



Friday Post

Friday 19th May 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,

The first five-day week in a while has been a shock to the system!

We began the week with an excellent opportunity in our outdoor church. Alison from The Youthnet set up a fantastic sacred space based on our overarching school value of love. The children were invited to reflect prayerfully on the people and experiences in their lives which bring them love. Do ask them about this, perhaps there was an idea they can share which can be done at home as a family.

We also welcomed Chris Waghorn into school this week. Chris is our Education Improvement Partner who visits termly to provide support to ensure we are doing all we can to deliver an excellent education to our pupils. Following his visit, Chris emailed his report in which he said; 'The overall atmosphere throughout the school is a warm and confident atmosphere where all children will talk about their work.' Well done everyone!



It has been a delight to open out library - The Reading Tree - after school on a Friday. Please continue to use this to support with reading at home. Younger siblings are welcome to borrow books as well, we just ask that they are returned before a new book is borrowed.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Phillips

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). Please note fees for Ark and Clubs will be reviewed by our LAC in July, any changes will commence in September 2023.

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A busy week in Hedgehogs!

Forest school - Investigating
3D Shapes - Number recognition - Counting



Church Visit

Thursday 25th
May



All children will be going to church on the morning of Thursday 25th May. Any parents/grandparents wishing to join us are more than welcome to meet us at St Leonard's Church, Dunston.

Church will be open from 9am, children aim to arrive at approximately 9:30am.

Sports Day / Summer Fayre - Thursday 29th June

We will be holding our Sports Day on Thursday 29th June which parents will be invited to. Afterwards we will be holding a Summer Fayre, if anyone would like to have a stall during the afternoon please let the office know.



Timetable

12pm - 1pm: families are invited to join us for our annual picnic.

1pm - 2pm: Sports' Day races!

2pm - 3pm: Summer Fair stalls and activities in support of our PTA.



After School Clubs

After School Clubs will continue after 1/2 term for those already booked on them. If your child no longer wishes to carry on with their club please let Mrs Briganti in the office know. We currently have a few places in Athletics on a Thursday and Football

This week during worship we are learning:

'Give me oil in my lamp'

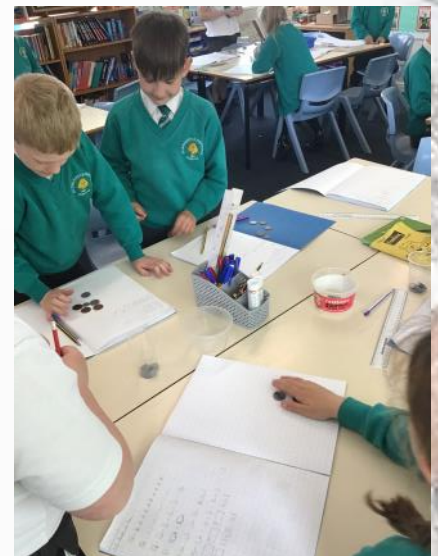
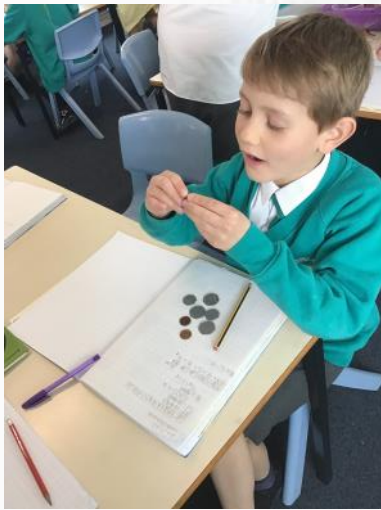
[Give me oil in my lamp | Christian Songs For Kids - YouTube](#)



Please follow the link above to hear the music



In Foxes we have been exploring money. We have looked at different amounts and are beginning to add two values together.



Squiggle whilst you wiggle!



Large and small movements to music to develop our muscles needed for writing.

Attendance figures

School Attendance 8th - 12th May 2023

Hedgehogs 93%

Owls 90%

Foxes 90%

Whole School 91%

The National target for attendance, as set out in guidance from the DFE is 95%

Weekly House Point Tally



Holly

113

Sycamore

105

Oak

47

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.



On Monday, Alison set up a Sacred Space in our outdoor church based on the school value of LOVE. Each class visited and was invited to explore the space through a variety of prayerful activities. These included:

- My support team - identifying the people who support us
- Empty chair - reflecting on the people missing from our lives
- Family tree - celebrating our place in God's family
- Prayer plates - thanking God for His creation
- Finger labyrinths - tracing a maze and listening quietly to God
- Reconciliation zips - asking for help to mend a broken friendship
- Friendship chains - celebrating our wonderful friends
- Love hearts - writing a message of love for our community
- Plastic planet - thinking about how we can love our planet



REMINDER



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](#)

Year 2 parents PLEASE check now - as you will be charged for meals from September 2023.

Lunchtime Menu ~ 22/05/2023



	HOT SPECIALS...		DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDDING
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 Cream 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

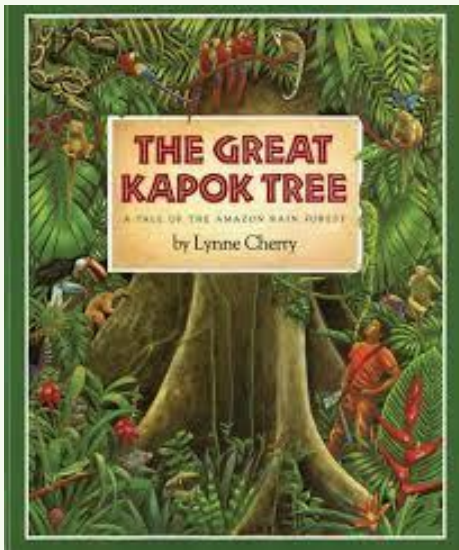


NO NUTS!

