



Friday 26th April 2024

FRIDAY POST

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,

A sunny week has been welcomed by us all! I particularly enjoyed trying out our new jumbo-skipping-rope during lunch time on Wednesday; it brought back many of my own school memories!

We marked Allergy Awareness Week on Wednesday - thank you to the family who brought this to our attention. We have many children with allergies and intolerances in school and it was great to talk about what this means and how we can look after one another in school. The children proved themselves to be very knowledgeable and were confident in sharing their own experiences.

Next week, we are welcoming staff into school from Penkrige Middle School. They will be meeting with staff and our Year 4 pupils to begin their important transition into Year 5. We are also making plans for transition meetings and visits for the children who will be joining us for the first time in September - there is lots to look forward to!

In lessons, pupils are enjoying learning about all sorts - from transport and mapping, continents and oceans, to fossils and The USA! Do ask your child about their learning, and do remember that the best way children of all ages can be supported is through regular opportunities to read aloud at home.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Phillips



In PHSE Owls have been learning about friendships and how to deal with 'falling out'. They looked at a range of scenarios and discussed with a partner, talking about how best to deal with the situation.



Owls are continuing to learn about fractions, they used cubes and bar models to make equal groups.



Next week during worship we are learning:

'Give me oil in my lamp

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OGMjDlLEJM>

Please follow the link above to hear the music



Staffordshire County Council are running a parents survey which is aimed at parents of early years children and those expecting a baby.

As part of the sufficiency duty they are required to engage with parents to find out their experiences of childcare and what they need in future. This is particularly important at this time with the new entitlements coming in and we know that providers are struggling mainly due to funding rates and difficulties with staffing needs.

Please could you share the below links with your parents, staff and any other groups as appropriate so that we can get as wide a range of views as possible. The survey closes on the 12th May 2024.

<https://letstalk.staffordshire.gov.uk/embeds/projects/24643/survey-tools/34940>

Attendance figures

School Attendance 22nd April - 26th April 2024

Hedgehogs 97%

Owls 95%

Foxes 94%

Whole School 94.7%

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

Please note fixed penalty notice referrals will be made to the Local Authority for term time holidays.

We have been reading *The Train Ride* this week and looking at different trains from Stevenson's Rocket to the Japanese Bullet trains. Nursery have been trying to make patterns and one of their challenges this week was to make a pattern using train carriage colours. Reception have been making 2 groups that make ten and they are all becoming really knowledgeable about numbers to 10. In all of our learning through play we are incorporating our transport topic. Some of the boys were flipping burgers in our truck stop mud kitchen and others were making street mazes with blocks



TEACHING YOUR CHILD
HOW TO PRAY



PRAYER PROMPTS



I'M SO THANKFUL THAT YOU
GAVE ME _____.

I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU
HELPED ME WITH _____.

I LOVE YOU, GOD BECAUSE
_____.

PLEASE HELP ME TOMORROW
AS I _____.

PLEASE WATCH OVER
(PERSON) _____.



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**Quote
of the
Week**

“One child, one teacher,
one pen and one book
can change the world”

Malala Yousafzai

Stars of the Week



THANK YOU!
for your generous donations!



Weekly House Point Tally

Oak

169



Holly

113

Sycamore

96

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.

Achievements from home



Football



Football



Swimming

If your child has recently received an award they would like to share with us, eg swimming, football, dance, Beavers, Brownies etc please send them into school & we will share them during our Celebration Worship on Friday.

Home time

Reminder: children must be supervised by the adult collecting them as they leave school, many children are running through the school gate towards the road and village hall without an adult.



Allergy Awareness Assembly

Miss Phillips held an allergy awareness assembly yesterday.

The children were very knowledgeable and some children shared their own personal experiences of living with allergies, and the importance of staying away from what they are allergic to.

What does it mean if you have an allergy?

Harrison "You can't have something because it's bad for you"

Ralph "If you are allergic to something if you eat it, you might have a reaction"

How could you have an allergic reaction?

Alfie "Smelling something"

Jenson "You could eat something"

Rohan "You could have a reaction to sun cream"

Darcie "you could touch something"

Trixie (in reply) "Yes and your skin will go red"

 **THANK YOU!**

For attending our Allergy Awareness Assembly and helping us keep children with allergies safe

TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK 

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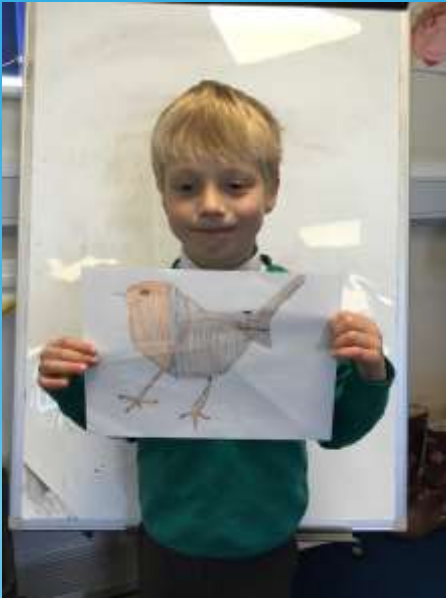
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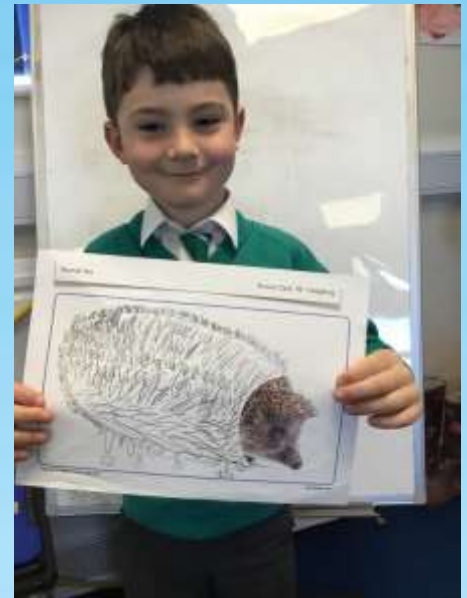
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In Art Owls are thinking about animals around the world, which ties in beautifully with our current Geography topic.

