

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

## Awards

20th October 2023

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Alex** Class 2: **Emilia P** Class 3: **Sebastian** Class 4: **Simran**

Badges: ★ **Pixie (Red Star)** ★ **Dylan, Oscar (Silver Star)** ★ **Lewis (Gold Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Evelyn, Iyla, Samuel R, Simran, Lucy**

Writer of the Week: **George M (C2)**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Olivia A** Class 2: **Joey** Class 3: **Joseph M**

Badges: ★ **Annabel (Bronze Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Orla, Joseph, Joshua, Tobias, Orion-Duke, Antora, Margaux, Amelia, Eric, Ostara-Brienne**

Writer of the Week: **Xanthe**

Dear Parents,

The significant rainfall and subsequent flooding we are experiencing today has served as a reminder that in extreme weather we do sometimes need to make changes to our school day or routines. Please inform the office as soon as possible if your phone number or email address changes, as these are the quickest methods of getting in touch. Thank you.

Just this week we have noticed a few children who's uniform or presentation have not quite met our expectations. I would particularly like to remind families that 'tramlines' are not allowed in hair, as stated in our uniform expectations document. Thank you for supporting our high expectations for presentation and uniform.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

**Mr Baxter**

## ATTENDANCE

### ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 89%

CLASS 2 - 98%

CLASS 3 - 89%

CLASS 4 - 96%

### NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 96%

CLASS 2 - 97%

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

### DIARY - NEEDWOOD

30.10.23	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
6.11.23	INSET DAY
13.11.23	CLASS 1 PHONICS WORKSHOP 3.00 PM
23.11.23	FLU VACCINATIONS
1.12.23	CHRISTINGLE/CAROLS 2.00 PM
18.12.23	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
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17.7.24	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

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

### WATER BOTTLES - REMINDER

Water bottles should only have water in them in the daytime. Juice is only allowed at lunchtime. Thank you.

### 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)).



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 FACEBOOK

AGE RATING  
**13+**

With 2.9 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account: it's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Facebook's quick reward cycle of likes and comments on shared posts can be hugely addictive. It encourages users to keep returning to post things and increases FOMO (the Fear Of Missing Out), which leads to people checking the app even more frequently and finding themselves endlessly scrolling through content.

#### CYBERBULLYING

A 2021 Ofcom report found that around one in four UK 12–15-year-olds had been cyberbullied or trolled (intentionally antagonised online). On Facebook, this can happen through private messages (on Facebook Messenger); hurtful comments on their profiles and posts; pages or groups set up purposely to torment a victim; or exclusion from pages or groups.

#### FUTURE IMPACT

Like most social media platforms, anything posted on Facebook leaves a permanent 'digital footprint'. This can have future consequences for young people: many universities and employers, for example, now review someone's Facebook timeline during the application process.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Just like in the offline world, there are people on Facebook with malicious intentions. Ofcom reports, for instance, that 30% of 12–15-year-olds have received a friend request from a stranger. This, sadly, can include individuals seeking to take advantage of impressionable youngsters.

#### OVERSHARING

Facebook encourages you to post "what's on your mind", but children should be wary of revealing too much about themselves online. Users can give away their location by checking in or using Facebook Live, for example, while some photos can also be traced using file data.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Facebook monitors and removes material like hate speech or extreme political views, while adverts on the platform are now forbidden from targeting under-18s based on their interests. Offensive content isn't always taken down instantly, however, so there's still a risk of children encountering it.

#### VIDEOS AND STREAMING

Facebook Live lets users stream video live to their friends or watch others' broadcasts. Viewers can comment in real time, which is problematic to moderate. Short, user-created clips called Reels can now also be displayed on profiles and feeds. These video features could contain unsuitable material or allow children to be coaxed into doing something on camera that they wouldn't normally do.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

In the settings area, you can choose whether a Facebook profile is public or private. By far the safest option is to switch your child's to private, so they can only interact with people who they are friends with on the platform. Facebook's settings can also prevent your child's personal information (such as contact details, school name or date of birth) from appearing publicly.

#### SAVVY SHARING

Make sure your child realises that what they share online with friends can end up being shared again by others. It's important that they think about what they share online and who they share it with. Facebook's 'Audience Selector' gives users the option to filter who sees what they are sharing, whenever a status is updated, photos are uploaded or anything is posted.

#### ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING

Facebook can help your child to stay connected with the people and the things that they care about. However, it's important for them to understand that they should only accept friend requests from people who they know. The key questions to consider are "has your child met them in person?" and "do they know and trust them enough to feel comfortable accepting them as a Facebook friend?"

#### RESPECT BOUNDARIES

Once you've talked about Facebook safety with your child, give them some space and trust them to make smart choices. Make it clear, however, that you're always open to discussing social media if they need to. In the early stages, you could occasionally review your child's social media activity with them to put your mind at rest – but take care not to become reliant on checking it every night.

#### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your child watch you using Facebook – this will demonstrate how it can be used safely and appropriately, reducing the risk of them encountering harmful content themselves. Teach them the habit of thinking before sharing anything online and try to follow the same rules that you set for them – so if you agree time limits on your child's Facebook use, then you should stick to them, too.

#### BLOCK AND REPORT

On Facebook, you're able to report harmful content and block particular people or groups so they can't contact your child or view their profile. Before they start spending serious time on the platform, show your child how these features work and explain why they might need to be used. Facebook's Bullying Prevention Hub offers advice on dealing with harassment on the platform.

### Meet Our Expert

Alex Wright is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He has worked with some of the biggest organisations on the planet and has a vast understanding of how social media platforms work and how they engage their audience.



Sources: [www.facebook.com/safetybullying](http://www.facebook.com/safetybullying)

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## MESSAGE FROM STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



Hello All

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Safety Plan was due to end in March 2024 however we need to extend this current plan until the end of 2024 to ensure the four year cycle of the plan aligns with the four year term of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC).

We need your support in encouraging members of the community to complete the survey, as it's really important we get the views of as many people as possible. Any members of the community completing the survey will be included into a prize draw to win a £100 Amazon voucher. The survey and Safety Plan documents links are below.

The survey will run until 26 November, [click here to complete the survey](#) and [here to review the draft Safety Plan document](#).

Many thanks for your continued assistance and support.

On behalf of the ESDG Prevent team

**Jo Moore**

Business Support Assistant

Eastern Service Delivery Group /Tamworth Belgrave Fire & Police Station

**BARTON SENIORS  
AFTERNOON TEA**

You've been invited to enjoy a free,  
sociable afternoon tea with Barton Lions Club.

**PLEASE NOTE THE REVISED DATE:**  
SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023, 2.00 – 4.00PM  
Barton under Needwood Village Hall, DE13 8AF

Please RSVP TO: Lion Geoff Trevena BY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, please.  
01827 706 591 or 0781 691 5191 or [geoff.trevena@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.trevena@gmail.com)  
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WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER  
Talk 1: 11:30 AM (30 MIN)  
Talk 2: 2:00 PM (30 MIN)  
Talk 3: 3:00 PM (30 MIN)



## main

Cheese burgers

Veggie cheese burgers

Wedges

Corn on the cob

Jacket potatoes

## Dessert

Toffee cupcakes

Fruit sparklers



*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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