



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... As Headteacher, keeping in touch with everything that is going on in school is a full time job, which is why I am so grateful to the staff for constantly blogging or tweeting pictures and videos of what has been going on in their classes. The experiences, challenges and activities given by teachers are aimed at encouraging the children to learn new facts, practice new skills and build greater resilience. Resilience is all about the children not giving up when they are faced with a challenge. It is about becoming more independent and not asking for help immediately, but having a go first. It is also about having the confidence that if they are knocked down by life, that they come back stronger than ever, rather than letting failure overcome them. A great lesson for us all to learn!



Diary dates:

- Mon 14th Nov** Google Pioneer Expedition for KS2
- Mon 21st Nov** Photos of absent children and around school
- Wed 16th Nov** Reception Parents Phonics Session 9:05 a.m.
- Fri 18th Nov** Non-uniform for 'Children in Need'
- Fri 18th Nov** 3:20 - 4:00 p.m. KS1 Children in Need Disco
- Fri 18th Nov** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. KS2 Children in Need Disco
- Wed 23rd Nov** Reception Parents Phonics Session 9:05 a.m.
- Thurs 24th Nov** Governing Body Meeting
- Tues 29th Nov** Y4 to DEWA Centre, Chester
- Mon 5th Dec** Bingo
- Wed 7th Dec** Early Years to Cannock to visit Santa
- Fri 9th Dec** **Christmas Arts Fayre, Jumper and Dinner Day!**

Christmas Concert Dates

- EYFS Tues 29th Nov
 - EYFS Wed 30th Nov
 - Year 1 Wed 7th Dec
 - Year 2 Tues 6th Dec
 - Year 3 Thurs 1st Dec
 - Year 4 Thurs 8th Dec
 - Year 5 Tues 13th Dec
 - Year 6 Wed 14th Dec
- All concerts will start at approximately 9:15 a.m. once the children are changed and ready.

Youth Club is ON tonight

Youth Club

We are holding a Youth Club tonight for members only in the school hall from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Entrance to Youth Club is 50p and a selection of sweets and drinks will be available for the children to buy. Entrance to Youth Club is through the side door (caretaker's door). Please use this entrance once again when you collect the children, from the school hall at 6:30 p.m. We ask that an adult collects the children at the end of Youth Club.

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge

This week's maths challenge is slightly easier. Both KS2 and KS1 children should be able to solve it, maybe with a bit of supportive encouragement. Good Luck Everyone!

Can you solve this?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Red flower} + \text{Red flower} + \text{Red flower} = 60 \\
 \text{Red flower} + \text{Blue flower} + \text{Blue flower} = 30 \\
 \text{Blue flower} - \text{Yellow flower} = 3 \\
 \text{Yellow flower} + \text{Red flower} + \text{Blue flower} = ?
 \end{array}$$

Christmas Events Booking

- *Christmas concerts/assemblies* - reserve your seats now for all year groups via the form on ParentMail.
- *Christmas Dinner* - for catering purposes, we need to know for ALL children (usual school dinners and sandwich eaters), whether they would like a Christmas Dinner on Fri 9th Dec. Requests can be made **up until 9:00 a.m. Mon 21st November** via the ParentMail form. Payment of £2.25 per child must be made via ParentMail.

Children in Need Discos next Friday 18th November

Tickets are currently on sale via ParentMail, although KS2 tickets are almost sold out.

Child collection arrangements at the end of discos:

- KS1 - 4:15 p.m. from your child's classroom;
- Y3/4 - 6:30 p.m. wait outside the hall;
- Y5 - 6:30 p.m. from first downstairs classroom;
- Y6 - 6:30 p.m. from first upstairs classroom.



'Blog of the week'! - This week, the award is shared by both Year 3 classes who posted an 'iMovie' showcasing the fun filled learning which has taken place across the week in Year 3. The children have clearly been working very hard! I'm sure they'd really welcome your comments.

'Tweet of the Week'

We would like to award this accolade to those family members who responded to our Thursday Tweet sharing the news about the SNAG roast dinner day.



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School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.2% which is **below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	97.3	Y1/1	96.0	Y4/1	99.0
F1/2	97.3	Y1/2	99.0	Y4/2	93.8
F1/3	97.3	Y2/1	98.1	Y5/1	97.3
F1/4	100	Y2/2	98.0	Y5/2	98.3
F2/1	97.3	Y3/1	95.3	Y6/1	95.4
F2/2	100	Y3/2	98.7	Y6/2	93.3

The Tony Hughes Award:

This medallion is presented each week, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, to a child from each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Leighton Bocca	Y3/1	Troy Myatt
FS1/2	Lucy Beard	Y3/2	Ruhi Jahan
FS2/1	Harry Broome	Y4/1	Libbie Gorton
FS2/2	Gracie Howells	Y4/2	Lilly Cartlidge
Y1/1	Erin Duchan	Y5/1	Ashton Harvey
Y1/2	Oliver James	Y5/2	Hubert Chrostek
Y2/1	Ruby Landon	Y6/1	Quaid Smith
Y2/2	Kyle Barker	Y6/2	Zuhera Nadeem

News in Brief

• Y3 to Poole's Cavern, Buxton

On Monday, our Y3 children had a super day visiting Poole's Cavern learning about different rock formations in the underground world. Well done to all Y3 on your excellent behaviour and enthusiasm.

