



Friday Post

Friday 21st April 2023

Our School Value: Service

*God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other. **Peter 4:10***

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful week back - doesn't the warmer weather make a difference! We have welcomed a number of new pupils into our Nursery this week and they have settled wonderfully!

This week we welcomed our Education Mental Health Practitioner, Shaz, into school to deliver assemblies on what makes a good friend. The children contributed well and were able to explain clearly what makes a good friend and what to do when someone isn't being a good friend.

We have also begun exploring our value of service this week. Mr Atkins shared the story of the Good Samaritan and we thought about how service can involve caring for those who are different to us, or who we may not usually choose to spend time with.

Letters went home this week for our Coronation Celebrations on Friday 5th May. You are welcome to bring grandparents, siblings and other family members. We will be adding to our garden as part of this celebration, to honour the King's love of the outdoors. We are on the hunt for donations of plants - grasses, herbs and evergreen plants in particular. However, we would welcome any seeds, bulbs or plants you may have going spare. Please bring any donations to the school office.

Finally, following agreement from our LAC (governing body) our school hours from September will be 8.45am - 3.10pm (gates will open at 8.35am with Ark available from 8am until 5pm). Thank you to everyone who engaged in the consultation, your feedback has been invaluable in helping us reach this decision.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Phillips



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In our topic about where we live we looked at the solar system and painted planets



The sunshine inspired us to draw around shadows.

In our PSHE work on relationships, we drew around our friend and wrote down what makes a good friend.



This week Owls have been working hard in maths. They have been learning how to divide by grouping and by sharing.





Coronation Tombola



JJ, a member of our school council, has come up with an idea to raise some funds for new books for school.

Therefore, we welcome child friendly donations that the school council can use to run a tombola stall at our Coronation Celebration.

Items could include, books, pens, games, toys etc anything that is suitable for children who attend our school.

We would also welcome any 'big ticket' items.

Tickets will be £1 for 5 tickets.

Please send in any donations to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support!



Children can come to school dressed in their red, white and blue party clothes on our Coronation Day!



Friendship Assembly



Parent Toolkit

Tips and advice for parents, to support a happy, healthy childhood

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z63htrd>

Just a reminder...



New term reminders

- Please let us know if someone else is collecting your child.
- Please do not let your child/ren kick footballs or play on the trimtrail / pirate ship at home time.
- Please call / email the school office BEFORE 9am should your child be off school.
- Medicines including hand cream and lip salves must NOT be left in your child's bag/ coat.
- Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school on their PE days, we are having a lot of children without kits. PE days can be found on the Diary Dates section of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

This week during worship we are learning:

'What a mighty God we serve'

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

Please follow the link above to hear the music





Oh we do like to be beside the seaside!

Children in Hedgehogs have been creating seaside pictures. They used textured paint to create the sand and sea!





SAFEGUARDING CONCERN

Due to the popularity of online gaming platform 'Roblox' with children and young people under the age of 16, online safety experts have released a Safeguarding Update about a collection of games trending within the platform. The games depict themes of isolation, cutting, and suicide with some including chatrooms where users engage in unmoderated discussions around hopelessness, depression, self-harm, and suicide. For more information please follow the link below:

https://www.staffsscb.org.uk/depression-rooms-on-roblox-safeguarding-concern/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=staffordshire-safeguarding-children-board-newsletter-march-2023



Art Club - Cancelled

Tuesday 2nd & 16th May

Please note there is NO Art Club on Tuesday 2nd May & 16th May due to Mr Waters being involved with other school activities. Charges on ParentPay do take these sessions into account. Should you require After School Care please book into the Ark for those sessions, many thanks.

Football - Cancelled Friday 5th May

Please note there is NO football club on Friday 5th May due to the Family Coronation celebration afternoon. After School Care will be available so please book into the Ark, many thanks



Weekly House Point Tally



Sycamore

Holly

Oak

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.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

COMPETITION WINNERS!



Well done to our Year 3 boys who took part in a Cross Country competition on Wednesday, you represented our school brilliantly!

REMINDER



ParentPay®

Unless your child is in receipt of Free School Meals lunches provided by our school kitchen for children in **Nursery, Year 3 & Year 4 are at a cost of £2:70 daily**. Please keep your ParentPay accounts topped up to cover this. Thank you for your co-operation.

