

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Awards

22nd September 2023

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Phoebe** Class 2: **Ibrahim** Class 3: **Ibrahim** Class 4: **Seth**

Badges: 🏆 (Bronze Cup) ★ (Silver Star) **Simran, Harvey S**

Headteacher awards: **Noah, Dylan, Joseph H**

Writer of the Week: **Evelyn P**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Alexander** Class 2: **Etta** Class 3: **Croft & Bea**

Badges: ★ (Bronze Star) ★ (Gold Star)

Headteacher awards: **Bella, Sylvie, Tiffany, Evie, William H, Mathew**

Writer of the Week: **Morgan**

Dear Parents,

At the end of another busy week, I would like to congratulate the children in both schools for working hard, but most importantly for displaying our Fruit of the Spirit values so consistently. This was evident in our Church School (SIAMS) inspection at All Saints yesterday. The inspector was incredibly impressed with how our vision and values are part of everything we do.

Well done to everyone - children, parents and staff - for working together so successfully.

I would like to remind everyone of our uniform expectations, especially for PE. We have noticed some children wearing incorrect uniform for PE this week. Please check the attached expectations document. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,
Best Wishes.

Mr Baxter

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 100%

CLASS 2 - 94%

CLASS 3 - 97%

CLASS 4 - 99%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 100%

CLASS 2 - 99%

CLASS 3 - 98%

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

6.10.23	HARVEST FESTIVAL 9.15 AM
24.10.23	FLU VACCINATIONS
10.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
11.10.23	BHANGRA DANCING CLASS 2 AT JTHS
12.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
8.12.23	CHRISTINGLE/CAROLS 9.15 AM
20.12.23	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
9.2.23	PANCAKE RACE 2.45 PM
7.3.23	WORLD BOOK DAY
19.3.23	EASTER SERVICE 9.15 AM
3.7.23	SPORTS DAY AM
18.7.23	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

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Events and dates are subject to change but we will always try to stick to dates as much as possible.

EMAILS FROM SCHOOL - ALL SAINTS

The Office sometimes sends emails from the school email addresses. Can parents please make sure these are in your address book so that they don't go into spam/junk folders,

The office email addresses are -

asr-office@asr.jtmat.co.uk
asr-admin@asr.jtmat.co.uk.

Thank you.

JOHN TAYLOR FREE SCHOOL – YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

John Taylor Free school Year 6 Open Evening will take place on Monday **2nd October from 6-8pm.**

All Year 6 students and parents are welcome to come along to this event.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Some of the equestrian team (Lucy, Poppy and Xanthe) went to Beaverhall and competed in the show jumping classes at the weekend. They all worked hard and had a great time. Poppy came 4th and Xanthe came 6th in their classes too. Well done to all our riders!





The children all used a bow saw today. They used two different types of saw with two different blades. The peg blade has triangular teeth usually set in threes with a gap in the middle and a raker blade which has regular teeth. The peg blade is usually used on dry, seasoned wood and the raker on green wood.

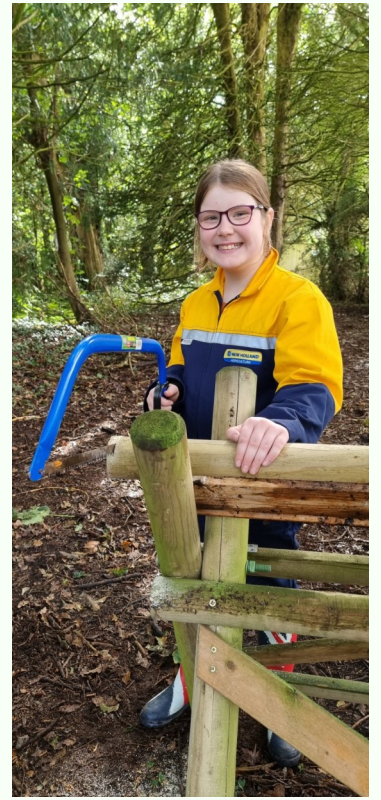
All the children could tell the difference when sawing their wood cookie and virtually all preferred the peg as the post we were sawing was very dry.

Mud pies were also popular this week and the children had fun just getting muddy.

Next week we will be visiting the Deer Park at Hoar Cross. Please refer to the letter that was sent home yesterday and could I ask that the permission sheet is returned please by **Monday 18th September.**

Mrs G. Spencer
Forest School Leader





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 games 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 MINECRAFT

AGE RATING
7+

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unsettle young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lot of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

Meet Our Expert

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