

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

## Awards

13th October 2023

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Aaira** Class 2: **Oliver H** Class 3: **Noah** Class 4: **Zack**

Badges: ★ **Archer (Bronze Star)** ★ **Emily (Silver Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Nathaniel, Cal, Aaisla, Idris, Johan, Gil, Ella G**

Writer of the Week: **Delilah, Marcie**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Tobias** Class 2: **Grace** Class 3: **Will H**

Badges: ★ **Verity (Green Star)** ★ **Martha (Gold Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Verity, Poppy, Jasper, May, Bea, Henrietta, Sienna, Albie**

Writer of the Week: **Annabel**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of our parents for attending parents evenings this week. It was great for the teachers to be able to discuss with you how the children are settling in this term.

Well done to the children from both schools who attended the bhangra dancing together at John Taylor High School. They had a wonderful time! Also, we had some children represent All Saints and Needwood at a geography day at Paulet High School. This was a MAT wide activity so it was wonderful to have children working together and mixing with other local schools. At both events we had lovely feedback about how well-behaved our children were!

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

**Mr Baxter**

## ATTENDANCE

### ALL SAINTS

**CLASS 1 - 97%**

**CLASS 2 - 96%**

**CLASS 3 - 95%**

**CLASS 4 - 96%**

### NEEDWOOD

**CLASS 1 - 95%**

**CLASS 2 - 98%**

**CLASS 3 - 95%**

**WELL DONE CHILDREN!**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### DIARY - ALL SAINTS

24.10.23	FLU VACCINATIONS
30.10.23	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
6.11.23	INSET DAY
8.12.23	CHRISTINGLE/CAROLS 9.15 AM
20.12.23	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE PM EYFS & KS1
22.12.23	LAST DAY OF TERM
8.1.24	BACK TO SCHOOL
9.2.24	PANCAKE RACE 2.45 PM
7.3.24	WORLD BOOK DAY
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 9.15 AM
3.7.24	SPORTS DAY AM
18.7.24	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

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

### RECEPTION APPLICATION PROCESS - Primary/Infant/First Schools ONLY

The application process for a reception place for September 2024 will open on 01 November 2023.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on Staffordshire County Council's website.

**The closing date is 15 January 2024.**

([www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)).

### SNACKS AT BREAK

Please can we remind families that snacks brought in for break time should be a healthy snack for the children (fruit etc.) which contains no nuts. Food is also available to buy at break from the kitchen should the children wish (toast etc.) please ensure children bring in some money if they wish to have anything.

Thank you.





This week was fire lighting, and we had a lovely afternoon for it. The children learnt about what is needed for a fire - fuel, spark and oxygen and the safety precautions that they need to remember and use. They all collected fuel for the fire and some long sticks to use to toast their marshmallows.

The children were then able to use a flint and steel to get sparks and some great sparks were achieved too.

The guess the bird sound was a Gold Finch today which has a very distinctive sound - a high pitched chattering sound and with its bright colours it looks like a soldier wearing a smart uniform. Flocks of goldfinches are called charms.

Of course, hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows was a very popular end to another wonderful afternoon in the forest.

Next week is our last week at forest school.  
How the time flies.





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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 apps 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.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



# WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

#### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

#### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

#### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

#### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



#### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



#### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



#### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



#### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



#### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



#### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



### 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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# Kids' Art Competition

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CAN YOU DRAW US A PICTURE THAT SHOW PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER IN CARE HOMES AND HOSPITALS TO HELP PEOPLE BE HAPPY AND HEALTHY?



Send a photo of your artwork with your age, name and the contact details of a responsible adult to:

[ddicb.joinedupcareers@nhs.net](mailto:ddicb.joinedupcareers@nhs.net)

Win £50 Love2Shop voucher if your artwork is published



**Artists must be 4 - 16 years old**

T&Cs and more information are available on [joinedupcareers.co.uk/news/art-competition-2023](https://joinedupcareers.co.uk/news/art-competition-2023)

**Closing date is 15 November 2023**

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*AN ENCHANTING EVENING  
OF SONGS FROM THE SHOWS*

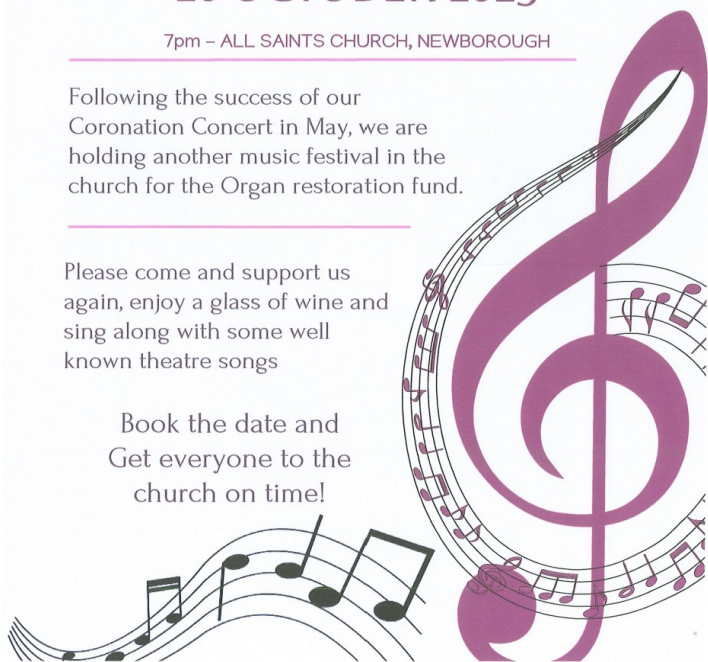
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7pm – ALL SAINTS CHURCH, NEWBOROUGH

Following the success of our  
Coronation Concert in May, we are  
holding another music festival in the  
church for the Organ restoration fund.

Please come and support us  
again, enjoy a glass of wine and  
sing along with some well  
known theatre songs

Book the date and  
Get everyone to the  
church on time!



*lest we forget*

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

*With participation from Needwood  
School*

**FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 10.45AM**







Newborough Parish Council invites you to

# *Christmas Lights Switch On*

**December 1st 2023, 3.45pm**

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## NEEDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

# OCTOBER SPORTS CAMP

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**8:45 - 15:00**  
**AGE 4 - 12**

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