



Friday Post

Friday 25th 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,

Our church service yesterday was a fantastic way to end the half-term - thank you to all who joined us for it! It was wonderful to be able to sing songs together, hear from Alison and celebrate the children that have gone above and beyond in displaying our value of service. Well done everyone!

It has been great to see so many children getting involved in clubs this half-term. The addition of gardening and choir have been well received and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying these activities.

Today school is shut to pupils for INSET. Teachers will be making a start on summer reports and the rest of us will be working away in school. We are also welcoming a team from GE onto site to help with some maintenance - this is a voluntary community day and we are very grateful to have been picked to receive this help; a perfect example of service in action!

After half-term we have much to look forward to! Do let us know if you would like to run a stall at the summer fair which will be taking place on Thursday 29th June after Sports' Day (weather permitting of course)!

Have a wonderful break whatever you are getting up to.

Miss Phillips

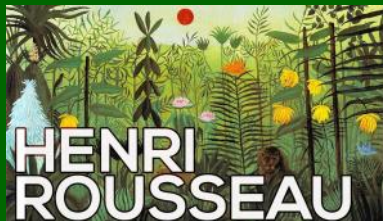
Our school hours from September 2023 will be 8.45am - 3.10pm (gates will open at 8.35am with Ark available from 8am until 5pm). Please note fees for Ark and Clubs will be reviewed by our LAC in July, any changes will commence in September 2023.

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Foxes have worked so hard on their paintings that have been inspired by Henri Rousseau. This week they have been focusing on contrast and brush direction.





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 on a Friday for anyone wishing to join. Payment to carry on with the clubs, will be entered on ParentPay shortly.

After School Care

If you haven't already done so, please let Mrs Briganti know if you require any after school care sessions for June. Thank you



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.

Golden Table Award

Lola B

Joshua

Freddie A

Arthur

Olivia J

Olivia R

Awarded by our Lunchtime Supervisors

Attendance figures

School Attendance 15th - 19th May 2023

Hedgehogs 95%

Whole School 92.8%

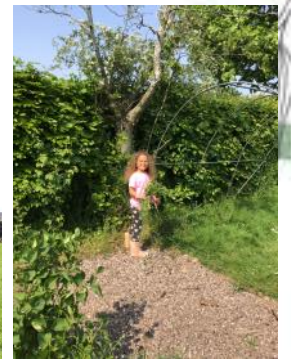
Owls 94%

Foxes 89%

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

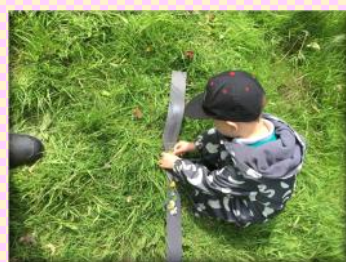


A big thank you to our gardening club for helping to keep our grounds clean and tidy - a good example of courageous advocacy.





In forest school, Nursery were making crowns and smashing flowers to make pictures - they have also enjoyed being creative by making models out of recycled materials.



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 ~ 5/06/2023



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

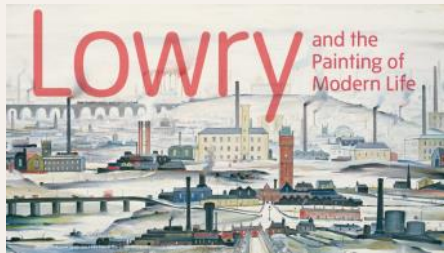
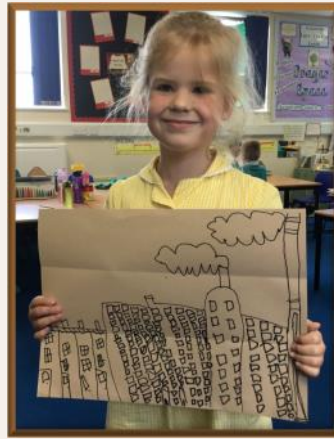
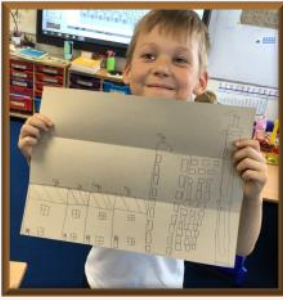
ALL MAIN MEALS SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES

✔ 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



Class Owls have been learning about the artist LS Lowry. They are in the process of creating their own Lowry-style

art work. Last week they painted backgrounds and in this week's lesson they looked closely at the buildings in some of Lowry's paintings. They drew their own buildings which they will stick on their painted backgrounds. Look out for the finished pieces after half term.



Church celebration of Service



This summer we pray for a refreshment of mind and body. We pray for joy, love, and safety. We pray that we count our many blessings. We pray that we share our blessings with others. We pray that we enjoy and relish each moment of sunshine and fun.

Greeley Center for Catholic Education



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 26th May	Inset Day - school closed to children
w/c 5th June (2 weeks)	Year 4 Multiplication checks
Tuesday 8th June	September 2023 Intake - Parents Information Evening
w/c 12th June	Year 1 Phonics screening checks
Wednesday 14th June	Perkins Eco-Day
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 in case of wet weather or sunhats and suncream applied before school for warmer days!

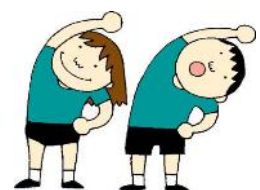
Year 4	13/06/2023
Year 3	20/06/2023

Year 2	27/06/2023
Year 1	04/07/2023
Reception	11/07/2023
Nursery	12/07/2023
Year 3	18/07/2023

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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising; this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Brendan O'Keefe's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



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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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