



Friday Post

Friday 10th March 2023

Our School Value: Forgiveness

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4.32

Dear families,

It's been a bit of a different week hasn't it?! Thank you all for your quick response yesterday when we took the decision to close early. Keeping the children and staff safe is always our priority and we are grateful for your support.

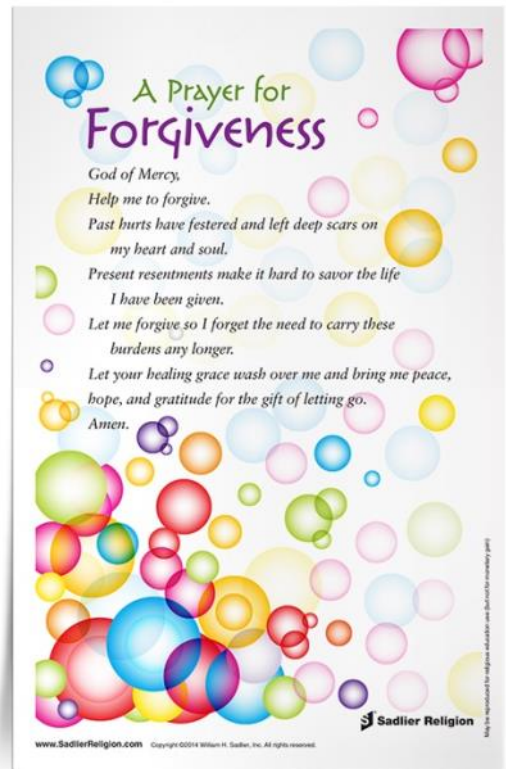
Monday was a great celebration of World Book Day - the children, and staff, looked fantastic in their costumes! It was great to have discussions with the children about the school values their chosen character represented. Thank you for all the effort that went into the costumes and the wooden spoon competition. The children voted for their favourite spoon and our winners all received a book voucher to put towards a book of their choice.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening on Wednesday. We have rescheduled the Thursday session for Thursday 30th March and will email additional details about this for those who had signed up.

I also had the pleasure of welcoming colleagues from GE into school this week. Thanks to a parental recommendation, they will be coming into school on our INSET days to carry out some maintenance jobs..

Have a great weekend, and we will see you on Monday for what we hope will be a warmer week!

Miss Phillips



As part of Safeguarding procedures, if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please email or call the school office to let us know. Thank you for your co-operation

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FOXES Residential Visit to Laches Wood

A parents meeting is being held with Mrs Carrington on **Wednesday 22nd March** straight after school, to go through any questions you may have and to find out more information about the visit and receive any handouts. A reminder to parents in years 3 & 4, that payment for the visit is now due via your ParentPay account, thank you to those who have already paid in full.



If you wish to apply for a place in our school nursery start in September 2023, application forms need to be handed into the office by **Friday 24th March 2023**. Places will be allocated w/c Monday 27th March. Forms are available from the school office.

Comedy Show



Comedy Show - Friday 17th March

Our school council are inviting pupils to share a joke, funny story or trick to make everyone laugh. Pupils will be asked to sign up by Wednesday 15th March to take part in the show. All children can come to school in red (non-uniform) donations are optional all monies raised will be sent to the official Red Nose Day charity, Comic Relief.



FRIDAY 17 MARCH

This week during worship we are learning:

'The Day of Resurrection'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QE2XAc3evPU>

Please follow the link above to hear the music



DT Materials

Please can you help Class Owls collect the materials they need for their work in Design and Technology? We need lots of the following:

Cardboard boxes of various sizes (e.g toothpaste boxes, cereal boxes, packaging boxes)

Toilet, kitchen roll, cling film tubes

Juice cartons

Small plastic bottles

Many thanks
Miss Laing

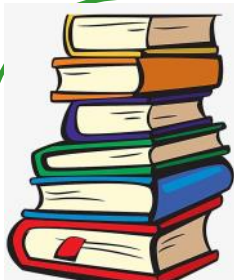


Mothers Day Activity



Our next planned fundraising event will be in preparation for Mothers Day. We will be running a craft activity for the children to join in with to make a small gift. The session will run during lunchtime on Wednesday 15th March at a cost of £3 per child. There are limited spaces for 48 children so please if you would like your child to join in put **£3 in an envelope with your child's name on the outside and place in the PTFA post box in the entrance hall asap.**

Many thanks, Leisha, PTFA Chair



Books for School

Richard Sutton, Headteacher of John Wheeldon Primary School in Stafford which is part of SUAT, is running the Manchester Marathon in April to raise money for books for children at his school, he has kindly offered to give any donations that our parents make to our school if when you give you mention our school name. If you would like to sponsor him and make some money for our school for books, please go

via his Just Giving Page https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/richard-sutton-marathon?utm_term=7ngKPWkqX

Mr Suttons Story

A growing number of children have no access to books at home. This situation is compounded by the rising cost of living. Reading is the key to all learning and love of reading is the key to love of learning. If children can't read at home, this, and many other opportunities, are instantly denied them.

