

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

'Believing and Achieving'

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"You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction." George Horace Lorimer

Friday 9 June 2017

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Name Rhiann, Mikhael			
Green Star ★	Bronze Star ★	Silver Star ★	Gold Star ★ Viyan
Bronze Cup 🏆	Silver Cup 🏆	Gold Cup 🏆	
OF THE WEEK			
Class 1 Minnie For her excellent homework	Class 2 William R For a wonderful, detailed account of our class trip to the Pirelli Stadium.	Class 3 Luke For his conscientious and concentrated attitude towards his learning.	
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB Poppy Sue For using her time in breakfast club to complete her homework	All Awards will be awarded in next week's Celebration Worship after the Father's Day service at 9:30am		

DIARY DATES	
2017	Latest items shown in red
12.06.17	NO ROUNDERS
14.06.17 7.00 pm	Holy Communion Information Evening
14.06.17	Barbecue School Dinner
16.06.17	Father's Day PTA breakfast (8:30am) Service in school (9:30am) Celebration Worship to follow (10am approx.)
16.06.17	Extended School Cooking Club starts
16.06.17 2.15 pm	PTA meeting at Coffee Shop
20.6.17	Music Share Concert 4pm rehearsal 7pm performance Hill Street
20.06.17	Extended School Club writing club commences
23.06.17 2.30 pm	Holy Communion & Celebration Worship
28.06.17	Forest Federation Games Day & Picnic
5.07.17	Extended School Club Movie Night
7.07.17	Possible Replica Turin Shroud display and day at Rangemore
10.07.17	Race For Life
21.07.17 2.30pm	Final Celebration Worship
W/C 05.06.17	After School Clubs
Monday	
Tuesday	Premier Sports
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	



Acts 2, 2-5.
2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



We welcome all of our families back for the final term of the year! We hope that you managed to have some family time and your children were all refreshed to come back this week – they certainly seem to be. It's been super seeing our children return raring to go with great learning attitudes for the new term - despite being cooped up in the rain!



We would like to thank parents and members of the community who came and supported the Christian Aid Afternoon Tea held at school as we raised a fantastic £170 for the charity.

This week has seen a great cross country tournament at Blessed Robert Sutton. Governors have worked hard exploring further options for Federation development. Class 3 had a fantastic time on their visit to Cadbury world yesterday not only did they impress the lady who led the educational talk on The Mayans with their knowledge of games the Mayan people used to play and some very gruesome facts about them they also added to their knowledge, information about the Mayan number system and enjoyed watching a couple of members of the class dress up - one was a particularly scary King. It would be fair to say the children also enjoyed their chocolate samples both the ones they received exploring the factory and the ones they were able to bring home.



We look forward to our PTA Fathers' day breakfast on Friday morning and thank them for this wonderful experience, and we are excited about our Fathers' day service on Friday! We have so much to be excited about, multicultural days in the penultimate week in June, singing at Hill street Baptist Church with Mr Mansfield, a variety of sporting tournaments, our Federation Games day where families are encouraged to come and watch their children and enjoy the day, sports days, move up / new intake days, the Turin shroud federation day, leavers services, PTA games night and of course celebration workshops and so much learning! Have a super weekend, see you next week!

Mrs C Gethin.

MRS ELLIS



We are absolutely delighted to notify you that Mrs Ellis and her husband are expecting their first child in November! We send them huge congratulations!

In order to allay any concerns about the future of Needwood's leadership during Mrs Ellis' absence, we are thrilled to notify you that Mrs D Preston, who is currently teaching at the end of the week in class 2, is stepping up as non-teaching Deputy Headteacher on a part time basis; across the week from September alongside Mrs Ellis until she takes her maternity leave. Additionally, we are pleased to notify you that we have appointed Miss H McAdam, who has been our outstanding teaching student across this year, who will be teaching full time in class 3 from September.

