



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2nd February 2018



Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week here at school. The children are all looking forward to our disco next week. All the children met a member from the Stoke City team in assembly this week. Our Year 2 children were delighted to receive their Stoke City bumper pack. Letters have gone out this week regarding a Stoke City football match. If you wish to take advantage of the special ticket offer, please can you make sure your forms and money are returned to school no later than **Monday 12th February.**

I just need to remind you of the school policy on sickness, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea: they need to be 48 hours clear before returning to school, I'm sure you will appreciate this is to help stop the spread of any bugs.

PE kits should be in school every day to ensure that the children are able to take part in any sporting activities during the school day. Although we have set PE days, arrangements may need to change and at times we have special events going on where the children will need their PE kit. By law the children have to take part in PE lessons as part of the national curriculum, therefore we need your support in this matter. We have a number of children who forget their kits, and it is not possible for the office to be continually ringing parents to request kits.

Effort of the week:

Well done to the following children who won this week: Freddie Hadley, Maisie Grace Hollingworth, Maisy Grainger, Lilly Timmis, Riley Gibson, Megan Walker, Jayden Gilbert, Asha White, Angel Baddeley and Millie Reader

Good to be Green:

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Kai Bailey, Holly Price, Ellie-Mae Smith, Leon Millward, Kole Cartlidge, Charlie Smith, Aleksander Munday, Scarlett Davenhill, Ben Davenhill and Adam Hughes.

Team Stars:

The running total so far:

Endeavour (blue) 35 Stars, Pioneer (green) 31 Stars, Voyager (yellow) 35 Stars, Discovery (red) 39 Stars.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%**. This week we achieved **93.0%**.

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 have gone out this week. EYFS / KS1 – 5:30-6:30 and KS2 – 6:30-7:30.

Laches Wood – Year 6:

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

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 looking at what Candlemas is. We have learnt that it was when Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple and Simeon recognised what a special child he was. He took Jesus very gently into his arms and said that Jesus was going to be a very special person. He was going to be like a bright light shining in the world. Then he blessed the baby and gave him back to his mother and father.

We have reflected on, 'What does it mean to shine like a candle in our world?' and 'How could I be like a candle in the world?'

This Week's Prayer

Dear God,

In a world that can seem dark and lonely,
may we shine like lights,
bringing joy and hope into each other's lives.
Amen.

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.

