



## A Message from Mrs Kee

I have been proud to see and hear about lots of children who have been demonstrating our value 'We are brave'. They have recognised that making mistakes is part of learning and often our goals take time and effort to achieve. In Reception, a child making a model, didn't get discouraged when it was accidentally knocked over. Instead, he focused on rebuilding it to make it 'even better'! In KS1, a child had created a drawing, but it wasn't quite the way she wanted it. Instead of getting upset or cross, she said, "I know, I can try again!"

Our assembly on Monday was about 'Going for Goals', linking to our value 'We are brave' and our current PSHE unit of learning, 'Dreams and Goals'. The children enjoyed finding out about Lionel Messi's journey to World Cup success. Messi played for Argentina in 2006 and scored a goal. In 2010, he failed to score a single goal. In 2014, Argentina reached the final, but Germany won and in 2018 his team were eliminated early. Messi could have just given up after all this time, but he was brave in the face of challenge and persevered, finally achieving his goal in December 2022. We were also inspired by 'Eric Liddell', a Scottish sprinter and rugby player, who participated in the 1924 Paris Olympics. The children were impressed with his story. You can watch the short video together at home by clicking this link: [School Radio - School Radio, Going for goals: Eric Liddell \(bbc.co.uk\)](https://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolradio/going-for-goals-eric-liddell)



In our whole school assembly on Monday and our Merit assembly on Friday, I was pleased to be able to choose some children to sit on the stage as good role models for the whole school, demonstrating good listening skills. Well done! In assembly next week, we will be thinking more about perseverance and identifying characters in stories that have not giving up.

Wishing you a lovely weekend! See you on Monday, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	96.60%
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Reception	96.74%
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Year 1	97.36%
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Year 2	95.73%
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We are in the green this week – well done!



Congratulations to  
**Dragonflies**

for being the class  
with the highest attendance this week.  
Well done!

**Make sure your  
child attends school every day  
so that they get the  
most from their education.**

## Home Achievements

Thanks for sharing your  
achievements in  
gymnastics, dance and  
swimming – well done!



## Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners!  
**Reception**



**Year 1**



**Year 2**







## Lovely Learning

In Dragonflies this week, the children were learning about setting goals and how we learn best to achieve them. They had to carefully follow instructions their partner gave them without looking to make a model and a drawing and see if it was the same.



**Listen  
carefully**

**Concentrate**



**Speak  
clearly**



**Be  
patient**



### What makes a good friend?

In Ladybirds, the children were learning about what makes a good friend. They had to sort pictures into the correct hoops.

They linked some of the images to our value 'We care' as they described helping someone who is hurt and taking turns and sharing fairly. They knew that being kind was important.





## Illness Update

As winter illnesses continue to circulate, we are ensuring that children are reminded about hand washing regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating. Please ensure that you continue to relay these messages at home also.

**UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advice remains clear that children can continue to attend school as normal unless they are unwell and have a high temperature.**

Latest data from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) continues to show scarlet fever and group A strep (GAS) infections remain high, although the number of notifications has fallen in recent weeks.

Strep A is a common type of bacteria. It is important to note that most strep A infections are mild and easily treated, but some can be more serious.

Common symptoms of strep A include:

- flu-like symptoms, such as a high temperature, swollen glands or an aching body
- sore throat (strep throat or tonsillitis)
- a rash that feels rough, like sandpaper (scarlet fever)
- scabs and sores (impetigo)
- pain and swelling (cellulitis)
- severe muscle aches
- nausea and vomiting

For further information and advice visit NHS:

[Strep A - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



## Parent Information - Dadditude App

**Dadditude: The Happy Dad App - Self-Care Coaching & Community for Dads**

We know you want to be a great Dad. But we also know how stressful, and complex it is to feel like you're doing a great job. Dadditude is the app for becoming a happier, more confident dad.

**A Community of Dads Like You** - Ask questions & exchange tips with dads like you in a safe space build to share the best and worst of #dadlife. Dadditude dads help each other grow more confident. Connect with other dads over shared experiences of parenting newborn babies, toddlers, school kids, tweens and teens.