Class Teaching Structure for 17/18	
Class 1	Mrs Maia
Class 2	Mrs Simmonds Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Mrs Pendleton Thursday, Friday
Class 3	Miss McAdam (With Mrs Pendleton teaching Wednesday's PE and some small group boosters sessions)

Additionally - at this moment in time, we plan to have reception and year 1 in class 1. Year 2, 3, and 4 in class 2 and years 4, 5 and 6 in class 3. Year 4 will be split on age and year 4 parents will be contacted nearer to the end of the term as we await final numbers due to some movement in and out of school. Thank you for your understanding.



EMERGENCY PLANS

Following the terrorist attacks in Manchester and London we have reviewed our current security procedures and arrangements for a deliberate act of violence / act of terror and bomb threats. Early next week we will include a session to children explaining our procedures for 'lockdown' and 'run, hide, tell' at school, which can also be translated into any public place. We will deliver this sensitively and be clear that it is like fire emergency plans, could be used in the event of certain situations like a stray angry dog, event outside school such as a tanker leak or indeed an intrusion. We will stress how safe our schools are and how this is a precaution and that it is important that we all know what to do in the event of such an emergency. Please note there is no credible intelligence relating to a current, specific threat to Staffordshire or Staffordshire County Council sites but it is important that we review our procedures. We will then have a drill later in the week in order to practice these plans. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this please don't hesitate to contact school.

PHOTOGRAPHS



You will notice that we have removed photographs from the school website. When consent is withdrawn for a family we are required, if asked, to take all historical photographs down. In time we hope to replace them with alternative photographs. Sorry for any disappointment. Additionally, we have archived all historical newsletters so if you require any information please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding.

GOVERNOR VACANCY



We thank Mrs Ward for her hard work on our Governing body as she stands down and for her commitment to parent forum and PTA member. We look forward to continuing to work with her in this capacity.

A vacancy has therefore arisen for a parent governor from Needwood on our school's governing body and before we get into the formal wording of this position, please spend just a moment thinking:

1. Do I want to be part of the driving force to help improve the Forest Federation?
2. Do I want to work with a committed group of people to develop my child's school for the better of all children and families?
3. Am I interested in the curriculum, how children learn and its development?
4. Am I interested in achievement data and how to sustain improvement?
5. Do I want to learn more about the inner working of school as a small business with a very substantial budget, all of which is spent at the discretion of the Governors?
6. Am I interested in health and safety and the maintenance and improvement of the premises?
7. Am I interested in HR and the deployment of staff?
8. Do I have or want to have a further understanding as to why The Forest Federation is so successful but also ideas as to how to improve?
9. Do I want to know why decisions are made and things are done the way there are and if there is room, where necessary and appropriate, to manoeuvre?

If you have answered yes to any of these items then please ask one of our excellent Governors about the position or apply by reading on and completing and returning the forms. (Sent as separate attachment). We look forward to having someone new on our Governing body to help us in our drive for improvement.

I am writing to inform you of the election arrangements and to invite you to stand for election for this position of responsibility but where you can really drive the development of the Federation and be a real part of its inner workings. All parents have many different skill sets and personalities to bring to the governing body and we do not want anyone to be put off standing. It is an incredibly rewarding position to hold with a commitment to 3 formal meetings a year and then committee work based on areas of interest such as finance, premises, staffing and curriculum.

Parents who are willing to stand as a candidate for election may obtain nomination forms from the school office. The nomination form then needs to be signed by the candidate and two other parents. Parents or person with parental responsibility of all children currently registered at the school are entitled to stand for election or to nominate others. A completed nomination form must be returned to the school no later than **Friday 30th June**. It would be helpful if candidates would submit a brief statement about themselves. This will be distributed to all parents to help them to make their decision when voting.

If a vote is needed, **parents** will be sent a ballot paper giving details of each of the candidates in children's bags on 3rd July and will be asked to indicate their preference as appropriate and return the ballot paper to the school office no later than the morning of 6th July. To comply with statutory regulations the ballot will be conducted in secret. All candidates will be invited to attend the count which will take place at 8.55am on Friday 7th July although it will not be invalidated due to inability to attend. The results of the ballot will be posted in the school newsletter on 7th July immediately following the count. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.



