



Friday Post

Friday 28th 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,

Another week has past and we are all looking forward to enjoying the Bank Holiday weekend!

After a long wait, our trim trail was fixed this week and it has been great to see the children enjoying this at break and lunchtimes. They are also continuing to enjoy our Forest School sessions with the Wildlife Trust. This week included fire lighting for our Year 3s!

We have begun preparing decorations for next week's Coronation Celebration! Please bring snacks, drinks and something to sit on next week. Children are invited to come into school wearing red, white and blue party clothes as part of our celebrations. JJ and the school council will be running a tombola to raise funds for books in school, so please come prepared to support this cause.

Next week, Foxes head to Laches Wood for their residential trip. They will be taking part in a variety of outdoor activities and we can't wait to hear about how they get on!

Attendance in school is vital to ensuring children receive an excellent education. It is our target for all children to have attendance of at least 95%. As a result, we would like to remind you that holidays should not be taken in term time because of the impact they have on attendance and education. To help raise the profile of attendance in school from next week, we will be publishing weekly figures for each class on the post. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please do contact me to explore how we can support with this.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Phillips

Following agreement from our LAC (governing body) our school hours from September 2023 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.

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In forest school this week Year 3 were set a series of challenges to complete.





Coronation Celebration on Friday 5th May, 2pm

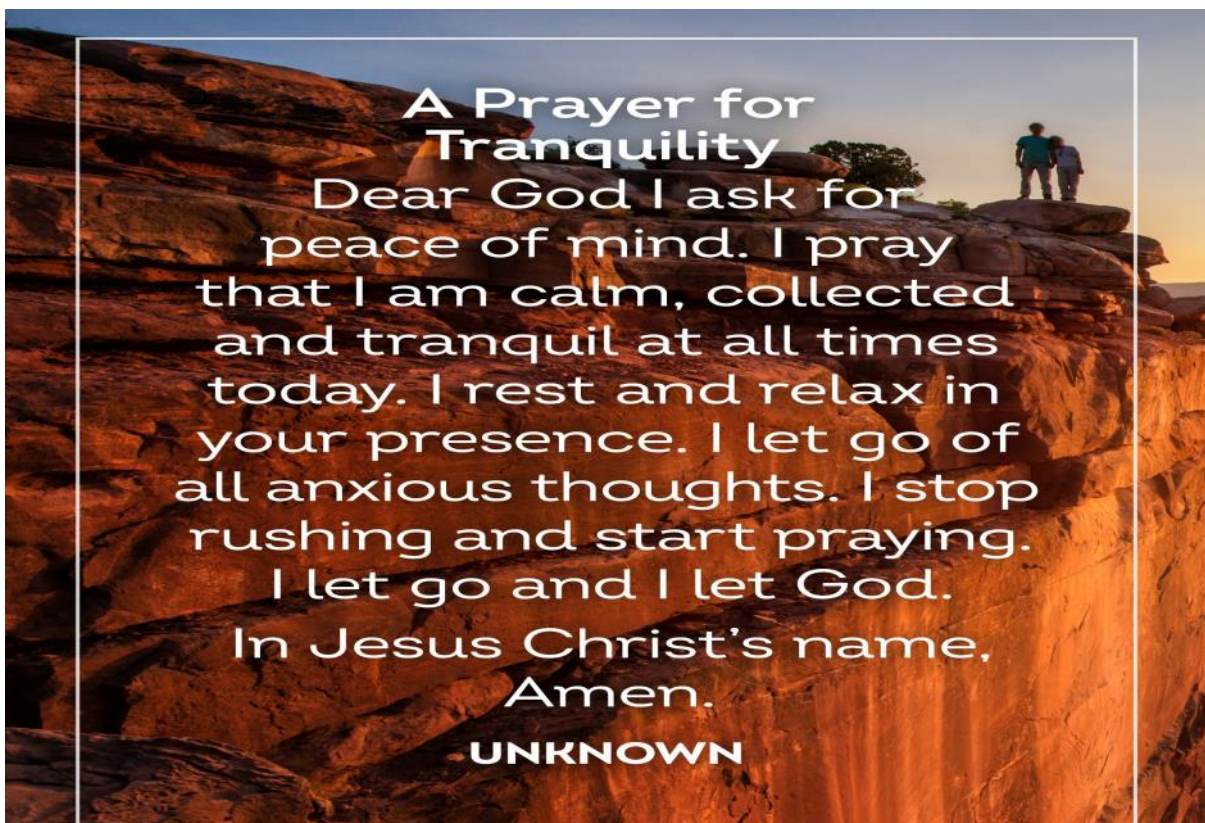
2pm arrival: families to collect children from classes and go to the field with picnic blankets and chairs

