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'Achievement for All'

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience and support this week while we have made some changes to the start of the school day. We hope you agree that the school day is now starting more smoothly and promptly. We are certainly finding that children are arriving in class, ready to learn.

In response to a couple of parents who have mentioned that their child doesn't seem to have much time to eat their meal, we have been looking at ways to make lunchtimes run more smoothly and efficiently. Following a meeting with Chartwells, we will be making some immediate changes to reduce the need for children to queue in the hall which is the main thing that slows the process down.

From Monday, Chartwells will be selling juice drinks and milkshakes during the morning break only, not at lunchtime. If your child wishes to buy a drink they will need to bring 30p for juice or 40p for milkshake and keep this money on them until the morning break (correct money will make this easier). Children will not be able to access their dinner purses during morning break. They may drink their drink at playtime or keep it until lunchtime. Fresh milk and water is available for all children at lunchtime.

At lunchtime, those children who have free school meals or have prepaid their lunch on-line by ParentPay or by cash in advance at the beginning of the week will not need to queue, but will line up at the hatch to collect their meal. Children who pay daily will still need to queue in order to pay for their meal. When using ParentPay, please ensure you book a meal, by 8.30am, otherwise the kitchen will not cook your child's meal.

You can help us (and your child) by either using ParentPay or by paying in advance. If you wish to pay in advance, please send an envelope into school clearly labelled with your child's name and class, the number of meals you wish to pay for and the amount of money in the envelope (ie £10.15 for the whole week, £2.03 per day).

The children have already been informed of the new arrangements and staff will be available on Monday to ensure that the process runs smoothly.

Volunteers needed!

Are you interested in supporting us by reading with children, supporting in class, organising a club after school or at lunchtime? If you have the time, we would love to welcome you as Stafford volunteers. Please pass your details onto the school office if you are interested.

Stafford Stars

The Stafford Star Awards presented during the Celebration Assemblies this week, were awarded to:

Year 3

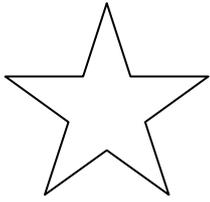
Endrit – Endrit shone in PE this week. He listened carefully to instructions and demonstrated excellent dribbling, passing and control skills. Well done, Endrit!

Taylor - Taylor has been a delight to have in class this week.

She has made lots of new friends and has settled well since the start of term. Taylor always tries her best in all areas of her learning. Keep up the good work!

Mia - Mia has shown great determination and perseverance in Maths this week. Her ability to ask for help and use classroom resources when necessary has enabled her to produce some fantastic work. I am very proud of you Mia. Well done!

Amy-Leigh - Amy Leigh has shown focus in her learning, especially in her English. She also supports other children who sometimes find it hard to engage in class. Amy-Leigh, it is a pleasure to have you in my class.



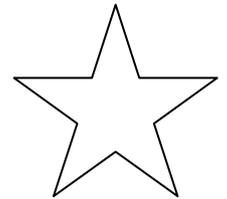
Year 4

Luca – Luca has impressed me with his hard work with his writing and with his efforts to improve his handwriting. Mrs Porrell also nominated Luca this week for the Stafford Star Award for his perseverance and developing confidence with his maths work, especially with his times tables. Well done, Luca. Keep up the good work!

Thomas - I was really pleased to hear how well Thomas did in his writing group during English recently. Having struggled to think of an idea, he persevered and produced the beginning of a chapter that I look forward to reading on Friday. Keep it up, Thomas!

Roise – Rosie has impressed me with the way in which she is always trying to improve her pieces of story writing. She was able to use a range of expanded noun phrases, helping me to 'see' what was going on in her story. Well done, Rosie!

Thomas - Mrs Porrell has been amazed by Thomas' enthusiasm in Maths. She told me that he nearly exploded out of his seat several times with answers to her questions! It is great that Thomas is engaged and participating in all of his lessons, every day. Well done, Thomas.



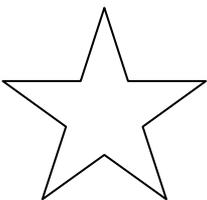
Year 5

Isaac - In all of his lessons this week, Isaac has been working hard on his listening skills and trying hard to show what he is capable of. I have also been impressed with how he has tried to look after our class, tidying it up, even when the mess is not his. Well done, Isaac.

Alfie - Miss Markides has been very impressed with how hard Alfie is working towards getting his target of using a thesaurus. Alfie has been using a thesaurus across the curriculum to improve his writing. Well done, Alfie. Keep up the hard work.

Lili - Miss Coombe has been impressed with Lili's determination and effort this week. She has been working really hard in all subjects, despite the broken arm. Well done, Lili!

Maddison - Maddison is very helpful in class and is an excellent register monitor for Miss Perry. Miss Coombe has also been very impressed with Maddison's improved concentration and effort in Maths this week. Well done, Maddison!

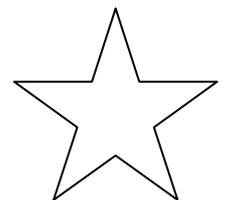


Year 6

Hadyn - You really impressed Mrs Ward this week with your attitude towards your learning. You were really enthusiastic about your writing and had lots of ideas to share with others for a story about a desert island.

William - Miss Taylor was very pleased with your writing about a desert island character last week. You also really impressed her with your Geography work; your information about the Tundra Biome was detailed and well organised.

Francesco - Mrs Stevens has noticed the effort that you have been making during our English lessons. You are sharing your ideas more readily and trying incredibly hard to improve your reading and writing.



Diary Dates

Monday 5th October – Harvest Assembly

Tuesday 6th October – Year 4 Trip to the Brighton Museum

Wednesday 7th October – Year 6 Trip to Safety in Action event

Wednesday 14th October – Year 3 Trip to the Children’s Book Festival, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill

Wednesday 21st October – Photographer taking individual children’s photographs and photographs with siblings

Friday 23rd October – Minion Day - Dress up like a Minion (using blue and yellow colours) or bring a Minion toy

Monday 26th- Friday 30th October – Half Term

Monday 2nd November – INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 3rd November – Parent Teacher Consultations, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday 4th November – Parent Teacher Consultations, 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Thursday 5th November – Year 5 Trip to the Globe Theatre

Thursday 5th November – Year 3 Trip to Michelham Priory

Thursday 12th November – Year 6 Trip to Hever Castle

Thursday 19th November – Residential Trip Meeting with Year 6 Families – 6:00-7:00 pm

Tuesday 8th December - Upper School Christmas Concert – All Souls Church - Evening

Wednesday 9th December - Lower School Christmas Concert – All Souls Church - Afternoon

Friday 18th December – Last day of term

Harvest Assembly

Please remember that on Monday children will be welcome to bring items for donation to Eastbourne Foodbank. Items they are particularly short of are: Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Peas or Carrots, Tinned Meat, Toiletries (shower gel or shampoo). Please bring items directly to the hall on Monday morning. We are pleased to be welcoming Father David (one of our Federation Governors) to lead our Harvest Assembly.

Attendance Challenge Cup

Last week, 21-25 September, the class who had the highest percentage attendance was 3 Rowan with 99.2% attendance! Fantastic! Well done, 3 Rowan.

Have a fabulous weekend and see you all next week.

Mandy Stewart

Headteacher