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



In English, Foxes have been in the courtroom, deciding whether 'Senhor' from our story should chop down trees within the rainforest. The children gave valid reasons for and against the argument.



Stars of the Week



Last Week's Big Question: Who made the royal family royal?

Oliver Q - "The Romans"

Harrison F - "God"

Jakey - "What does Royal actually mean?"

Fran - "The people"

Trixie - "The Crowner"

Preston - "God might have already had thoughts"

Joel - "After the war, whoever was the winner"

BIG QUESTION

Is there more future, or more past?

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



Worship Team

Worship Team met with Miss Phillips & Mrs Trumble to discuss how we can better improve our prayer spaces in school.



Dough Disco!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 25th May - approx 9:20am	Children in Church - parents welcome to join us
Friday 26th May	Inset Day - school closed to children
w/c 5th June (2 weeks)	Year 4 Multiplication checks
w/c 12th June	Year 1 Phonics screening checks
Friday 23rd June	Sports for Schools Athlete visit
Thursday 29th June	Sports Day & family picnic - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 5th July	Year 4 at Penkridge Middle School Transition Day Current children will have a day with their September teacher
Friday 7th July 2023	Inset Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 25th July	Leavers Church Service
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

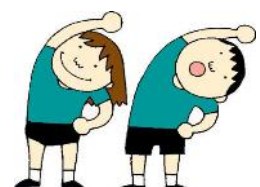
kept at school. Layers and waterproofs are advised because of the wet weather or sunhats and suncream applied before school for warmer days!

23/05/2023	HHogs - Nursery
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Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school, long hair tied back & earrings removed. Thank you for your co-operation

PE Timetable Summer 2023

Thursday - Owls & Foxes
Friday - Hedgehogs & Foxes





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May Half Term Holiday Sports

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June

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 girls.

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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**To book a place please call or email:
07793891029 holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk**



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

TELEGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Telegram isn't new, but it's grown significantly in popularity over recent years, thanks to its secure nature and speedier performance than many of its competitors – including WhatsApp. While Telegram is an excellent app in terms of actual performance, like any messaging platform it brings its own challenges for parents when it comes to feeling confident about children being able to handle their own messaging conversations and contact with the outside world in general. Here's everything that trusted adults need to know about using Telegram safely.

LACK OF AGE RESTRICTION

17+

Telegram has a 16+ age restriction on using the service, while someone is required to be over 17 to actually download the app. Once that's accomplished, however, there's no need to provide further identification. That means there's no guarantee that under 17s aren't using the app – and no way to confidently verify that any other user actually is who they say they are.

POSSIBLE CYBERBULLYING

If your child uses Telegram, they could well be in a group with friends and peers on the app. These groups are managed by admins who can remove the option to post replies – possibly leading to instances of cyberbullying in which the victim has no ability to respond. Messages can be forwarded from groups, too, which potentially opens up images and text being seen by people they weren't intended for.

UNMODERATED CONTENT

Because Telegram relies on users' self-moderation, it can sporadically become a hotbed for illegal or inappropriate content. In the past, the circulation of this material has led to its temporary removal from the App Store. In fairness, the same can be said of several messaging platforms, but Telegram's features (Secret Chats, for instance) certainly present more issues than the likes of WhatsApp.

PREMIUM COSTS

Telegram is free to use, but it also offers a premium membership (£4.99 per month or £35.99 a year) which increases download speeds, adds translation features, and increases channel and account limits. If your child has access to your Apple ID or Google Play details, they may be able to sign up for the premium package without your knowledge.

UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

One of Telegram's major selling points is that it's accessible across multiple platforms. Once the app's been downloaded, users can log in from a phone, tablet or computer. This multi-device availability means increased opportunities for someone else to gain unauthorised access (if your child leaves a computer or tablet at school logged into their Telegram account, for instance).

SECRET CHATS

Telegram offers a feature called Secret Chats, which allows for messages which self-delete after a specified period of time. There are instances where this can be useful (journalists often use Telegram to protect their sources, for example), but for young people it can make it extremely difficult to prove that someone has been abusive or inappropriate towards them on the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child wants to use Telegram, we'd strongly suggest using the app's built-in privacy settings to restrict who can see when they were last online, their profile photo, and their phone number. This can be set to 'everybody', 'my contacts' or 'nobody'; we'd recommend either the second or third options, depending on how locked down you want the platform to be.

DISCUSS SECURITY

It's important that your child understands the merits of strong passwords and logging out of devices when they're finished – and the benefits of protecting their personal data in general. This could range from relaxed chats and simple tips like "don't send your bank details" to how to set up passcodes for Telegram so your child's chats stay secure when they step away from their screen.

REPORT UNSAFE CONTENT

If your child receives private messages which include content that could be considered illegal, unsafe or upsetting, they can of course block the account responsible within the app itself. Be aware, however, that Telegram won't necessarily take any further action unless this offensive content involved a user-created channel, bot or sticker.

USE THE BLOCK FUNCTION

Users can block spam, abusive, or imposter accounts within the app. Blocking stops that account from messaging your child, or viewing their profile and activity. If the user in question is one of your child's peers or friendship circle, it may be worth bringing it to the attention of their school. Also bear in mind that your child can also voluntarily leave a Telegram group at any point if they wish.

PROTECT PAYMENT METHODS

Apple and Google's storefronts offer family sharing options, but it's also worth double-checking your settings to ensure that a password or two-factor authentication option is set up to prevent any unexpected purchases. If your child does pay for a premium Telegram subscription without your consent, Apple and Google have been known to issue refunds in some cases.

Meet Our Expert

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