2.05pm: welcome and songs from the choir, all invited to join in with the National Anthem

2.15pm: picnics, tombola, family quiz, planting, games set up on playground/field

2.55pm: thank you and families able to leave

Children are invited to wear red, white and blue party clothes on the day. Please note, photos will not be permitted during the event for safeguarding reasons, however we will be taking photos and sharing them on our social media.





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!





The Reading Tree

Open Library

A reminder that The Reading Tree will be open

each Friday at 3pm for children and their parent/carer to choose a book to take home to read.

Free Uniform

There is a lot of uniform in the lost property box

(located to the left of the entrance hall door) - if you need any uniform for your child/ren please take a look in there.



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



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





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Golden Table Award

Darcie Emily Rohan

Savannah JJ George

Awarded by our Lunchtime Supervisors

Weekly House Point Tally



Sycamore

275

Holly

181

Oak

131

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.

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 ~ 01/05/2023



WEEK 3 MENU

	HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDD!	
MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Chilli 🌱 🌱 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	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	Strawberry Ice Creams with Fruit Slices 🌱
TUESDAY	Sweet and Sour Chicken 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetable Chow Mein 🌱 🌱 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	Fruity Floppack Bar 🌱
WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Pastry Roll 🌱 Served with Roast Potatoes, 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	Lemon Drizzle Cake with Fruit Slices 🌱
THURSDAY	Cottage Pie 🌱 Served with Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Cottage Pie 🌱 🌱 Served with 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 Slice with Fruit Slices 🌱
FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce 🌱 🌱 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 Milkshake served with a Chocolate Biscuit 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



Foxes have been learning all about mass



Using the scales to compare the mass of objects found in the classroom



Stars of the Week



Last Week's Big Question: Can a baby commit a crime?

Thomas H "No, because a baby can't go out without parents"

Preston "No because they are still learning"

BIG QUESTION

Can you judge a book by its cover?

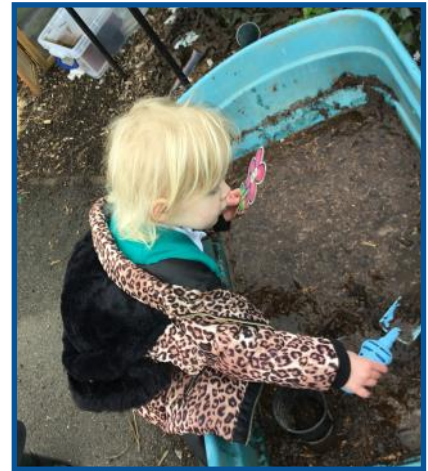
To develop our philosophical thinking we will be asking a BIG question each week! As a family take time to discuss the following question! Miss Phillips will listen to the children's thoughts on this question during Worship on Friday.



We're hiding from the bear after listening to We're Going on a Bear Hunt!



Hedgehogs have made some fantastic models



Children in Gardening club are working hard to develop our digging & planting area with Mr Waters & Mr Atkins

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 Penkridge 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.

09/05/2023

Owls - Y1

16/05/2023

HHogs - Reception

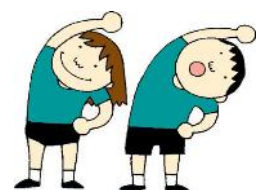
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HHogs - Nursery

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




Transition Meeting


Year 4 met Mr Cole from Penkrige Middle school on Wednesday. They were able to ask him any questions they had about their move up in September.





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.

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 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

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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION

12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snap' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

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MEET STRANG

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.



BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.



KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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