



Friday Post

Friday 25th November 2022

Our School Value: Trust

You, Lord, give true peace. You give peace to those who depend on you. You give peace to those who trust you. Isaiah 26:3

We have had another wonderful week in school.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their slips for the production tickets - we are very excited to share the performance with you. The donation for the tickets helps to cover the hire of the Village Hall which we are lucky enough to have access to. Once we have had slips returned, we will look at how many spare tickets are available and will let you know how you can request these. Thank you for all the support which has gone into the costumes and helping the children learn their songs and lines, we have no doubt the performance will be one to remember.

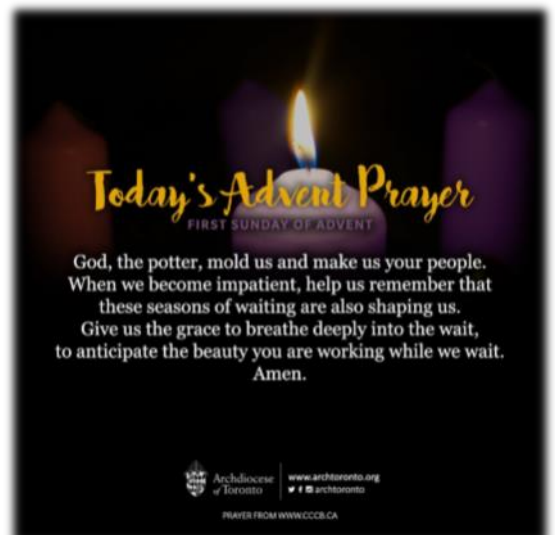
We had a successful fire drill earlier this week - the children followed instructions brilliantly and demonstrated that they know how to stay safe in the event of an emergency. Well done, everyone!



This Sunday marks the first Sunday of advent, a time when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Next week, we will be sending each child home with a Day by Day advent book which you can use at home to explore the message of the Christmas story. We will be looking at the story of Christmas in lessons and our worship over the coming weeks and will be learning about how God came to earth in human form to live among His people.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will look forward to seeing you all on Monday for another jam-packed week!

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Please see the timetable below. On your child's day, please send them to school dressed in old clothing they do not mind getting dirty. Please also ensure they have wellies to change into if they are not kept at school. Layers and waterproofs are advised because of the winter weather.

Forest schools timetable

29.11.22	Hedgehogs Reception
13.12.22	Hedgehogs Nursery

The Gigantic Star Whole school Nativity play



This year the whole school will be performing The Gigantic Star on the morning of Wednesday 14th December and the afternoon of Thursday 15th December.

Hedgehogs and **Owls** will be acting out the traditional nativity story and **Class Foxes** are already busy learning lots of songs for their role as choir.

Owls and **Hedgehogs** parents, you should have had notice of your child's costume and if they have lines to learn. **Nursery** children are welcome to join in with the play if it isn't their usual day of attendance and they will need a sheep costume - please let us know if your nursery child will be joining in.

Class Foxes will need to wear a casual outfit which includes a Christmas jumper. We would be grateful if these items could be brought into school in a **named bag by Friday 9th December** in time for the dress rehearsal the following Monday.

Tickets for the show will be available shortly.



We have been exploring which objects around the classroom make the best shadows!



**Free
School
Meals**



Are you entitled?

We all need a little financial help right now and one thing to check is to see if your child could be entitled to Free School Meals.. Even if you don't want your child/ren to have the meals, claiming means you might get subsidised trips and clubs. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives. To check to see if your child is eligible please click on the link below <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>



Early years have been learning about positional language. They had to put themselves in various positions - in, under and on top!



Nursery have been enjoying playing various turn taking games.



Reception 2023



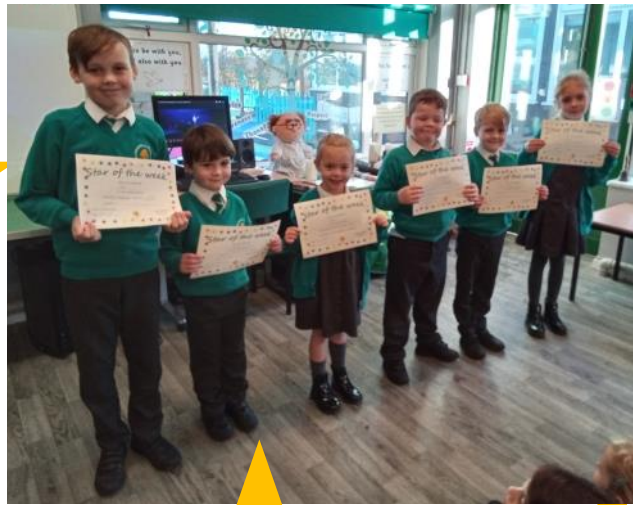
Do you have a child born between 1/09/2018 to 31/08/2019? If so you will be able to apply online for a place in our Reception class from Friday 1st November 2021 the closing date is 15th January 2023. Applications should be made directly at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

Please note that an application must be made for EVERY child regardless of whether or not they are already in our Nursery class.

