



Friday
18th September 2015

Newsletter

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Saami, Teghan

DIARY DATES	
21.09.15	Running Club Starts
22.09.15 2.00 pm	Phonics & Reading Session Parents Workshop at Rangemore
23.09.15 6.30 pm	Chasewater Information Evening Needwood Primary School
25.09.15 3.15 pm	Mr Donoghue, JTHS, to meet Year 6 and parents
30.09.15	Academy Photography in school
7.10.15	Star Foundation Collection Day
7.10.15 3.30 to 6.00 pm	Parents Evening
8.10.15 5.00 to 8.00 pm	Parents Evening
9.10.15 9.00 am	Harvest Service
12 to 18.10.15	Class 4 at Chasewater
12.10.15 7.00 pm	Internet & Social media Safety session
16.10.15 2.30 pm	EYFS Maths Session
23.10.15	INSET DAY - No School
26.10.- 30.10.15	Half Term
2.11.15	Back to school

Red Millie £ Bronze Silver Gold

Bronze Cup Silver Cup Gold Cup Bronze Medal

OF THE WEEK



Jacob - For being very kind, helpful and patient with other children who were struggling in our maths sessions this week.



Tilly For her constant focus on her learning and the writing she produced in literacy.



William - for trying so hard with all of his learning and settling into Class 2 well.



Hannah for her super positive attitude, always ready, always challenging and always improving.

LEADING LEARNING LINKS—The Best of the Best!

What a wonderful second, but full week of school. I am sure your children slept well last weekend! The first few weeks back are a time for reminders of expectations, setting systems and routines, settling into new classes, getting to know our new teachers, making new friends as many of the children enter a class with new children. Also we welcome some new children to our schools. Additionally, it is a time for assessments in order to measure progress across the year and where children are after the break in terms of the new national expectations. Children have settled incredibly well and both schools feel like calm, purposeful and happy places of learning.

Children enjoyed the visit from Professor Poopenshtinken last week from the Magical Maths Club and I know many of you are signing up to attend this 6 week club.

Academy photos have visited both schools in order to take promotional photographs of our schools and children for our new website, as well as prospectuses and information. We have used the photograph permissions lists to ensure that children are allowed to have their photographs taken and promoted – without names. Where there are any uncertainties, we will contact you before any are used.

I look forward to our first Thanksgiving service today presenting a bible to every child in school.

We have worked with our Parish council this week to set up mock council meetings for our older children and to elect not only the school council members but also pupil parish council leaders who will have the opportunity to attend a section of a couple of parish council meetings across the year in order for the children to input into the agenda and outcomes for Rangemore and Tatenhill. We will keep you updated.

We look forward to training our ambassadors in showing visitors round the school and promoting our schools. Additionally, we are pleased to offer the phonics and reading session on Tuesday 22nd - see details in newsletter.

We look forward to the visit of Mr Donoghue the Headteacher at John Taylor on Friday 25th at 3.15 – 3.45 for our year 6 pupils as part of the transition and planning process for transfer to high school.

Have a good weekend as the Autumn nights draw in! Mrs Charlene Gethin.

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you."
Diana, Princess of Wales.

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
1. We have enjoyed being in school ALL day. 2. We enjoyed our first phonics sessions. 3. We enjoyed our PE sessions.	1. Doing PE for the first time with the coaches. 2. Planning and writing stories. 3. Using Numicon in Maths to support our learning.	1. Football with Brent. 2. Acting out a passage from the Hodgeheg. 3. Looking at the different rocks and fossils in science.	1. First football session with Brent. 2. Practising times tables to get into new Minion leagues. 3. Learning about the water cycle and rivers so we can get the most out of our visit to Chasewater.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Further to the letter sent home last week concerning Government Changes to Persistent Absence Attendance, a copy of our Attendance Policy is available upon request. This includes Staffordshire County Councils' Code of Conduct for penalty notices.

YEAR 6 - MR DONOGHUE, JTHS, INFORMATION SESSION

Mr Donoghue, Headteacher at John Taylor High School, is coming into school on **Friday 25th September at 3.15 pm**. All Year 6 children and their parents are invited to attend this information session.

