

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Awards

26th April 2024

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Archie R** Class 2: **Megan L & Emilia P** Class 3: **Ibrahim** Class 4: **Ethan**

Badges: ★ **Andrew (Silver Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Morgan, Charlie, Sami, Joseph W, Seth, Zack, Lucy, Spencer**

Writer of the Week: **Lewis (C4)**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Amelia** Class 2: **Heidi** Class 3: **Bea**

Badges: 🏆 **(Bronze Cup)**

Headteacher awards: **Grace, Olivia**

Writer of the Week: **Alice**

Dear Parents,

Well done to the older girls at All Saints and Needwood this week for attending the JCB Women in Engineering days. This was a great opportunity that the children really made the most of! Also, thank you to Mrs Marston for running the Lego League with Miss Williams at All Saints. The children have really enjoyed the STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) opportunities over the course of the project.

I would like to say congratulations to Mrs Jackson from Needwood for completing the London Marathon last Sunday. Also, thank you so much to the parents and staff for supporting my fundraising for St Giles Hospice by running the Marathon.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Baxter

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 97%

CLASS 2 - 95%

CLASS 3 - 95%

CLASS 4 - 99%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 96%

CLASS 2 - 97%

CLASS 3 - 95%

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DIARY

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

6.5.24	MAY DAY
22.5.24	LICHFIELD DIOCESE INSPIRE DAY - CLASS 3 TRIP
24.5.24	LAST DAY BEFORE HALF TERM
3.6.24	LEAVERS PHOTOS
13.6.23	PTA TEDDY BEARS PICNIC LUNCHTIME
25.6.24	SPORTS DAY - AFTERNOON
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

6.5.24	MAY DAY
22.5.24	LICHFIELD DIOCESE INSPIRE DAY - CLASS 2 TRIP
24.5.24	LAST DAY BEFORE HALF TERM
3.6.24	LEAVERS PHOTOS
4.7.24	SPORTS DAY AM
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.

ALL SAINTS - POLLING STATION

School is being used as a polling station on **Thursday 2nd May**. School is open as usual, but we would like Class 1 to come into school through the front black door.

TESCO GRANT FUNDING

Needwood applied for some funding to extend our picnic area on the playground with a new table and bench. This was through the Tesco Grant scheme and we won 2nd place with a fund awarded of £1000.



"I don't know why, but the meals we have on picnics always taste so much nicer than the ones we have indoors."

— Five Go Off in a Caravan

Enid Blyton

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 devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

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