This week was year 1's turn for Forest School - identifying hazards and exploring the environment



stars of the week



Edward

Harrison

Pippa

Joel

Rohan

Sophie

Phonics

At our recent phonics workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents, we were asked if it would be possible for parents to purchase the flashcards for the phonics programme which we use in school. The Teach Hub has kindly provided us with links to resources which you can purchase online if you wish. There is a link which will take you to the flashcards and a link which will take you to the actions and ditties for each sound.

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<https://theteachhub.co.uk/product/the-teach-hub-letters-and-sounds-phonics-flashcards-phase-2-6-2/>

<https://theteachhub.co.uk/product/the-teach-hub-letters-and-sounds-actions-and-ditties-phase-2-to-phase-6-2/>



The school Christmas tree will be appearing in school this week and we are all looking forward to seeing it filled with the children's eco decorations! Please leave all entries in reception with the entry fee of £2 per decoration paid to PTA members before or after school.

Next Friday is our Christmas light switch on and mini Christmas market. Please bring spending money as supporting us this year are....

Our very own short girl makes!
Eight fourteen silver and
Country rose knots

The PTA will be selling hot chocolate doughnuts and mince pies and handmade Christmas wreaths! Along with our chocolate and wine Tombola - please leave any donations in the box in the entrance hall.

It will be great to see as many parents/careers grandparents there as possible.

All funds raised will benefit your children such as funding towards school trips reducing the cost to parents, or extra learning materials to enhance the children's learning!

We are still searching for someone to visit the children dressed as Santa this Christmas please contact myself or the office if you could help as it would be a shame for the children to miss out!

PTA Volunteers are still needed if you are interested please get in touch.

Many thanks,
Leisha Hatton, Chair



Class Foxes have been making jam tarts



Weekly House Point Tally



Holly

180

Oak

148

Sycamore

89

Each week the team with the most tokens gains 3 leaves on their tree, 2nd gets 2 leaves and 3rd gets 1 leaf. At the end of the term the team with the most leaves will earn a reward.

Lunchtime Menu ~ 28/11/2022



WEEK 2 MENU		W/C: 07/11 28/11 19/12 09/01 30/01 20/02 13/03 03/04		Chartwells <small>So much more than tomorrow's food</small>			
		HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDI	
AUTUMN/WINTER 2022	MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Mixed Bean Pasta 🍝 Served with Tomato Pizza Bread	Tomato Pasta 🍝 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jam Sponge with Fruit Slices 🍰
	TUESDAY	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Tomato Pasta 🍝 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Banana and Apricot Flapjack served with Fresh Fruit 🍌
	WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Vegetable Pie 🍝 Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato Pasta 🍝 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Chocolate Ice Cream with Fruit Slices 🍰
	THURSDAY	Beef Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Masala 🍝 Served with Wholegrain Rice and Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta 🍝 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Apple and Berry Crumble served with Custard 🍰
	FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Quorn Dippers 🍝 Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Tomato Pasta 🍝 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit Slices 🍰

PACKED LUNCH - AVAILABLE DAILY
HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL, VEGETABLES, FRESH FRUIT AND DESSERT OF THE DAY

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

ALL MAIN MEALS SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES

🌿 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🌾 Wholegrain
🍌 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice 🍴 Halal Available

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 2nd December	Christmas Tree switch on at 3pm
Tuesday 6th December	Amerton Farm Trip
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 9th December	Nativity Costumes to be in school
Wednesday 14th December - 10am	Whole School Nativity
Thursday 15th December - 2pm	Whole School Nativity
Friday 16th December	School closes at 1:30pm - <i>no after school care</i>
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
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - King Charles III coronation



Carols we are learning this festive season:

It was on a Starry Night - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeRrAzapOQ0>

Away in a Manger - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi45JkZtUnM>

Little Donkey - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHLVM4MJgmo>

Please follow the links above to hear the music



IT'S BACK!



Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged
5-16 who get free school meals*

*Eligible children and young people will be sent a letter via school to register

Registration opens: 4pm, Thursday 1st December 2022
staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities



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HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthday.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive. Figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content, such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you've concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

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