HARVEST

Just a gentle reminder that our Harvest Festival celebration is quickly approaching, Friday 9th October, and we are requesting donations of food. All donations will be given to local Food Banks. Like last year, we will be asking classes to bring in certain items, see below. We would also welcome donations of fresh vegetables, flowers and fruit on the Thursday before the Harvest celebration. If anyone is available to decorate the church on the Thursday morning for our celebrations and that of the church on Sunday, then please contact the school office.

CLASS 1 – Dried pasta/rice

CLASS 2 – Tinned vegetables/fruit

CLASS 3 – Cereals

CLASS 4 – Tinned baked beans/tuna/meat

LOST UNIFORM

Just a little note to ask Class 2, 3 and 4 parents to check their children's jumpers/cardigans. Even though we are only 1 week into school, five children have lost their jumpers/cardigans. A girls 'Next' cardigan, aged 5/6 with three distinct buttons is missing, along with a boys 'Next' cotton knitted jumper age 7/8, a boys jumper aged 9/10 There is also a school logo jumper missing with the name 'Lily Attack', and a named school jumper belonging to Jake Dowding. Please, please bring them back to school if you have them. Uniform is expensive and it is frustrating as a parent when these items go missing. Many thanks.

PHONICS/READING PARENT WORKSHOP

We are having our annual Phonics/Reading Parent Workshop on **Tuesday 22nd September at 2pm**, at All Saints CE (C) Primary School. Please get along if you can. Looking forward to seeing you.

Mrs Smith (English Lead) & EYFS Staff

INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP

We have arranged for a computer forensic specialist to come and talk to all Federaton parents about keeping our children as safe as we can online. Mr David Benford is a specialist in his field and speaks internationally about some of the risks of using social media/internet and how to keep as safe as possible. Please come along if you can. It is being hosted at All Saints CE (C) Primary School on **Monday 12th October at 7pm**. We look forward to seeing you.

READING CHAMPION SCHOOLS

Your child will be coming home with some information about this tonight so don't forget to check those school bags.

CHASEWATER

We are very excited about our trip to Chasewater and are making some final plans with the team there. We would like to offer an information session for parents / carers and children in Class 4 on Wednesday **23rd September at 6.30pm**, held for all attending children across the Federation at Needwood Primary School. We can send out information papers for any families who are unable to attend. Please ask if you would like a paper or e-copy.

SCHOOL MEALS - ALLERGIES

Mrs Mills, Catering Supervisor, has been informed by Chartwells that she requires a doctor's certificate detailing any food allergies your child may have. School meals will then be agreed with parents tailored to individual needs. Certificates need to be sent to school as soon as possible.

Thank you.

GUITAR LESSONS

A new group is starting for beginners so there are places available for new guitar pupils next term.

- A student would need a nylon stringed classical or Spanish guitar, possibly half or three-quarter size, with a carrying case, and the book "Progressive Guitar Method for Young Beginners", Book 1, all **marked with the owner's name**. A spare set of strings is always a good idea. Normans, Argos and Pete Oakley, all in Burton, have good quality beginners guitars.
- Lessons are £50.00 per 10 week term, payable by invoice after half term. A lesson lasts for half an hour. If the term is substantially longer than ten weeks, *and both the school's and the guitar teacher's schedules allow*, lessons will continue nearer to the end of term at no extra cost, so that the gap until lessons begin again in the new term is not so long.
- In order to get value for money it is vital that children take their instruments home at the end of lesson day, and do at least ten minutes practice each day, even if their guitar has gone out of tune!

If you are interested in lessons please let us know! For the best possible tuition all children need to start together and we need to begin in the next couple of weeks so please do get in touch as soon as possible.

Thank you. Lesley Hirst. If you require further information please message: scousegran@tiscali.co.uk

RUNNING CLUB

I'd love to continue to build running club and all children are welcome from Y1 upwards, (new Y1 children might not be quite ready but they are welcome if they are).

They run each Monday from the end of the day until 4.15pm up to half term, then they finish at 4pm after half term until after Easter. Children are collected from the field at this time and, unless it is raining and hasn't been cancelled, they will take everything across with them.

The first one starts on **Monday 21st September**. Please keep the following dates so you have a record of club dates.

21st, 28th September

12th, October

No club on 19th October

26th October - half term.

Club starts back on 9th November

16th, 23rd, 30th November.

No club on 7th and 14th December

Please send me a note saying that you give permission for your child to attend running club and I will add them to the register. Thank you, I hope we have lots of children building up their miles and achieving awards and perhaps entering some of the cross country and running tournaments.

