



Friday Post

Friday 16th September 2022

Our School Value: Thankfulness

Dear Families,

We have had another excellent week in school, this week turning our attention to our school value of thankfulness.

There has been much to be thankful for this week. We began our week by reflecting on the life of Her Majesty the Queen and sharing stories of gratitude for her life. To mark the occasion, we have created a condolence book which we will share in the entrance hall. We have been thankful to our staff who have begun our after school clubs this week! Gymnastics, eco, art and sports clubs have begun with great success! We are also thankful for our new playground markings which have added excitement and new activities to our break and lunchtimes.

On Monday, we will be closed for the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen. We would encourage you to spend this day as you see fit. For many, watching the funeral will be a cathartic way to mark her death. For others, a walk in the countryside may be more fitting. Grief affects us all in different ways and we are thankful for the time we have been given to process this next week. Please do speak to school staff if your child has been significantly affected at this difficult time.

Finally, this week, we met in our new Leaf Teams to vote in our captains! Well done to our successful candidates! I will be meeting with them in the coming weeks to explore what it means to lead a team well. We have no doubt they will be excellent role models to our whole school community.

I will leave you with the verse we will be learning in our worship this half term and encourage you to share thankfulness this weekend:

**Give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you
in Christ Jesus. Thessalonians 5 v 18**

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Phillips



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Early Years vacancy

We are currently advertising for an experienced teacher for our Early Years class, the vacancy can be found on WMJobs.



After School Clubs

REMINDER: payment for after school clubs for the HALF term should be paid using ParentPay by Friday 16th to secure your child's place at the club. ParentPay activation letters have been sent home for new Reception children. Please contact the office if you require any assistance with ParentPay.

PLEASE NOTE that Gymnastics, Art & Football are full we have a few places left in ECO / Gardening club on Tuesdays and 1 place left in Multi-sports on Thursdays.

Wellies

Could **ALL** children please have a pair of **NAMED** wellies at school. It is important that the children have wellies in school every day so they can join in with impromptu sessions in the forest area, wet play and they are also needed when we walk across the farmers field to church. Thank you.



We are looking for a Cleaner

10 hours per week

4pm - 6pm

Start Date: 3rd October 2022



Please contact the school office if you are interested.

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School Photographer



The school photographer will be in school taking individual & siblings photos on Friday 23rd September. Early Years will not get changed for PE that day. If anyone would like younger siblings to be photographed come along at 3pm, please head to the school hall.



September Invoices

All invoices for The Ark after school care have now been issued.

Reminder that payment is due by Friday 16th September.

If you need after school care and have not yet booked in, please contact the school office.

Ark is getting busy and it is important that places are pre-booked with the office so we have the correct adult to child ratio to supervise. We can not guarantee that there will be a place available should you not pre-book.





This week we have had new playground markings and the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing on them!



Thank you.

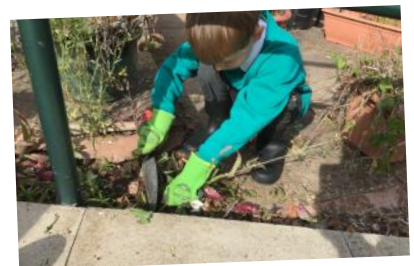
I dwell upon
The goodness in my life.
Thank you.

I cherish in my heart
Your gift to me.
Thank you.

I notice the blessings
Of life, breath, loving and sharing.
I am so very grateful.

Thank you, Lord.

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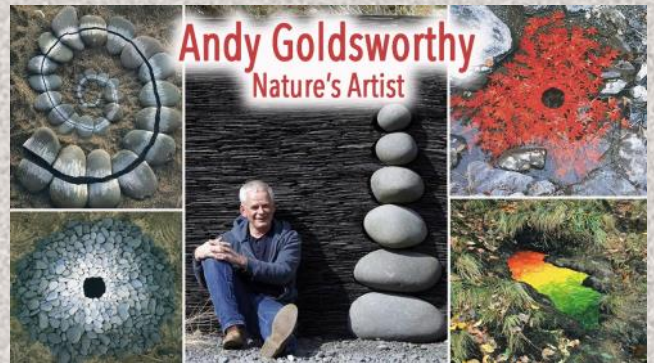
Children in Gardening & Eco club have made good progress weeding in the area around the raised beds and have harvested some potatoes!





