ **Evie R (Gold Star)**

Headteacher awards: Alice R, Noah P, Romilly T, May S, William C, Orla N, Olivia A, Mathew P, Ava A, Robin R, George S, Tilly A, Albert S, Lilly K

Writer if the Week: **Abigail P**

Dear Parents

I am sure you will have seen and heard about the impending industrial action that may be taking place in February and March. I would like to assure parents that this is a dispute between central government and trade unions, and we are committed to keeping our schools open. Having met with staff and consulted with JTMAT, I can confirm that both of our schools will be open as normal on the potential days of industrial action. I would like to thank our staff for their continuing commitment to Needwood and All Saints Schools, The Forest Family and to JTMAT.

I hope that reassures our families and community.

Have a great weekend,

Best Wishes

Mr Baxter

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 95%

CLASS 2 - 100%

CLASS 3 - 99%

CLASS 4 - 99%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS - 97%

CLASS 2 - 96%

CLASS 3 - 95%

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DIARY

ALL SAINTS

30&31	YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY
31.1.23	YEAR 4 BIKEABILITY
17.2.23	PANCAKE RACES 9.15 AM
17.2.23	LAST DAY OF TERM

NEEDWOOD

27.1.23	YR 4 BIKEABILITY (REARRANGED)
17.2.23	PANCAKE RACES (TIME TBC)
17.2.23	LAST DAY OF TERM

GRAPES - IMPORTANT

If your child brings grapes into school they must be cut in half to prevent a choking incident. Thank you.

ONLINE SAFETY

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

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 RESTRICTION 13+

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.

18 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.

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 89p 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 18s' 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

Parveen 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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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 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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