1 meal per week - £2.70

5 meals per week - £13.50

6 week 1/2 term - £81.00

Please check to see if you could be eligible for Free School Meals by going to the County Council website:

[Apply online - Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Lunchtime Menu ~ 24/04/2023



WEEK 2 MENU		Chartwells <small>So much more than Porridge!</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

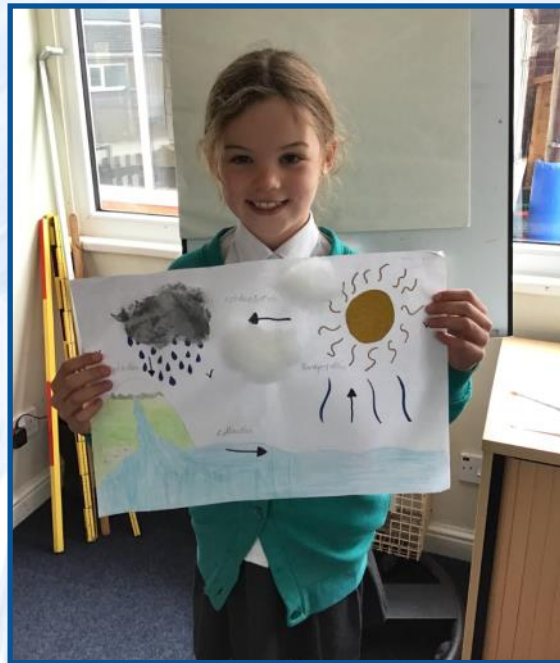
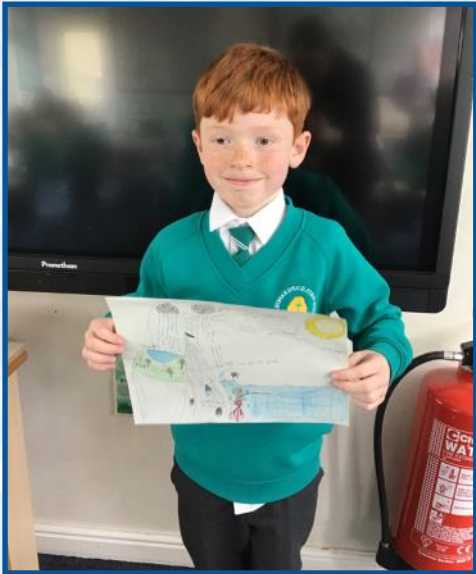
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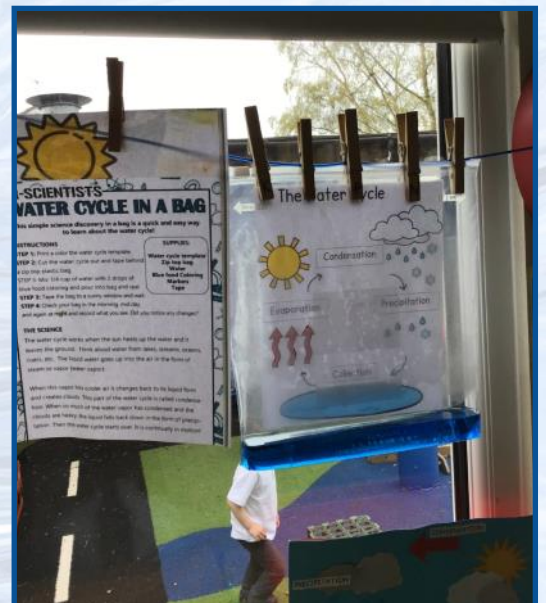
NO NUTS!

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

In Science, Foxes have been learning about States of Matter.



Children were asked to explore the Water Cycle and produced some fantastic homework around this topic.



Stars of the Week



This week the children have given their thoughts on the Big Question of 'Why don't dogs laugh?'

"Because they don't have a voice box"

"Dogs don't laugh cause they go woof, woof!"

"Hyenas are a type of dog and they do laugh"

BIG QUESTION

Why do people like music?



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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 28th April	Class & Y4 Leavers Photos with Academy Photography
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	NO ART CLUB - please book Ark if you require care
Tuesday 2nd May	Strike Day - School Closed to children in Hedgehogs & Owls
Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday 3rd May	Foxes at Laches Wood
Thursday 4th May	Foxes - Bikeability
Friday 5th May - 2pm	Coronation Celebrations family afternoon tea - parents invited to join us
Friday 5th May	NO FOOTBALL CLUB - please book Ark if you require care
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - King Charles III coronation
Tuesday 16th May	NO ART CLUB - please book Ark if you require care
Thursday 25th May - approx 9:20am	Children in Church - parents invited to join us
Friday 26th May	Inset Day - school closed to children
Thursday 29th June	Sports Day - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 5th July	Y4 at Penkrige Middle School Transition Day
Friday 7th July 2023	Inset Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 25th July	School closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Back to School!



