

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Awards

8th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school to everyone for the start of the new academic year! I hope you have all had a good summer break and the children are enjoying their first few days back in school. I would like to particularly welcome our new families at All Saints and Needwood. We are looking forward to working with you over the next few years and I am sure your children will love being part of the Forest Family of schools. I would also like to welcome Mrs Leedham to the staff team at All Saints, who will be working in Class 1.

It has been lovely to speak to many of you already on the playground at the start and end of the school day. Please remember, I am available to talk to either in person or over the telephone so don't hesitate to get in touch. Also, you are all invited to our Zoom worships on Friday afternoons.

I look forward to a busy and exciting term!

Best wishes,

Mr Baxter



DIARY - ALL SAINTS

15.9.23	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
24.10.23	FLU VACCINATIONS

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

14.9.23	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
23.11.23	FLU VACCINATIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Uniform Expectations

Please see our uniform expectations attached to the newsletter. Please be aware children should only wear black shoes for school, and wear grey trousers / skirts. Summer dresses can also be worn.

School Lunches

Our lunches are provided by Mellors Catering. All children in Classes 1 and 2 (All Saints) Class 1 (NW) are entitled to a universal infant free school meal (UIFSM), so we would like all of the children to try the meals. This helps the children to try new things and the school receives funding for every meal taken.

Snacks at Break time

We ask that children bring in healthy snacks such as fruit or cereal bars. There are also snacks available to purchase from the school hall, including slices of toast.

Contacting School

We always prefer to have a conversation in person or over the phone if possible.

Class Dojo

This can be used to contact the teaching staff, but please try to speak to staff in person or over the phone in the first instance, if possible. Dojo **must not** be used to inform school of a child's absence, as this may not be picked up. Please inform the school office of absence.

Enquiries, absence reporting, pick up changes, leave of absence requests, urgent enquiries –
Needwood Office

Phone 01283 575216 or email

nps-office@nps.jtmat.co.uk

All Saints Office

Phone 01283 712385 or email

asr-office@asr.jtmat.co.uk

Please note that our offices can get very busy and we may not be able to answer the phone or door on your first call or ring of the bell. Thank you.

Booking medical appointments for your child (Doctors, dentist, opticians etc)

Please try not to book appointments during the school day or at a time which means your child would miss registration. Where possible, please book them after school. If you have to book a medical appointment in school time, please try to ensure that your child attends school for as much of the day as possible. For all appointments requiring a child to leave school during normal hours, please provide proof of the appointment showing the child's name, date and time of the appointment. If no proof is received they will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

Medication in school

(including inhalers)

If your child has a medical condition which requires prescribed medication to be stored and/or administered in school, please complete the 'Medication consent form'. The consent form can be collected from the office. Please bring all medication to the main office in the first instance and do not send it into school in their bag, as it needs to be recorded and stored securely in the office (inhalers will be stored in the classrooms).

INFORMATION

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

We would like to share with you our expectations regarding homework. Little and often is key to homework in both spellings and number/multiplication facts. Each class will provide a homework expectations guidance sheet next week, but please see a brief overview for Maths and English below.

Maths

In **EYFS/Y1/Y2** children are expected to use the website 'Numbots' to practise their recall of number facts that they learn as part of their maths in class. Class teachers will send out a homework expectations sheet next week with details about how often to use the programme. Please take a look at the following YouTube link which explains Numbots for parents/guardians [A Parents/Carers introduction to NumBots - YouTube](#)

In **Y3/Y4** (and **Y5** in Autumn term initially) children are expected to use the website 'TT Rockstars' to practise recall of multiplication facts. The class teacher(s) will set tables that are appropriate to your child's needs and explain how often they should practice on the class homework expectations sheet. Please take a look at the following YouTube link which explains TT Rockstars for parents/guardians [What is Times Tables Rock Stars? Parents and Carers Guide - YouTube](#)

In **Y6** children are expected to use the website 'Arithmagicians' which allows children to practise specific key aspects on maths according to their needs. Class teachers will provide the children with guidance as to what areas to focus on and how often to practice in their class homework expectations sheet. Here is the link to the website if you wish to take a look. [Home \(arithmagicians.com\)](#)

Reading

All children are encouraged to read for ten minutes daily. Reading of all text types is valued and encouraged. School scheme books support the learning of phonics and fluency skills in reception and key stage one, but we encourage all our pupils to read for pleasure and find texts they enjoy. Reading should be recorded in your child's journal.

Spelling

In EYFS/Y1 our children learn phonics using the ELS scheme and homework will be sent linked to this on a weekly basis. Reading and writing the words sent home little and often will support recall.

Y2 children learn spellings following the ELS scheme building upon the previous phonics learning. Regular practice will support weekly tests.

From Y3-6 we use the Spelling Shed scheme and children are allocated weekly spellings upon which they will be tested. These can be practised online using the Spelling Shed games, or can be written, read and spelt out loud using methods children will have learnt in class. Regular practice will support weekly tests.



SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

RANGEMORE PLAYING FIELDS DE13 9RW

12:00pm - 5:00pm

**FRUIT, VEGETABLE, FLOWERS
AND CRAFTS COMPETITION**

Artisan craft stalls, Street food, Licensed bar,
cakes and refreshments, Classic cars,
Plant sales, Childrens activities, Raffle

**Admission: £3 adults and children 12 years and over,
£1 children 3-11 years**

Pay on gate NO DOGS PLEASE

FREE PARKING

Competition entry forms from: davidrpointer@googlemail.com

Proceeds in aid of Rangemore Church

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.