We started right here in the UK and looked carefully at a range of British wildlife, before drawing these fantastic robins and hedgehogs.

Next stop Africa!





Lunchtime Menu - next week is week TWO

The children get asked each morning what they would like to eat at lunchtime.

Cost of a school meal for children in Nursery, Year 3 & Year 4 is £2.95 as of April 2024

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) Penne with Vegballs in Tomato Sauce (Ve)(WG) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Sweetcorn St Clement's Shortbread (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)(WG) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Sweetcorn Lime Shortbread (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) Penne with Veggie Bolognese (Ve)(WG) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Vanilla Iced Shortbread (Ve)
TUESDAY	Penne with Beef Bolognese (WG) Veggie Cottage Pie (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Garden Peas Apple Crumble (Ve)(WG) with Custard (V)	Cottage Pie Veggie Chow Mein (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Garden Peas Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Chocolate Custard (V)	Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas Toffee Apple Sponge with Apple Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy Homemade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)	Roast of the Day with Roasties, Yorkshire & Gravy Roasted Butternut Squash with Roasties, Yorkshire & Gravy (V) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy Quorn Fillet with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Carrot Batons Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)
THURSDAY	Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (WG) Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Banana Bread (V)	Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes Veggie Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes (V) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Cooked Tomato Flapjack (Ve)	Chicken with Golden Vegetable Rice (WG) Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, [redacted] or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Jammy Dodger Flapjack (Ve)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Quorn Hotdog with Chips (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Quorn Dippers with Chips (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Cocktail (V)

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan WG - Wholegrain

Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily.

NO NUTS!



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



FOREST SCHOOL



To develop our philosophical thinking we ask the children a BIG question each week! As a family take time to discuss the big question! Miss Phillips listens to the children's thoughts on the question during Worship on Friday.

Our next BIG QUESTION

Why do humans eat food?

Question by
Olivia in Owls

What is the point in laughing?

Ted "sometimes my brother makes a joke"

Olivia J "I laugh at my sister when she plays with me"

Thomas Th "I laugh at my baby sister"

Arthur "When my dad laughs, it makes me laugh out loud"

Alex "Laughing is expressing you are happy"

Koby "My dad pulls funny faces to make me laugh, it makes me happy"

Thomas H "My sister makes me giggle, she makes me smile"



Miss Phillips has met with the school council this week, to discuss our latest project to support Chuckle House.



Lunchtime smiles!



We are extremely lucky to be only 1 of 5 schools to have been chosen by Perkins Engines to receive a 'kit car' for the children to make. Children in Foxes will all be given a chance to help to put it together. Many thanks to Mr Waters for arranging this for us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 6th May	Bank holiday school closed
Friday 10th May	Academy Photography - Class photos & Leavers
Wednesday 15th - 17th May	Foxes - Laches Wood Residential
Thursday 23rd May	Church service
Friday 24th May	Inset Day
Mon 27th - 31st May	Half Term
W/C Monday 3rd June (2 wks)	Y4 multiplication checks
Friday 21st June	Sports Day - afternoon
Wednesday 3rd July - 9.30am	Penkridge Middle Transition Day - Year 4 only
Friday 19th July	Last day of academic year
Monday 22nd July	Inset Day

Church services

Reverend Amanda welcomes any families to join in with her services at St Leonard's church, Dunston.

Dunston service is weekly at **11am** with communion and the first Sunday of every month is an all age service without communion.



On your child's forest school day, please send them to school dressed in old clothing you 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 should the wear be on our side!

30/04/2024 Year 3

7/05/2024 Year 4

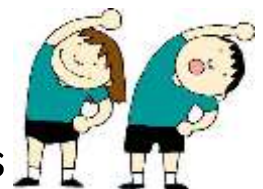
14/05/2024 Nursery

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. Thank you for your co-operation

PE Timetable - Summer Term

Thursday - Owls & Foxes

Friday - Hedgehogs, Owls & Foxes



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Sadly, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but at the time, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's legal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and emblems to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you start the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

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



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: <https://www.consumerlab.com/news/temu-not-receiving-items>; <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2023/oct/11/temu-not-receiving-items>

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(22nd-28th April)



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PLEASE NOTE – THIS TRAINING IS FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE A DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM (inc. those not yet referred to our Service)

BITESIZE DAY: 25.06.2024

Location = Families First at Faraday Road, Stafford, ST16 3NQ (Stafford Children's Centre)

TIME	COURSE TITLE
09.30-11.00	Understanding Autism
12.00-13.30	Raising Self-Esteem
14.00-15.30	Managing Transitions

*** PARENTS CAN SIGN UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO SESSIONS ***

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE EMAIL RACHEL.WOOLLASTON@STAFFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK



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