

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Awards

2nd February 2024

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Blake** Class 2: **Idris** Class 3: **Evelyn** Class 4: **Aaisla-Mae**

Badges: ★ (Red Star)

★ Joseph H (Silver Star)

Headteacher awards: **Evelyn**

Writer of the Week: **Zack**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Orion** Class 2: **All of Class 2** Class 3: **Tiffany**

Badges: ★ **Joshua (Bronze Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Lochlan, Albie, Zakariyah, Antora, Dillon, Joey**

Dear Parents,

I would like to say well done to a number of our children, who have been working together across both schools this week. At the start of the week some of the children from both schools formed two Forest Family teams at the Dove Valley mixed football tournament. Later in the week both of our Year 3 / 4 classes met up at Needwood for a Romans day! It is wonderful to see the children from both schools mixing and working together, and it is giving them lots of opportunities to gain confidence and social skills. I am really proud of the children!

Thank you to all of our children for getting into the spirit of NSPCC Number Day, by dressing up and enjoying maths today! We are having a very enjoyable day and the children are improving their maths with all of the TT Rock Stars and Numberblocks work. Well done everyone!

Have a great weekend
Best wishes,

Mr Baxter

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 97%

CLASS 2 - 86%

CLASS 3 - 96%

CLASS 4 - 95%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 94%

CLASS 2 - 98%

CLASS 3 - 97%

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

9.2.24	PANCAKE RACE 2.45 PM
9.2.24	PTA DRESS DOWN DAY £1 PER CHILD (FOR CHOCOLATE BINGO)
12.2.24 - 16.2.24	HALF TERM
19.2.24	INSET DAY
27 & 29. 2.24	PARENTS EVENINGS
5.3.24	PTA CHOCO BINGO 5.30—7.30
7.3.24	WORLD BOOK DAY
8.3.24	PTA MOTHERS DAY BAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 9.15 AM
20.3.24	PTA EASTER EGG HUNT AND ACTIVITIES
13.6.23	PTA TEDDY BEARS PICNIC LUNCHTIME
3.7.24	SPORTS DAY AM
17.7.24	PTA PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND 3.15—5.30 £5.00
18.7.24	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

9.2.24	PANCAKE RACE 9.15 AM
9.2.24	SCHOOL DISCO
12.2.24 - 16.2.24	HALF TERM
19.2.24	INSET DAY
27 & 29. 2.24	PARENTS EVENINGS
7.3.24	WORLD BOOK DAY
7.3.24	DONATIONS OF CAKES TO SCHOOL FOR MOTHERS DAY REFRESHMENTS
8.3.24	MOTHERS DAY SERVICE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS IN SCHOOL
14.3.24	NON UNIFORM DAY— CHOCOLATE DONATIONS FOR CHOCOLATE BINGO
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 2.30 PM AND FON RAFFLE
9.3.24	CHOCOLATE BINGO FOR FAMILIES 3.30-5.00 PM (FON)
22.5.24	LICHFIELD DIOCESE INSPIRE DAY - CLASS 2 TRIP
4.7.24	SPORTS DAY AM
17.7.24	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

HAIR

Boys and girls hair which is below the collar line must be tied back at all times. It is to be of an appropriate colour and style. Children should not have 'tramlines' or other extreme styles when coming to school.

Hair bands and scrunchies should be either white, black, grey or red at All Saints and bottle green at Needwood.

WATER BOTTLES - REMINDER

Children should only have water in their bottles, they are not allowed juice and please no fizzy drinks at all in school.

Thank you.

JOB VACANCY AT ALL SAINTS, RANGEMORE

All Saints Rangemore are looking for someone to join their After school team, details are given below. If you are interested, please get in touch with Mrs Young or Mr Baxter

After School Assistant - Permanent part time/term time only.

Salary: Grade 2 £22,737.00 per annum pro rata

Actual salary £ 5819.07

Hours 3.15pm – 5.30pm Monday to Friday

John Taylor Multi Academy Trust (JTMAT) believes in the power of education to improve lives – and the world. As a partner academy in JTMAT, we are seeking to appoint an after-school assistant to join our evolving organisation.

The successful candidate will support the children with games, craft, and other activities after school, as well as help prepare and serve food. The successful candidate will care for the children until they are collected by parents/carers.

If you have a passion for excellence and share our vision, we can offer you the opportunity to be part of a successful and progressive Trust, which is committed to ensuring learning is at the heart of all we do.

If you want to discuss this role, please contact

Christine Young by emailing asr-office@asr.jtmat.co.uk

or telephoning 01283 712385

NEEDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friends of Needwood Disco - Friday 9th February

Children will be allowed to come to school in their disco clothes, but please be aware that we also have the pancake races at 9.15am on the same day. Please can you ensure that the children are wearing something suitable to run in and with appropriate footwear. If children wish to bring a change of footwear for later, they can do so.

Pancake Races - Friday 9th February

Please can all children bring in a named, small frying pan and a pancake on this morning as we will hold our annual pancake races on the school playground. As mentioned previously in the message about the school disco, please ensure children are wearing suitable clothing and footwear to run across the playground, whilst tossing their pancakes! Parents and families are invited to join us for the races. Thank you for your support.



This week's Forest School is always the children's favourite. Camp fire and fire lighting ☺

The children learned all about what is needed to light a fire outside - i.e. fuel, spark and oxygen. We also spoke about safety and in particular having some water near by in case it is needed.

They spent a time collecting dry twigs and then once the fire had been lit, ready for marshmallow toasting later in the afternoon, each child took it in turns to use a flint and steel. They concentrated hard and everyone made sparks and were very pleased with themselves, as they should be.

Then came the best part, toasting their marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate! Always a hit.

Next week is our last one - how time flies and it will be held on Tuesday not Thursday so please can the children remember to bring in their outdoor clothes. The plan is to use a bow saw and/or a sheath knife.

Mrs 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 issues 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 HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

- 1. GET CONNECTED**
Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.
- 2. KEEP TALKING**
Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).
- 3. STAY VIGILANT**
Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.
- 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE**
If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.
- 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN**
When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.
- 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD**
Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.
- 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE**
Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.
- 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY**
Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.
- 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE**
Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.
- 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES**
If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 8787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 600 6000

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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