

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Awards

9th February 2024

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Teddy** Class 2: **Penny** Class 3: **Ella B** Class 4: **Oliver S**

Badges: ☆ (Silver Star) ☆ Oliver S, Oliver N (Gold Star)

Headteacher awards: **Fabien, Marcie, Simran, Aaisla,, Bonnie, Mya**

Writer of the Week: **David C3**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Antora** Class 2: **Xanthe** Class 3: **Afeni**

Badges: ★ Sylvie (Green Star) ☆ Harrison (Silver Star) ★ Paige (Bronze Star)

🏆 Sebastian (Bronze Cup) 🏆 Orla (Silver Cup)

Headteacher awards: **Grace, Xanthe, Aisha, Liberty, Martha, Noah, Daisy, William**

Writer of the Week: **Sebastian**

Dear Parents,

This has only been a very short half term, but we have managed to fit a lot in since Christmas! Well done to all of the children in both schools for representing us so well in various events, trips and sports activities. It really is a pleasure to work with all of the children every day.

Many thanks to everyone for supporting pancake races today. I hope all of our families have an enjoyable and restful half term break.

Best wishes,

Mr Baxter

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 96%

CLASS 2 - 95%

CLASS 3 - 97%

CLASS 4 - 97%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 100%

CLASS 2 - 98%

CLASS 3 - 92%

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT AWARDS

 JOY <i>Maisie</i> <i>Aisha K</i>	 LOVE <i>Ethan</i> <i>Amelia</i>	 PEACE <i>Thomas</i> <i>Morgan P</i>
 GOODNESS <i>Caitlin</i> <i>Robin R</i>	 FAITHFULNESS <i>Albie S</i>	 PATIENCE <i>Billy</i> <i>Liberty L</i>
 KINDNESS <i>Marcie</i> <i>Joshua S</i>	 SELF CONTROL <i>Johan</i> <i>Bertie G</i>	 GENTLENESS <i>Ophelia</i> <i>Minnie U</i>

MRS WELLS - GOODNESS



DIARY - ALL SAINTS

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
15.3.24	COMIC RELIEF
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

12.2.24 - 16.2.24	HALF TERM
19.2.24	INSET DAY
23.2.24	NON UNIFORM DAY— CHOCOLATE DONATIONS FOR CHOCOLATE BINGO
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
15.3.24	COMIC RELIEF
23.2.24	NON UNIFORM DAY— CHOCOLATE DONATIONS FOR CHOCOLATE BINGO
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 2.30 PM AND FON RAFFLE
19.3.24	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

COMMUNITY

NEEDWOOD

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Wagstaff will be returning from her maternity leave in March. Mrs Neal will continue with her role teaching Class 2, with Mrs Wagstaff teaching our year 2 children, both until the end of the summer term.



“Mrs Allsop wishes you all a Happy Half Term, and I will see you when you return to school for a delicious hot lunch from the school kitchen .”



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COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT REMINDER

ROAD CLOSURE AT BRANSTON FROM 10TH FEBRUARY—28TH FEBRUARY

As part of the roadworks we believe there will be 4 way lights at the Byrkley Park Junction.

- **PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR YOUR JOURNEY**
- **WE REQUEST PARENTS PARK RESPONSIBLY.**

Original Message

Construction works include widening the A38 northbound off and on slip roads to provide additional traffic lanes, installing new traffic signals on the interchange roundabout and a third lane westbound on Parkway. Work will last for approximately 70 weeks.

Early works on Branston Road will be installing new drainage, ducting, electrical works and to install a temporary site access. So they can be carried out safely, a one-way road closure will be needed from the beginning of the February half-term week.

The one-way closure starts on February 10, with a planned completion on the February 28. Vehicles will be able to travel westbound on Branston Road from the A38 towards Tatenhill but will not be able to travel eastbound from Tatenhill to access the A38. A diversion route will be signed via Tatenhill, Rangemore and Needwood. Additional safety measures and signing will be provided on the diversion

BURTON LIBRARY - WORLD BOOK DAY EXCHANGE HUB

Burton Library is delighted to announce they will be a World Book Day Exchange Hub this year 😊.

From 15th February until 31st March, children can bring their World Book Day token to the library to exchange them for one of the free World Book Day books.

As the child choosing their own book is an essential part of the World Book Day token programme, please note that children must attend the library themselves to exchange their token.

Tokens cannot be exchanged on their behalf by a parent/carers or by any school staff.

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.



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 app of many 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

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

W&H*!

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lili Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 18s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parven 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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