In their art lessons Class Owls are learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy, who uses natural materials in the outdoors. We went outside to see what different colours we could find in the natural environment and made these lovely flower pictures.

We used a range of leaves, grass, apples, berries and flowers in our work.



Stars of the Week

Emily

Aoife

Joshua

Belle

Emelie

Lola



This week during worship we are
learning:

'Thankful'

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=XTHDKxOL9cg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTHDKxOL9cg)

Please follow the link above to hear the music



Lunchtime Menu ~ 19/09/2022



WEEK 2 MENU		W/C: 25/04 16/05 06/06 27/06 18/07		Chartwells <small>So much more than Fantastic Food</small>				
		HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	SIDES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDD!	
SPRING/SUMMER 2022	MONDAY	Veggie Bolognese ●●● Yummy veggie Bolognese with pasta	Cheese and Tomato Pizza ●● Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice	Tomato Pasta ●● Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Carrots and Sweetcorn	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ●● A choice of hot and cold fillings	Flapjack with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices ●●
	TUESDAY	Sausage and Mash with Gravy Sausage and mash with rich gravy	Allegra's BBQ Beans with Allegra's Cornbread ●● Tasty BBQ beans served with cornbread	Tomato Pasta ●● Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Broccoli and Peas	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ●● A choice of hot and cold fillings	Peach Shortbread Pudding with Custard ●
	WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Roast turkey with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes and Gravy ● Creamy vegetable pie with a cheesy shortcrust topping	Tomato Pasta ●● Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Cabbage and Carrots	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ●● A choice of hot and cold fillings	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices ●
	THURSDAY	Cottage Pie ● Home cooked minced beef with a crispy potato topping	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta ●●● Delicious veggie balls in a tasty tomato sauce with pasta	Tomato Pasta ●● Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ●● A choice of hot and cold fillings	Fruity Chocolate Brownie with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices ●
	FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips	The Incredible Burger served with Chips Meatless burger in a soft bap with ketchup	Tomato Pasta ●● Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Baked Beans, Carrots and Peas	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes ●● A choice of hot and cold fillings	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices ●

PACKED LUNCH - AVAILABLE DAILY
HAM AND CHEESE OR DAILY SPECIAL WITH VEG STICKS AND FRESH FRUIT OR BEAR YOYO OR DESSERT OF THE DAY

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT & FRESH FRUIT

✔ Vegetarian
 🐟 Oily fish
 🌾 Wholegrain
🍌 Fruity!
 ❤️ Nutritionist's Choice



No nuts please

Please note due to children in school with allergies please do not send any products containing nuts into school for break or lunch times. Thank you for your co-operation.



In Art Foxes have been creating still-life drawing using peppers. We practised this by using a range of different tones.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 23rd September	Academy Photography - individual photos
Monday 10th October	Dress in yellow for Hello Yellow Day
Tuesday 18th October	Parents Evening - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 18th October	Parents Evening - <i>more info to follow</i>
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Inset Day - school closed to children
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January	Christmas holidays
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Inset Day - school closed to children
Friday 17th February	Inset Day - school closed to children
Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February	Half Term
Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April	Easter Holidays

Democracy in action!

Children have been put into their new house teams this week and have each had a vote to decide who their team captains are - voting was extremely close with only 1 point between some captains!

Sycamore: Captain James M Vice Captain: George H

Oak: Captain: Oliver Q - Vice Captain: Emelie OW

Holly Captain: Lola B Vice Captain: Joel B



Weekly House Point Tally

Holly

64

Sycamore



103

Oak

67

Speaking to children about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II has died aged 96 after 70 years of Service. The Queen spoke on many occasions about her relationship with God and her faith. We can be sad and mourn that she has died but also celebrate her life and know that she will be free from pain and suffering in heaven.

Here are some suggestions for how we can share this historic moment with children.



Unpacking Emotions

We can feel many different emotions when somebody dies. There is no right or wrong way to feel. Invite children to share how they are feeling, do not be afraid to share your own feelings as well. Sometimes it is easier to describe how an emotion makes our body feel than find the right word for it. A child may not show the same emotional response as an adult, and it is alright if your child does not respond in the way you expect, there may also be a delayed response as children pick up on and mirror the emotions shared by adults around them.