TURIN SHROUD

A paper copy of the attached letter was sent home in the week before half term. It would be appreciated if outstanding replies could be returned on an urgent basis in order for us to plan for this event. If you require another copy, please contact the school office. Thank you.



USE OF SCHOOL TOILET

We would like to remind parents that the disabled toilet by the top hall door is just for disabled use only. If you require to use the toilet please speak to a member of school staff who can direct you to a toilet you can use.



UNIFORM / PE KIT / HATS

Parents are reminded that we have a strict uniform policy and offer a reminder as we enter the summer for the importance of upholding this. It is great to see so many summer hats and vigilance of sun safety. Just a polite reminder that summer hats are to be plain black, grey, white or school colour or children are able to wear straw boaters with an appropriate colour band. We would prefer no logos but small ones will be accepted as we appreciate it's not easy.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please see the menu displayed for our Barbecue meal on 14 June 2017.



BREAK TIME SNACKS



Until recently we have had enough fruit to enable all of Key Stage one a piece each and a large proportion of KS2 where they wanted it. We are now only receiving enough fruit for the pupils in Key Stage 1. If you wish your child to have fruit in key stage 2, please send it in to school. Remember we also have a tuck shop Monday to Wednesday. We do not allow crisps and biscuits and, after only one or 2 reminders, they will be taken from children so please do ensure they have appropriate, healthy snacks. (fruit, veg sticks). Remember we are no nuts.

Thank you.



THE FOREST FEDERATION GAMES DAY PICNIC WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE



On this day we will be travelling from school by coach to Rangemore for a 9.30am start, to have a fun sports morning followed by a picnic. After which, pupils will be travelling back to school by coach.

All Parents are most welcome to join us at Rangemore to watch the sports events and the family picnic. The picnic is due to start at approximately 12.15 pm if you are only able to join us for this. Please bring your own chairs, rugs and picnic.

The School's Catering service is able to provide your child with a packed lunch on this day, as a reminder all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to Universal Free School meals and a packed lunch can be provided for them, please indicate your requirements below and inform the school by **Monday 19th June** preferably by email stating you give permission and whether you'd like to order a packed lunch through the school's catering service or whether you'll provide your own.

The Forest Federation Games Day and Picnic – Wednesday 28th June on the playing field at All Saints CE (C) Primary School at Rangemore

- I give permission for my child/ren to go to The Forest Federation Games Day.
- I understand that they will travel by coach.
- My child is in receipt of Free School Meals or my child is in Reception/KS1 and is entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Please provide my child with a packed lunch. Choice of sandwich is **Jam or Cheese**. Please indicate which _____
- I will provide my child/ren with a packed lunch.

Signed _____ person/guardian with parental responsibility.

Print Name _____

Please complete and return this slip to school by **Monday 19th June**.

It would be appreciated if you could email office@needwood.staffs.sch.uk stating that you give permission and whether you'd like to order a packed lunch through the school's catering service or whether you'll provide your own. Thank you.

HOLY COMMUNION



- Are you **uncomfortable** about your child wanting to take Holy Communion?
- Are you **unclear** about what Holy Communion means?
- Are you **unsure** about the purpose of Holy Communion in schools?
- Do you want to understand Holy Communion better yourselves?

If you've answered yes to any of the above then please come to our information sessions in order to help you understand Holy Communion in our schools and your children's decisions on:

Wednesday 14th June at Needwood.

7.00pm - 7.30pm question and answer

7.30pm – 8.00pm holy Communion teachings.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please note that the final celebration worship will now take place on Friday 21 July at 2.30pm.



PTA FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Our Father's Day service follows the Father's Day Breakfast at 9.30am in school. This will include celebration worship. Therefore, there will be no worship at 3pm on this day.

PTA Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 16th June 2017 at 8.30am

Please could you fill in the form to help ensure everyone gets their choice?

