



Friday Post

Friday 30th June 2023

Our School Value: Respect

Do for other people the same things you want them to do for you. Matthew 7:12

Dear Families,

What a wonderful afternoon we had yesterday! Thank you to everyone who joined us; we loved spending time together and celebrating our children's sporting achievements. Congratulations to team Holly who finished as the winning team! Thank you also for your generous donations at our stalls after the event we raised a fantastic £257.40!!! Raising funds for the PTA helps us afford trips and workshops throughout the school year, as well as other items we may otherwise have to go without.

Today you will have received your child's end of year report. Having read them myself, I have no doubt that you will be very proud of what the children have achieved this year. Thanks must also go to our teachers for the time and effort that has gone into writing these.

On Monday, you will receive a link to our annual parent survey - please do take a minute to complete this. We will share the results with you before the end of term.

I had the pleasure of inviting Rev. Manda Arthur into school this week who is back from maternity leave and overseeing Dunston and Coppenhall. Manda is hoping to join us for worship in school before the end of term. She is also keen to welcome families - and their pets - into church this weekend! Please see the poster in the Post for more details.

Next week there is much to look forward to including Foxes' history workshop on Tuesday and our transition day on Wednesday.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Phillips

**Friday 7th July is Inset Day school
closed for children**



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Enterprise Week

As part of Enterprise Week, we have been working very hard to create a Stone Age Fossil. Over the whole process, we examined and explored different types of fossils and used these ideas for inspiration when creating our own pieces. When our fossils were finished and dry, we carefully used a range of colours and contrasts to create realistic fossils.

We sold our fossils during our summer fayre for £2.50 each. They all looked fantastic!



Leavers Service - Tuesday 25th July



Everyone is welcome to join us for our Leavers Service on Tuesday 25th July, at St Leonard's Church, Dunston. We aim for the children to arrive by 9:20am. There will be reserved seats for Y4 families.

Golden Table Award

Harrison S Thomas T Finley
Thomas H Harrison A Aliyah

Awarded by our Lunchtime Supervisors



To Alfie's mum and dad who have very kindly sourced and donated the strawberries for sports day yesterday, and to Danny for running the refreshment stall, we very much appreciate it.

This week during worship we are learning:

'Peace like a river'

[Peace Like A River - YouTube](#)

Please follow the link above to hear the music





Owls creating their pencil pots out of clay, for raising funds at sports day



Attendance figures

School Attendance 19th - 23rd June 2023

Hedgehogs 95%

Whole School 94.5%

Owls 94%

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

Foxes 95%



If anyone has any spare, but in good condition, socks & pants we are in desperate need, thank you.



Strike action: The NEU have announced additional strike action on July 5th and 7th . It is our intention to remain open, however some children will not receive their usual taught lessons on this day. We have heard that Penkridge Middle School are hoping to continue with their Y4 transition visit as planned.

Weekly House Point Tally

Holly

87



Sycamore

94

Oak

76

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.



Sports Day snapshot!

More photos will be shared next week via Facebook



**Congratulations
Team Holly
WINNERS!!!!**





WEEK 3 MENU

Chartwells
the much more than fantastic food

	NOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDI	
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 Flapjack 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



Hedgehogs have been learning why bees, butterflies and other pollinators are so important to the health of our planet.

We made seed bombs to help grow more British wildflowers to help the insects in our local area.

We created labels to stick on envelopes for our seed bomb packaging. We found out how many we made and if we would make a profit or loss selling them.



Thank you Lord
for all your blessings to me and my family.
For the strength you give me each day,
for my friends
and for all the people around me,
who make life more meaningful.
Thank you God. Amen.