You might want to explain that the country and world will spend time mourning together, this is because many people will feel sad and want to show respect for who the Queen was. We can be empathetic; thinking about how the family and close friends of the Queen must be feeling at this sad time.

How we can pray...

Pray for the royal family as they experience many different emotions during this difficult time.

Pray for parents within the royal family who are having their own conversations with children.

Remembering Service

We can remember the many wonderful ways in which the Queen served our nation and countries around the world. The Queen was also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Chief of the Armed Forces and Head of State.

How we can pray...

We can pray and thank God for the many ways that Elizabeth served our country and the world.

We can pray for the new King as he takes on these roles.

You might like to write a thank you letter together to the Queen for all her service.

Celebrating Salvation

We can thank God for the relationship that the Queen had with Him. We can also remember God's promise that those who know Him will be with Him in heaven, a place with no pain, sadness or suffering.

You might like to listen to some worship songs which speak about heaven and God's promises as you reflect on this future hope.

How we can pray...

We can thank God that Queen Elizabeth is no longer in any pain, echoing the words of Justin Welby who prayed "May Her Late Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory."

We can pray for the new King that he would be comforted by his own relationship with God.

Why does God let people die?

God's plan for this world was one with no pain, suffering or death where humans lived in perfect relationship with God. The world we live in isn't like that, it is fallen, sin has come into our lives and separated us from that perfect relationship with God. The world we live in has pain and suffering, sadness and death.

So God made a new plan, it was a plan that involved His own son dying so that one day we could all live with Him in heaven, in new bodies that never got sick, live lives full of joy and happiness every day.

Even though it is hard to be separated from people, we know that one day we can all be together again. Death is not the end but the next part of a journey with God. For those who know and love God there is the chance to live in Heaven with God forever.

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Speech and Language Taster Workshops

The workshop will be aimed particularly at children in the early years but will be relevant for parents of children with speech and language difficulties.

The session will cover:

- why communication is important
- the elements that make up communication
- jargon buster
- general strategies to support communication at home
- tips to share with nursery or school
- activities and resources to take away

By the end of the course parents should have an understanding of the key elements that make up communication, will have tools to identify areas to support their child and strategies and activities to try at home.

The workshops will be delivered **online via Microsoft Teams**

The sessions will be held on:

27 th September 2022	10am – 11.30am
27 th September 2022	12.30pm – 2.30pm
4 th October 2022	6.30pm – 8.00pm

Places are strictly limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis, please indicate the session you would like to attend.

If you would like to request a booking form, please email;

sun@staffordshire.gov.uk

When we have received your completed form, we can then confirm if you have been allocated a place



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Exploring Anxiety and Low Mood in Children and Young People

A parent workshop designed for families supporting children and young people with SEND.

This workshop will focus on low-moderate level anxiety and low mood in young people. We will look at:

- Understanding anxiety and low mood
- Exploring anxiety and low mood with your child/young person
- Practical strategies for supporting anxiety and low mood alongside SEND
- Further support and resources available

There are two dates to choose from

Wednesday 28 th September 2022	9.30am - 2.30pm	Branston Golf & Country Club, Burton on Trent
Monday 3 rd October 2022	9.30am – 2.30pm	Families First, Faraday Road

A **FREE** lunch will also be provided. If you would like to attend, please email to request a booking form:

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Movement Wise Workshop for Parents & Carers

Aims-

- Help parents/carers understand movement difficulties
- Help parents/carers manage impact of movement difficulties at home / school
- Share ideas resources and sources of help
- Learn from each other
- Signpost to other useful sources of information

Originally designed as a face to face 1 day session the training has been condensed for online and **participants will need to be able to access Microsoft Teams** to join the session

The session will cover:

- General Approaches to support the teaching and learning of functional/everyday life skills
- Specific ideas and strategies for the teaching and learning of functional/everyday life skills like getting dressed, using cutlery, using the toilet, using school related tools like pencils and scissors

There are 2 sessions to choose from

Wednesday 12 th October 2022	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 19 th October 2022	10.30am – 12.30pm

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