

Our stars from last week ...

Reception	Harley for great writing about a pumpkin, what fantastic self-belief you showed.
Year 1	Matas for making an amazing story map of our class story in English. Matas used fabulous words and Miss Callen loved his presentation. Well done Matas.
Year 2	Megan for putting every effort into all that you do. Megan shows all the Doxey Values as well as being kind and thoughtful to everyone.
Year 3	Gracie for showing self-belief when answering questions during class discussions. Keep it up!
Year 4	Chloe for showing a positive attitude to learning this week.
Year 5	Alfred for always taking pride in his maths work and being an excellent roll model, helping those who struggle.
Year 6	Keilly for always being focused and ready to learn. A super role model! Well done!

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

We have two vacancies for Parents to serve as a Governor of the school. The Governing Body has a significant role in the Strategic Leadership of the school and as such Parent Governors can make an important contribution to the development of policies and priorities and in overseeing the school budget.

Although not essential, the Governing Board would benefit from new members who have the knowledge or experience in Primary Education or Early Years provision; however, the most important requirement is that Governors should have strong commitment to raising standards and developing the services offered by the school.

Training is offered to all new Governors.

If we receive more than two applications, the position will be decided through a full secret ballot which will be open to parents of all children currently registered at the school—the term of office is 4 years.

Application forms are available from the school office and closing date to submit forms is Friday 10th November.

Please come to a meeting of our brand new PTFA

Wednesday 15th November at 2:30pm

What is a PTFA?

Parent, Teachers, Friends Association - A group of parents, staff and members of the school community organising events and fundraising activities to raise money to enhance children’s education.

Why have a PTFA?

Whilst PTFAs can help raise valuable funds they are about much, much more than fundraising. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school, and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It can be fun too!

Everyone is welcome and we’d love to come up with some Christmas fundraising ideas!

If you would love to be involved but can't make this meeting please let school know and we will keep you informed!

WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT CHESTER ZOO

Monday 27th November - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 28th November – Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2

To coincide with our week long Reading focus where we will be looking at books involving zoos and animals, we have arranged a whole school trip to Chester Zoo.

The trip has been heavily subsidised by the school fund, however for your child to visit Chester Zoo a payment of £10 is requested and can be paid either in cash or cheque, made payable to: Staffordshire County Council

Permission slips and payments are to be returned no later than Monday 20th November.



REMEMBRANCE DAY SACRED SPACE

Tuesday 7th November 2017—KS2 Children only

Throughout the day children in KS2 will take part in a Remembrance Day, Sacred Space workshop. Sacred Space lasts one hour and includes an introduction to prayer and zoned areas to learn about;

- Forgiveness and Sorry—What are Christians taught about forgiveness? Why do we need to say sorry?,
- Peace— What did Jesus teach us about peace?
- Remembrance—What would I like to remember and why? Impressions—What impression do I want to leave behind and why?
- Be Still—quiet personal reflection

POPPY APPEAL 2017



Poppies are available in school for a small donation. Also available are friendship bracelets, snap rulers and wristbands for a suggested donation of £1 and reflectors for 50p.

The monies raised from this appeal will continue to support service men and woman young and old who have fought for our country.



Family Portrait Night

>>**NEW DATE**<< Tuesday 7th November >>**NEW DATE**<<

Appointments will be sent home today on a slip and a text will be sent too!
Please ensure your party arrives in the school hall at least 10 minutes prior to the appointment slot.

Please access the school hall via the playground at the back of the school as the front doors will be locked.



Class with the Best Attendance

Year 4 — 98.15%

Here's how the other classes performed...

Reception Class— 97.4%, Year 1—93.9%, Year 2— 84.6%,
Year 3— 96.4%, Year 5— 90.75% and Year 6—94.5%



If you like craft activities, stories, fun and food, then Messy Church is for you and your family! (children must be accompanied by an adult).



Messy Church meets in the school hall, once a month, 3.15pm—4.30pm, free of charge!

The next session is Friday 10th November

E-safety magazine

#DITTO is a free online safety magazine from e-safety adviser, Alan Mackenzie, aimed at schools, organisations and parents. The content looks at risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology.

You can find the latest edition of #DITTO here:

<http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter>

WEAR SPOTS TO SCHOOL ON:

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2017

IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION OF 50p or more to

CHILDREN IN NEED



APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION CLASS—SEPTEMBER 2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE MONDAY 15TH JANUARY

All our nursery children and any child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 are due to start full-time education in September next year. To ensure your child's place in our reception class all applications must be received at the school admissions office by January 15th 2016.

The best way to make your application is to apply online at:
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Dates for your diaries...

Tuesday	7th November	Family Portrait Session from 4pm.
Friday	17th November	Children in Need Day—Wear Spots for School
Monday	27th November	KS2 visit Chester Zoo
Tuesday	28th November	KS1 visit Chester Zoo
Monday	11th December	Flu Immunisation Team in School.
Tuesday	12th December	Nursery and Reception Nursery Rhyme Nativity at 9.30am—school hall
Tuesday	12th December	Year 1 and Year 2 'A Midwife Crisis' Christmas Production at 2pm—school hall
Wednesday	13th December	West Midlands Theatre perform 'Wizard William'
Thursday	14th December	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Thursday	14th December	Christmas Lunch—a separate letter and booking form will be out soon
Tuesday	19th December	Christmas Service at the church 2pm
Tuesday	19th December	School Closes for Christmas
Wednesday	3rd January	School Closed—Inset Day
Thursday	4th January	School opens for Spring Term

LAST WEEK IN RECEPTION CLASS...

What a great first week back after half term. These are a few of the activities we did last week. We explored pumpkins with our senses, painted pictures of them and created firework paintings, counted out pumpkin seeds, practised cutting skills, hammered golf tees into our pumpkins safely, acted out Room on a Broom and wrote about our pumpkins.



Big Talk Homework Reception



Please could you talk with your child about the image. Can they say two sentences to describe what they can see?