As a school we have informed the village hall that some of the slabs by the gate area are uneven and they have sent us a response as follows:

As you are aware the area is used by parents and children on a daily basis, however this slabbed area in fact is not owned by the School but by the Village Hall. We are hoping that the slabs will be re-laid during the weekend but in the meantime would you please::

ADVISE PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN USING THIS CUT-THROUGH, AND, IF THEY DO DECIDE TO USE THIS CUT-THROUGH THAT THEY DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AS THIS IS AN AREA OWNED BY THE VILLAGE HALL AND NOT THE SCHOOL

Last Week's Big Question: Do ideas come from inside or outside your head?

Oliver Q: "Inside, because of the transfer of thought from ear to brain"

Elijah: "Inside, because you think in your head"

Aliyah: "Inside, because you think with your brain , then you say it"

Rohan: "Both ways because hearing others read their writing gives you ideas"

Dexter: "Both ways if you look at something and it is good it gives you an idea"

Darcie: "if you hear someone you use your ears on the inside"

BIG QUESTION

What came first the egg or the butterfly?

(Question raised by Dexter in Hedgehogs)



We are definitely developing our philosophical thinking! As a family take time to discuss the above question - Miss Phillips will listen to the children's thoughts on this question during Worship on Friday.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 5th July	Year 4 at Penkridge Middle School Transition Day Current children will have a day with their September teacher
Wednesday 5th July 9:30 - 11am	New Reception intake
Wednesday 5th July 1:30 - 2:45pm	New Nursery intake
Friday 7th July 2023	Inset Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 25th July - approx. 9:30am	Leavers Church Service all are welcome to join us seats will be reserved for Y4 families
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!

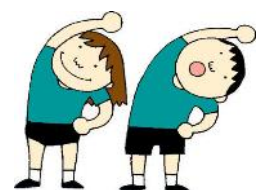
Year 2	04/07/2023 Change of date
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Year 1	11/07/202
Reception	12/07/2023 AM
Nursery	12/07/2023 PM
Year 3	18/07/2023

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



There is a fantastic research participation opportunity for parents/carers/guardians and their two-year-old children taking place over the summer/early autumn. The project seeks to explore Higher Order Thinking and the Smile and Laughter Response in two-year-old children, it includes attending Staffordshire University children's suite on the Stoke Campus for two activities approximately 1 week apart. The activity includes playing on a toddler app on one occasion where smiles and laughter are exaggerated, and another when smiles and laughter are natural. At the end of participation there is a photo ceremony and certificate/goodies for the child. To find out more please read the leaflet below and/or follow the link <https://sway.office.com/vC99pssc10dju2YH?ref=Link>

Best Wishes Fran Brown-Cornwall
Institute of Education Lecturer



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Smiles & Laughter Research

The research involves visiting Staffordshire Universities Children's Research Suite twice approximately one week apart.

Visit



You can park on site at our pay and display car park. You can also travel via bus and train which both have stops just outside of the campus.

Getting Here



The child will play with toys, before playing a game (no longer than 10 minutes) on a tablet for the purpose of data collection.

Play



We will be recording the tablet screen, capturing their facial expression via a webcam and monitoring their heart rate via a child's biopac.

Data



Calling all Parents and Guardians of Two-Year-Olds

An exciting opportunity to join in some research at Staffordshire University is available



Environment

One visit will be neutral and calmer and another visit will be super playful with lots of jokes and humour. You decide which order this occurs.



Goodies

On the final visit the child will receive a goodie bag and there'll be a photo shoot opportunity with a graduation cap and certificate.



Sign Up

Scan the QR code or
Contact Francesca.Brown-Cornwall@staffs.ac.uk



Scan Me

PET SERVICE

SUNDAY 2ND JULY

9:30 AM - AT ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, COPPENHALL
11:00 AM – ST. LEONARD CHURCH, DUNSTON

**YOU AND YOUR PETS ARE WARMLY INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE OF SONGS
AND READINGS TO CELEBRATE AND BLESS**

OUR FAMILY PETS



AND LOCAL WORKING ANIMALS



Smaller pets will be welcome inside church
- dogs on leads and other pets in suitable carriers please.