## Chinese New Year Menu – Monday 23rd Jan!



**Come along and join us for our**

**Chinese New Year Menu**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

**Battered Chicken Chunks with Sweet & Sour Sauce**

(Contains Wheat, Cereal)

**Or**

**Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls**

(Contains Wheat, Cereal, Soya, Sesame)

Served with egg noodles (Contains Egg), rainbow rice (Contains Egg), peas and  
sweetcorn

**XXXX**

**Strawberry Jelly Cubes (Not Vegetarian) served with Peach  
Segments**

**Fortune Cookie (Contain Wheat, Cereal, Egg)**

**Free Pair of Chopsticks**

We are serving a special menu on Monday 23rd January! This menu won't be visible on ParentPay, so please ensure you select the meat option available on ParentPay if your child would like to have this meat option and the same with the veggie options. There will be no jacket potatoes available on this day!





## Parent Fact Sheet Cost-of-living support

Find out what help and support is available to you and your family as the cost-of-living crisis continues to bite. We know everyone is feeling the pinch this winter and we want to support those families in our school community who are impacted the most. If you're struggling with your finances, please do get in touch to let us know, as there may be things, we can suggest which will help. We want to do everything we can to help you and your child through this difficult winter.

### Contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau

You don't have to be a UK citizen to get support from your local CAB, you just need to be a resident of the local area. The CAB can help you with:

- Getting benefits or other financial support organised
- Accessing support for essential costs (food, bills, rent)

Visit the [Citizens Advice's](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/) website or contact your local branch to book an appointment

114 Church Street Church Gresley

SWADLINCOTE

Derbyshire

DE11 9NR

<http://www.citizensadvicemidmercia.org.uk/>

0808 2787972

### Check you're paying the right amount of tax

Make sure you're on the right tax code. If you aren't you might be due a refund. Use the [Money Saving Expert's](#) free tax code calculator to find out.

### Claim any benefits you're entitled to

Use 1 of these benefits calculators to determine whether there are any benefits you could be claiming:

[Turn2us](#)

[Policy in Practice](#)

[Support for migrant families](#) – use this calculator if you are a migrant family, or if you have no recourse to public funds

You may be able to get benefits paid early if you're already feeling the squeeze - this is known as 'a short-term benefit advance' - you will need to contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) office that's dealing with your claim.





## Parent Fact Sheet Cost-of-living support

### Check you've received all the government's cost of living payments

The government's [cost of living payment](#) is available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these – if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account.

If you think you're due a payment, but haven't received one – [report a missing payment](#) to the government here.

**Be aware of scams!** If you receive any emails, texts or phone calls asking you to fill in an application form or asking for your bank details to receive a cost of living payment, **do not talk to them or send a reply**. Get more information on [cost of living scams](#) on the Money Saving Expert's website

### Find out what help you can get with your energy bills

Take a look at these resources from [Simple Energy Advice](#), the [British Gas Energy Trust](#) and the [Money Saving Expert](#) website.

### Let us know if your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM)

If your child is eligible for free school meals (FSM) you need to get them registered. This will allow them to get a free meal at school, and we'll get extra funding to support your child's learning. Please contact the office to find out more information.

### See what other support you can get from your local authority

The local authority has a range of support for families which can be fund here: [Household support fund - Staffordshire County Council](#)

### Get free or low-cost food

If you're worried about not having enough food to feed your family, you're not alone. There are a number of places offering support. If you have a child under 4, and meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to [healthy start food vouchers](#)

TCC, 63 Main Street, Stapenhill, DE15 9AR.

Every Monday 10am to 12pm or call and leave to arrange a convenient time for collection outside these hours on 01283 295678.

YMCA Foodbank call – 01283 547211.