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 wet weather.

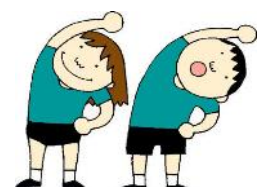
25/04/23	Foxes - Y3
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02/05/2023	Owls - Y2	16/05/2023	HHogs - Reception
09/05/2023	Owls - Y1	23/05/2023	HHogs - Nursery

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 & Foxes



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like *The Walking Dead* to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as *Street Fighter*. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from *Alien* or who Geralt from *The Witcher* is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers ... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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Let children know you're listening

A **safeguarding resource** to help you show children and young people that, whatever they want to share, you're ready to listen.
There are three simple directions to remember...

➤ **Show you care, help them open up**

Give them your full attention and keep your body language open and encouraging. Be compassionate, be understanding and reassure them their feelings are important. Phrases like "you've shown such courage today" help.

➤ **Take your time, slow down**

Respect pauses and don't interrupt them – let them go at their own pace. Recognise and respond to their body language. And remember that it may take several conversations for them to share what's happened to them.

➤ **Show you understand, reflect back**

Make it clear you're interested in what they're telling you. Reflect back what they've said to check your understanding – and use their language to show it's their experience.



➤ **Find out more**

For more training and resources to help protect children visit
nspcc.org.uk/listen

Free workshop for parents of children who self-harm

Staffordshire Educational Psychology Service have worked in partnership with the Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to create four parental workshops that will be running across Staffordshire. These informal workshops will create a safe-space for parents to discuss self-harm. There will be a presentation that will focus on understanding why children self-harm and how adults can support them.

Castle House, Newcastle
1pm - 3pm, April 26th 2023

Staffordshire Place 1, Stafford
1pm - 3pm, May 24th 2023

East Staffordshire Children's Centre, Burton
1pm - 3pm, 7th June 2023

Wolsley Centre, Rugeley
1pm - 3pm, 7th June 2023

We only have limited spaces there fore if you are interested in attending please book a place by emailing:

jessica.hill@staffordshire.gov.uk



JOINING UP CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you the parent or carer of a young person who has health needs that mean they have appointments with, or visits from more than one health care professional, organisation or service?

Come and join us to play a game of 'Whose Shoes' so we can hear from your perspective on how we better join up care.

**WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023 AT STAFFORD RUGBY CLUB
ST16 2TT**

WE WILL PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS FROM 9.30 FOR A 10AM START.

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AND WE WILL FINISH BY 2.30PM.



Scan the QR code or book [here](#) or contact involvement@mpft.nhs.uk



Understanding The Message Behind The Behaviour

We are delighted to offer this **FREE** workshop to parents and carers of children and young people with SEND living in Staffordshire.

The workshop is being delivered by Adele Plant a Specialist Practitioner within the Behaviour Support Service.

The workshop is primarily aimed at children in key stages 1, 2 and 3.

The session will try to uncover what messages your child might be trying to tell you through their behaviour.

There will be a small amount of theory and understanding of behaviour, including security and attachment, and will also include some practical activities and relaxation techniques for you to try at home.

A **FREE** light buffet lunch will also be provided.

Tuesday 25th April 2023 9.30am – 2.30pm Entrust, Stafford

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis and therefore booking is essential.

If you would like to request a booking form, please email: sun@staffordshire.gov.uk



CHURCH EATON CRICKET CLUB

ITS TIME TO GET BACK OUTSIDE & ACTIVE!

CECC are looking for new Junior & Senior players for the 2023 season.

We are clubmarked with the ECB & have qualified coaches for every age group

Our teams –

- #Cricket Tots- Ages 3-6
- #All Stars -Ages 5-8
- #under 9 teams
- #under 10s teams
- #under 12 teams
- #under 13s teams
- #under 15s teams
- #Womens teams
- #Senior league teams



A community club

We are a club that pride ourselves on providing cricket too all in our community from the ages of 3 onwards.

Cricket for all

Here at church eaton we run a full range of teams so everyone can be included no matter your skill level. Everyone is welcome.

Club development

Our club is committed to improving facilities to help your reach your potential & we have recently installed a brand new three lane net facility for the 2023 season.

Find us on



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