Larger pets are also very welcome
- but will remain outside church to greet people
as they arrive.

zzzz



MY BEDTIME ROUTINE

Parent's guidance

Having a bedtime routine is a key step towards helping your child to sleep. Consistency and predictability are key in helping your child to feel safe and relaxed as they wind down to go to sleep.

Have a look at the example on the page below and then have a go at creating your own routine with your child. You can print this out weekly so that your child can tick off the steps as they achieve them.

A top tip to remember is not to include any screens in their plan. The light from a screen can prevent your child from producing sleep chemicals and disrupt their sleep cycle. So make sure to avoid before bed.



Cerebral 





MY ROUTINE EXAMPLE

My routine	m	t	w	th	f	s	s
Bath time	✓	✓					
Put my pyjamas on	✓	✓					
Have a drink of milk	✓	✓					
Read in bed for 10 minutes	✓	✓					
Goodnight hug with Dad/ Mum	✓	✓					
Go to sleep	✓	✓					

Look at this example for some ideas of what to include in your routine. The key is to make sure to include things that can be repeated every night



Try to avoid including steps which centre around one other person, unless you can be sure they will always be there. For example rather than writing 'Goodnight hug with Dad' on my example I have also included Mum. This way there is a back up plan in case your named person is unavailable. This can help to prevent issues if someone isn't there.



MY BEDTIME ROUTINE

My routine	m	t	w	t h	f	s t	s

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMINO



PETS

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregates, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals – but even that can create plenty of hazards.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place – increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of such younger children finding their way onto the platform.

UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then react and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (anonymous 'true identity' can be completely obscured behind their 'username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or obscene predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

MUSIC

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a battery of customisation options such as stickers, 'meets' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has any payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

COMICS & COSPLAY



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics – such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in detail. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider getting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having – and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

Meet Our Expert

Loyal Customer is Editor in Chief of parenting and experts site www.whattoexpect.com and has worked in the gaming industry for several years. A regular visitor to the App Store as a 7-year-old, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing regularly about such and other, his articles have been published on www.fox.com including www.fox.com and www.fox.com.



Source: <https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/entertainment/parents-need-to-know-about-app-10-1777450>

Winter Coat Drive

PLEASE DONATE ANY UNUSED COATS



This summer Stafford Sports and Performance Academy are looking to collect 300 winter coats. All coats collected will be given to House of Bread Charity to use this coming winter for those people that are in need.

Coats need to be in good condition (no rips) and also clean (please have them washed prior to donating.) All sizes appreciated.

If you have coats to donate then please contact Stephen Glover on:

07793891029

or email stephenglover@staffordsport.co.uk.

If multiple coats these can be collected in the Stafford Area. Alternatively SSPA will be accepting coats at any of their community dance classes, or their Summer Holiday Sports Clubs at Blessed William Howard School.

PLEASE SUPPORT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.



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Saturday 1st July

Purple Explorers Club

2 – 5pm

8 – 18 years



Brocton Village Hall, Oldacre Lane, Brocton, ST17 0TW



Tuesday 4th July

Home Education Skills

10:30am – 1:30pm

6 – 19 years



The Wolsley Centre, Wolsley Bridge, Stafford, ST17 0WT



Wednesday 5th July

Chuckle Chillout

5 – 7:15pm

5 – 19 years



The Chuckle House, Stone Enterprise Park, Stone, ST15 0SR

Click here for further details:

[Aiming High - Activities and short breaks](#) | [Staffordshire Connects](#)



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Thursday 6th / 13th / 20th / 27th July

Ability Counts

4:30 – 6:30pm

6 – 16 years



Gnosall Village Hall, Lowfield Lane, Gnosall, ST20 0ET



Thursday 27th July

Flip Out

10am – 12pm

5 – 19 years



Stone Business Park, Opal Way, Stone, ST15 0SS