



Friday Post

Friday 3rd 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,

We have loved welcoming the children back into school this week!

We have begun exploring the Easter story and this half term's value of forgiveness. Perhaps one of the hardest values for us all to live out at times. However, as always, the children have impressed me with their ability to articulate the importance of such a challenging concept.

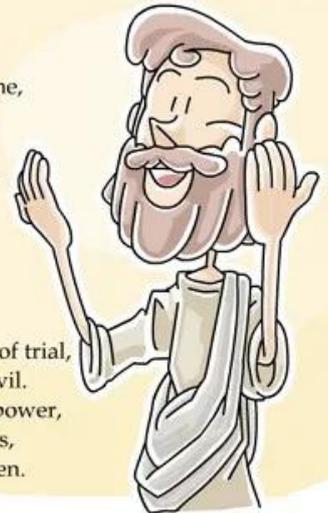
Next week we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day! Slightly delayed due to all the PE we have on a Thursday and Friday, but none the less exciting. We can't wait to see who the children and staff come dressed as. We will be announcing the winner of the wooden spoon competition in worship next Friday, so keep your eyes peeled for this. After Easter, we will be opening the library an afternoon a week so you can make use of it with your children.

Parents' evening is taking place next week and our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to celebrate the children's learning.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Phillips

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our
daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.



World Book Day Monday 6th March

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Children are invited to come dressed as a character who celebrates any of our school values eg Fireman Sam shows courage. Children are also welcome to enter our competition of designing a wooden spoon character with Monday morning being the deadline, there will be a prize per class.

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Year 4 had a great time during Forest School this week - they worked together to make some fabulous dens.





Laches Wood - Information Session

An information session will be held with Mrs

Carrington on **Wednesday 22nd March** to go through any questions you may have. A reminder to parents in years 3 & 4 that payment for their over night residential visit to Laches Wood is now due, payment is via your ParentPay account.



March Ark invoices have now been issued, please arrange payment via your ParentPay account. Thank you



Please make payment for Art, Basketball & Football After School Clubs by tonight to secure your child's place in the club. We currently have spaces in Basketball on a Thursday and Football on a Friday, should your child be interested in joining in please speak to the school office.

Parents Evenings

Wednesday 8th March

Thursday 9th March

Booking sheets are available in the Entrance Hall, please place your name against a suitable time. Meetings will be held in the school hall, your child's books will be available for you to look at.

This week during worship we are learning:

'Alive, Alive!'

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

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

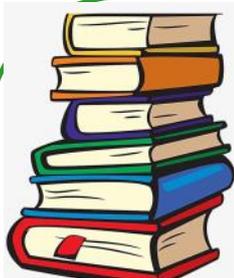


Mothers Day Activity



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

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



Holly

186

Sycamore

168

Oak

140

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.

Golden Table Award

Preston

Alex K

Trixie

Esme

Alex M

Elsie

Awarded by our Lunchtime Supervisors



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

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 ~ 6/03/2023



WEEK 1 MENU		W/C: 31/10 21/11 12/12 02/01 23/01 13/02 06/03 27/03		Chartwells So much more than just a catering food			
		HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDDING	
AUTUMN/WINTER 2022	MONDAY	Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato 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	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Slices
	TUESDAY	Chicken Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	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, including Salmon Mayo/mustard	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard and Fruit Slices
	WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegan Sausage Casserole Served with 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	Oat Cookie served with Fruit Slices
	THURSDAY	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables	Chinese Vegetable Rice Served with 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 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	Ice Cream Milkshake with Shortbread and 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



Mythical creatures is the theme for this 1/2 term learning in Hedgehogs. The children have been creating castles, potions, and food for dragons!





Star of the week



**Battle of the
Year Groups
Winners!**



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 6th March	World Book Day celebrations
Wednesday 8th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 9th March	Parents Evening
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
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
Friday 7th July 2023	Inset Day - school closed to children

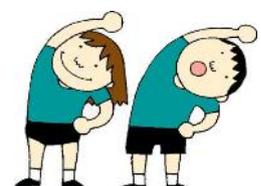


Please see the timetable below. On your child's day, please send them to school dressed in old clothing they do not mind getting dirty. Please also ensure they have wellies to change into, if they are not kept at school. Layers and waterproofs are advised because of the winter weather.

07/03/2023	Foxes - Y3	14/03/2023	Owls - Y2	28/03/2023	Hedgehogs - Reception
		21/03/2023	Owls - Y1		

PE Timetable March 2023

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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SPOTIFY

Spotify is a digital music, podcast and video service which gives users access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotify has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXPLICIT LYRICS

As per Spotify's terms and conditions, people need to be at least 13 to use it. That said, the platform doesn't censor lyrics unless instructed to do so in the settings – so it's worth noting that young teenagers could still be exposed to age-inappropriate songs which contain explicit references to sexual behaviour, violence, discriminatory language and swearing.

GROOMING TACTICS

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users: their messages were being exchanged undetected through edited song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

Spotify's podcast community has grown exponentially and it's become a popular base for millions of users to listen to shows, stories, interviews and more – with content covering an array of topics. This includes some material which isn't suitable for minors, including audio which is obviously adult-themed, but can be just as easily accessed as everything else.

ACCESS TO SPOTIFY LIVE

If your child has a Spotify account, they'll also be able to access the platform's audio-only chat service: Spotify Live. While it's a separate stand-alone app, Spotify Live allows people to listen to live discussions on the main Spotify platform and, more notably, lets users enter virtual rooms to chat with other users, opening up direct conversations with strangers and individuals who might not necessarily be there for the right reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

If you're concerned about what your child might hear while streaming music, Spotify Kids is a separate, ad-free service specifically designed for children aged 12 and under. It allows younger users to enjoy human-curated, child-friendly content (such as music and audiobooks) and is available to users with a Spotify Premium Family subscription – meaning that parents can view and manage the content their child listens to.

CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings – greying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on – whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.

Meet Our Expert

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TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset – so you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the right reasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

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