Pupils Name: _____

No. of meals required: Dads @ £2.50 _____

Pupils @ £2.00 _____

If you would like to attend **pre payment is required on parent pay** £2.50 for an adult and £2.00 for a child. We can only accept one adult per family due to number restrictions. Payment must be made by 3.30pm on Monday 12th June on Parent Pay. Unfortunately we will be unable to accept late bookings.

Breakfast will be a filled bap of your choice, a mug of tea or coffee and Breakfast juice.
Please indicate which meal you would prefer:

	Dad	Child
Sausage and Bacon		
Sausage		
Bacon		
Vegetarian		

Please reply by 3.30pm Monday 12th June 2017



**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WITH POKEMON OR MATCH ATAK CARDS.
THANK YOU**



EXTENDED SCHOOL CLUB – MOVIE NIGHT

The next movie night will be on Wednesday 5th July. The movie is "Sing". The cost is £5 which includes popcorn. Please book your place by paying on Parent Pay, available from next week.



EXTENDED SCHOOL CLUB – WRITING CLUB

Starts Tuesday 20 June until Tuesday 11th July from 3.30 to 4.30pm and is open to all year groups. The cost is £5 per week, the charge will be put onto Parent Pay after attendance, pupils can choose to attend either all or some of the sessions. All children welcome, no registration fee required. If your child would like to take part, please contact the school office. Themes for the competition are:

Week 1: Healthy Living

Week 2: Pets

Week 3: Hobbies

Week 4: Holidays

Each week there will be two prizes awarded in worship for the winners.



NEXT YEAR'S 4, 5 & 6 - RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO SHUGBOROUGH

Next year's 4, 5 & 6 will be going on a residential visit to Shugborough from **Monday 30th October to 3rd November 2017**. We would like to give you as much notice as possible of the cost of this trip. We've kept the cost the same as last year at £160 with the school subsidising this visit by paying for the coach and £25 per pupil. Payment will be via Parent Pay, you are able to pay in instalments until the end of term. **We ask though if you could please pay at least £60 by Wednesday 7th June**. If your child is in receipt of free school meals or has been in the last 6 years, the trip will be funded out of their pupil premium money. More details about the residential will follow in due course.

PARENTPAY

Please check your Parentpay account and pay any outstanding balances. Thank you

PTA NEWS

100 CLUB WINNERS

3rd - 63 - Mr Flockett
2nd - 14 - Mrs Marriott
1st - 34 - Ben and Charlie

BURTON ALBION COMMUNITY TRUST

We have been approached by TL Darby who are offering a fantastic opportunity to local children.

They are running an art competition, closing date 23rd June, where the winner will get there design printed onto vinyl and placed on the roof of the new MG GS, family SUV car.

Shortlisted entries will be displayed in their MG Showroom where customers will vote for their favourite design with the winner being announced on the 7th July.

Please see attached letter from TL Darby and design template.



COMMUNITY NEWS

WELL DRESSING 2017



Despite a cool and slightly inclement day, The Well Dressing Team must be congratulated on achieving an amazing surplus of **£2,800** this year.

Their next meeting will be on 11th July at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, All Saints' Church, Newborough. They would really welcome all community partners

Barn Dance at Hanbury Memorial Hall

15th July 2017 7pm
Tickets £7.50 Adult and £5 Children all proceeds go to
The Memorial Hall
Bring your own drinks and glasses
Fish and Chip Van will be attending between
8pm and 9.30pm (self funded)



Tickets available from
Wendy Harrison 0793867156
Katy Bailey 0770808221

Open Garden 2017

Wild Thyme Cottage
Woodhouses, Barton under Needwood DE13 8BS
B5016 between Barton under Needwood & Youall

- 10th June for St Giles Hospice 11 - 5pm
- 11th June for National Garden Scheme 11 - 5pm
- 17th & 18th June for Barton Open Garden & Scarecrow Festival 1 - 6pm
- 9th September for St Giles Hospice 11 - 5pm
- 10th September for National Garden Scheme 11 - 5pm
- 28th October for St Giles Hospice 11 - 4pm
- 29th October for National Garden Scheme 11 - 4pm

