



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018



Dear Parents,

I would like to apologise for any inconvenience due to the school closure yesterday. I am sure you understand it was not a decision I made lightly but the safety of our children and staff has always got to be my priority.

The children have been enjoying working on the Midnight Man since we returned after Christmas. They are looking forward to sharing with you all that they have been doing in their classes next week.

The school has been successful in achieving the Silver Art Mark today myself, Mrs Rogers. Our Chair of Governors and two members of our School Council are going to the World of Wedgwood to receive our award. Hopefully we will have a photo on Twitter later.

### **Effort of the week:**

Well done to the following children who won this week: Marcus Pellington, Madison Aldridge, Tyler Muir, Evie Gavin, Mark Bailey, Oliver Deacon, Alexander Munday, Keira Bird, Keira Knight and Victoria Rigby.

### **Good to be Green:**

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Billie Jean Welsh, Lola Mae Dring, Riley Alder, Leland Aldridge, Riley Gibson, Francesca Bailey, Finley Shaw, Travis Sargeant-Brookes, Henry Everill and Grace Hulme-Jones

### **Team Stars:**

The running total so far:

Endeavour (blue) 31 Stars, Pioneer (green) 26 Stars, Voyager (yellow) 32 Stars, Discovery (red) 31 Stars.

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%**. This week we achieved **93.1%**.

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

### **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.

### **Social Media Awareness:**

We have been informed that there is a social media app called IMVU that allows you to create an avatar and speak to strangers. It also pinpoints your location. Please check your child's phone / device and speak to them to make sure that they do not use this app. The app looks like this:



### **Laches Wood – Year 6:**

The remaining balance to pay is £60.00, which will be required no later than **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

**Dates for the diary:**

Please can we ask for your cooperation next week when attending the Whole School Book Assemblies? As you are aware our Assemblies are very popular and the Hall does get very full. Please could you attend the appropriate assembly for your children Reception and KS1 on Tuesday OR KS2 on Wednesday.

**Children are invited in Reception and KS1 to wear pyjamas / dressing gowns on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and KS2 children on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

Date	Event
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 6 parents only – Laches Wood update 3.00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Whole school book topic assembly 2:15pm start - Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents only
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole school book topic assembly 2:15pm start Years 3,4, 5 and 6 parents only
25 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA 3:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
26 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening 3:20pm start
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Progress assembly 9:15am start School closes for Easter

**Knutton Brownie & Rainbows:**

Knutton Brownie and Rainbows meet every Thursday at St Mary’s Church, Rainbows is for children ages 5 and 6, from 5.15pm to 6.15pm, and Brownies is for children ages 7 to 10, from 6.30pm to 8pm. To join in the fun or find out more information, please see their website: [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) or call in on a Thursday evening for more information.

**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.

**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.

**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.