• Y6 to St. Peter's Academy

On Wednesday afternoon, our Y6 children spent the afternoon at St Peter's Academy. They were invited by Lichfield Cathedral to take part in the Music Share Scheme Concert. The children performed various songs alongside the children from the Lichfield Cathedral School, St. Gregory's and Clarice Cliff. Lichfield's choristers and other young musicians performed at the event. It was a wonderful experience for the children and they were excellent representatives of the school.

• School Remembrance Sentinel Tribute

We are very proud of all the activities carried out to remember those that lost their lives in the various wars, so that we can leave in peace. It was lovely, therefore, to see a picture of **Tino Nyamayaro** and **Bradley Slater** representing the school on Page 21 of today's Sentinel, sharing the work the children have been doing.

Congratulations

• Well done to the following for achieving their swimming awards: **Ellie Yeomans** - Shark 1; **Callum Williams** and **Thomas Simpson** - Octopus 1; **Isabella Jones** - Stanley 4. Many congratulations to you all!

And Finally

You should have noticed a number of maths's challenges in our newsletter over the last couple of weeks. This week there is one for younger children over the page and one for older children on the right. Please see if you can spare 5 minutes with your child this weekend to have a go at solving one or both of these. Whether you manage to solve it or not, in the process the children will be practising a range of strategies, including: lots of mental maths, trying out different methods; trial and error; scribbling little sums and using their number bonds. The main thing is to have a go and to make it fun!

Best wishes a pleasant weekend.
Mr. Wardle

Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations are sent to the following children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for their hard work, attitude and/or progress.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Zeem Aziz	Y3/1	Ben Turnock
FS1/2	Lexi Wild	Y3/2	Amelia Ostrouchow
FS2/1	Harry Broome	Y4/1	Ewan Robinson
FS2/2	Jessica Wright	Y4/2	Erin Mills
Y1/1	Maisy-Lee Barker	Y5/1	Lucy Inch
Y1/2	Jemimah Ali	Y5/2	Olivia Mosedale
Y2/1	Callum Williams	Y6/1	Not Awarded
Y2/2	Lewis Day	Y6/2	Not Awarded

Notices:

• Senior Citizen Christmas Assembly / 'Pie & Pea' Party

This December we will again be inviting our local senior citizens to a Christmas Assembly with afternoon tea and a 'Pie and Pea Party'. Please see more details on the form attached, complete and return it to reserve your place. Alternatively pass it on to someone you think would want to come along.

• Data Collection Booklets

Our office staff would like to say a big thank you to all parents/carers as all our data collection books have now been returned and updated on the system. Please remember if any of your details provided change, then you need to inform the office immediately. Thank you.

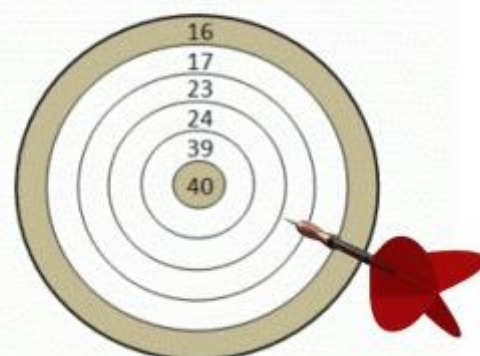
• Harvest Food Bank Thanks

In October you donated an amazing 31.75kg of food helping to feed the hungry in Stoke-on-Trent.



To score exactly '100', how many darts must be used?

Numbers/Rings may be used more than once.





Senior Citizen's Christmas Assembly

I would like ___ places for the Senior Citizen's Christmas Concert on Tuesday 6th December from 1:15 – 3:30 p.m.

I **do / do not** require transport (Please delete as applicable)

Name(s) _____ Contact Tel Number _____

Address transport is required from: _____

Signed _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

Please return this slip to Mrs Brennan via the front office.

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Senior Citizen's Christmas 'Pie and Pea' Party

You are warmly invited you to the Senior Citizen's Christmas 'Pie and Pea' Party on Monday 12th December from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Unfortunately, as our funds are currently depleted, we are this year having to charge £3 per ticket. This is still subsidised from the total actual cost and is fantastic value for money.

I would like _____ places and I enclose £_____ for my ticket(s).

Name(s) _____

Contact Tel Number _____

Signed _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

Please return this slip with the correct money in a labelled envelope to Mrs Brennan via the front office.