



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 26th January 2018



Dear Parents,

What a busy week our children have had. It was lovely to see so many family members on Tuesday and Wednesday sharing the great work our children have produced over the past few weeks. The children certainly enjoyed sharing their work and more importantly wearing their pyjamas and dressing gowns! Quite a few of our Year 5 children took part in Bikeability this week and as always were a credit to the school.

Effort of the week:

Well done to the following children who won this week: Beatrice Denson, Kai Kanyenda, Lacey-Mai Williams, Carson Everill, Furkan Kose, Lilly-Leigh Eagles, Jensen Gibson, Miley Everill, Harry Hughes and Alyssa Castell.

Good to be Green:

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Lily-Mae Smith, Kai Hambly, Ryan Pickerill, James Edwards, Summer Knott, Lucy Jankowiak, Ruby Muir, Leon Stevenson, Angel Baddeley and Millie Reader.

Team Stars:

The running total so far:

Endeavour (blue) 34 Stars, Pioneer (green) 28 Stars, Voyager (yellow) 33 Stars, Discovery (red) 35 Stars.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%**. This week we achieved **92.9%**.

ATTEND will be carrying out late gates over the next few weeks – a letter was sent out this week with more information.

Nursery Applications – September 2018:

The application process is now open for you to apply for a nursery place. The best way to make an application is by visiting www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date is 5th March 2018. For more information on our nursery please call into the office at anytime.

PTA Disco

We have rescheduled the cancelled December disco for 7th February – letters to follow shortly.

EYFS / KS1 – 5:30-6:30

KS2 – 6:30-7:30

Uniform

The school does have a strict school uniform code which parents have agreed to by signing the Home School agreement. Please can I ask for children to come to school each day in the correct uniform. I am happy to discuss any issues you may have with this at any time.

Laches Wood – Year 6:

The remaining balance to pay is £60.00, which will be required no later than **Monday 5th February 2018**. Also the medical consent letters have been sent out and these need to be returned to us no later than **Wednesday 31st January**.

Dates for the diary:

Date	Event
7 th February	PTA Disco EYFS and KS1 5:30-6:30 and KS2 6:30 to 7:30pm.
16 th February	School closes for half term
26 th February	School reopens
6 th March	Parents evening 3:20pm start
29 th March	Progress assembly 9:15am start School closes for Easter

FREE SCHOOL MEALS / MORRISONS VOUCHERS:

We are still offering a £20 gift voucher for Morrison, for any new free school meals claims that are successful. For further details please contact the school office.

Worship and Church News:

Our School's Christian values are COMMUNITY, RESPECT AND PERSEVERANCE.

Spring Term: Respect

During Worship this week we have been focusing on friendship. We have looked at qualities that make a good friend, for example: loyalty, kindness, respectfulness, caring attitude...can you and your child think of anymore together?

We have also thought about how important it is to tell our friends how special they are and do our best to be an amazing friend too.

A bible quote for this week is Luke 6:31 and as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

This Week's Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you for our friends and for the happy times we share with them. Help us to be a good friend to them. Teach us how to play fairly and to share. Help us to recognise loneliness in others and show friendliness towards them. We know that you are our friend and will be with us always.

Amen.

No Smoking Policy:

Please can I remind you all that smoking and the use of e-cigarettes is strictly forbidden on our school and Library grounds. Thank you for your continued support.

Contacting the School:

If you are contacting the school by telephone, please use the options to help you contact the right person for your query, a short message will be played giving you options, please choose **option 1** to report your child absent, **option 2** to speak to Miss Middleton our Home School linker worker, **option 3** for Mrs Moore in Finance, **option 4** to speak to the kitchen and **hold the line** to speak to Mrs Brown in the office.

Winter Weather:

Please see attached information regarding snow and bad weather. We will inform the local radio stations Radio Stoke and Signal Radio, who will make an announcement if the school is closed. A text message will be sent to the mobile phone number we have on our records (please inform the school of your new number if you changed it). School closures will be listed on the Staffordshire County Council site please follow the link below.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx> Please note you can sign up for an alert to your mobile if you log on to the site.

Safeguarding and support:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please ask to speak to Mrs Wheaver or Miss Middleton who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, if they are not available please speak to Mrs Birchall or Mr Jenks who are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