Reading at home is a vital part of children's development. We are looking to enable this through engagement with reading charities who will provide the books at a reduced cost.

Although I have run for many years, I have never completed a marathon. I have entered the Manchester Marathon on the 16th April this year. This is a personal goal, however, I would like it to be of benefit to the children in most need at our school.

Weekly House Point Tally



Sycamore

99

Holly

82

Oak

87

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.



WORLD
BOOK DAY

Thank you for all the amazing spoons that you sent in they were all amazing and so much effort had gone into them. We felt the only way we could judge them was to put it over to the children! Each child had 1 vote so well done to Esme, William and Pippa!



EY's
photo
taken by
Ozzy

Free school meals

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

If your circumstances have changed recently and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the online checker where you will get an immediate response of yes or no. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receive a universal free school meal, we still need you to check and claim so that school will receive extra funding to support your child. <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>
If you receive a yes response please let the school office know.

Lunchtime Menu ~ 13/03/2023



WEEK 2 MENU		W/C: 07/11 28/11 19/12 09/01 30/01 20/02 13/03 03/04		Chartwells Let's make lunch time fun again.			
		HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDDING	
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



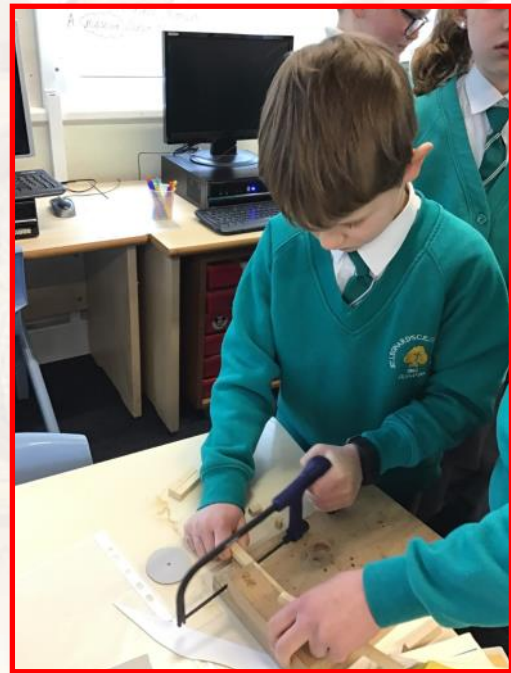
NO NUTS!

Please note do not send children to school with any items containing nuts due to children who have allergies. Thank you



This week we have been learning how wheels and axles work and learnt how to join them together effectively.

We now understand that wheels and axles can be assembled in different ways and can choose from a range of materials to begin to build a functioning moving vehicle.





Star of the week



William



Trixie



Jovie



Thomas



Joel

BIG QUESTION

Where does the sky
start?

To develop our philosophical thinking we will be asking a BIG question each week!
As a family take time to discuss the following question! Miss Phillips will be discussing a new BIG question during Worship next week.



This week we have been into the dark forest to find wands to help us make potions, and tried the out in the mud kitchen. We also have been finding out how to have healthy habits by being active and choosing healthier foods.



We are learning to do press-ups!



The Easter Story



Children in Class Owls have been learning about the Easter Story with Alison from Youth Net.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day comedy show
Wednesday 22nd March - 3pm	Laches Wood information session
Wednesday 29th March	Owls - Class trip to Stafford Castle
Wednesday 29th March - 2:30pm	Family Easter Egg Hunt <i>more info to follow</i>
Thursday 30th March	Foxes Easter celebration at church - Foxes parents only
Thursday 30th March	Re-scheduled Parents Evening moved from (09/03/23)
Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	Reception & Middle School Places allocated
Friday 28th April	Class & Y4 Leavers Photos with Academy Photography
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday 3rd May	Foxes at Laches Wood
Thursday 4th May	Foxes - Bikeability - <i>more info to follow</i>
Friday 5th May	Coronation Celebrations family afternoon tea - <i>info to follow</i>
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - King Charles III coronation
Friday 26th May	Inset Day - school closed to children
Thursday 29th June	Sports Day - <i>more info to follow</i>
Friday 7th July 2023	Inset Day - school closed to children



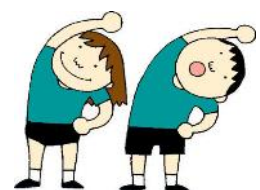
Please see the timetable below. On your child's day, please send them to school dressed in old clothing they do not mind getting dirty. Please also ensure they have wellies to change into, if they are not kept at school. Layers and waterproofs are advised because of the winter weather.

14/03/2023	Owls - Y2	21/03/2023	Owls - Y1	28/03/2023	Hedgehogs - Reception
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Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.
Thank you for your co-operation

PE Timetable March 2023

Thursday - Owls & Foxes
Friday - Hedgehogs & Owls
Friday - Foxes will be swimming





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Easter Holiday Sports Clubs

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



Monday 3rd April - Thursday 6th April
Tuesday 11th April - Friday 14th April



8.30am- 5.30pm - £19 per day
10am-4pm - £16 per day



Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy



The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, gymnastics, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

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