Burton Salvation Army – 07514666759







## Parent Fact Sheet Cost-of-living support

### Warm spaces

There are several local organisations and venues providing warm spaces throughout the week. A full list can be found at: [Local Warmer Public Community Spaces | ESBC \(eaststaffsbc.gov.uk\)](#)

Some local venues include:

- Princess Street Training, Education & Enterprise Centre, Princess Street, Burton DE14 2NW running Mondays & Tuesdays 11am to 3pm and the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 12pm to 2pm
- Warm 'n' Welcome, The Glebe, Stanton Road, Burton DE15 9RW running Fridays 11.30am to 1:30pm
- Heat and Eat, The Community Church, No. 1 Ferry Street, Burton DE15 9EU running Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm and Thursdays 6pm to 9pm
- Short Street Community Café, Stapenhill DE15 9LT. Starting w/c 21st November running Tuesday 10am to 12pm and Thursday 4pm to 6pm
- Riverside Church, High Street, Burton DE14 1LD running Tuesday 11am to 1pm

### Further information

Contact [StepChange](#), if you're struggling with debt

Contact [Shelter](#) if you're having issues related to housing

Get free household goods on [Freecycle](#)

Contact the [Salvation Army](#) for emergency assistance if you're eligible for [grants from Turn2us](#)

Single parents can get support from [Gingerbread](#)

# Stay Well This Winter

[Stay Well this Winter\(eaststaffsbc.gov.uk\)](#)



1 Get your winter vaccines



2 Be active and keep yourself moving



3 Keep yourself and your home nice and warm



4 Think about your mental health as well as physical health



5 Make sure you're claiming all the financial support you are entitled to







## Staying safe while playing games online

### Guide for Parents and Carers

Online gaming is hugely popular with children and young people. Annual research conducted by OFCOM shows that gaming is still one of the top activities enjoyed online by 5–16 year olds, with many of them gaming on mobile phones, games consoles, tablets or computers.

**Consider games' age ratings:** Games, just like films, have age ratings which are regulated by PEGI. These show the age that young people need to be in order to legally buy a game in the UK. PEGI have also created a set of content descriptors which show what content will be seen in the game and give an indication to why it received its rating.

**Check who your child is chatting with:** Many games have a chat feature which allows gamers to communicate with other players. On some games this is an open chat box where comments can be typed, whilst others may only allow a gamer to select from set phrases. Chat within games can happen publicly, so that other players can see it and interact, or privately in the form of a personal message. Many games also allow you to chat verbally via a wearable headset.

**Discuss how to report or block unkind messages:** Online bullying can happen in games as well as on social media or messaging apps. It could be through unkind comments or messages, or by targeting other players within in a game. Most games have reporting and blocking features which can be used to support a young person who is being bullied online.

### Understanding Fortnite

Since its release 2017, the battle-royale simulator – Fortnite, has become ubiquitous in classrooms and playgrounds throughout the world. In the UK, Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'.

Although our children are younger than this, we appreciate that they live in households where older siblings may play the game. Parents can access advice about the game through Safer Internet UK:

[A parents guide to Fortnite: Battle Royale - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)





# Forest School and Library Dates

## Parent Library Mornings Spring Term

### Year R Tuesday Sessions Spring Term:

<b>Foxes</b>	10/1	31/1	28/2	21/3
<b>Squirrels</b>	17/1	7/2	7/3	28/3
<b>Badgers</b>	24/1	14/2	14/3	-

### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions Spring Term:

<b>Kestrels</b>	11/1	1/2	1/3	22/3
<b>Owls</b>	18/1	8/2	8/3	29/3
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	25/1	15/2	15/3	-

### Year 1 Thursday Sessions Spring Term:

<b>Dragonflies</b>	12/1	2/2	2/3	23/3
<b>Ladybirds</b>	19/1	9/2	9/3	30/3
<b>Busy Bees</b>	26/1	16/2	16/3	-

## Forest School Days Spring Term

### Week 1

**Monday – Badgers**

**Tuesday – Foxes**

**Thursday – Squirrels**

**Friday – Busy Bees**

These classes will have Forest School  
afternoons on the days above during  
the following weeks: 9/1 23/1  
6/2 27/2 13/3 27/3

### Week 2

**Monday – Dragonflies**

**Tuesday – Woodpeckers**

**Wednesday - Ladybirds**

**Thursday – Kestrels**

**Friday – Owls**

These classes will have Forest School  
afternoons on the days above during  
the following weeks: 16/1 30/1  
13/2 6/3 20/3





# Dates for your diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2022-23

### Autumn Term 2022

**Inset day:** Monday 5 September

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 6 September

**Half Term:** Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

**Term ends:** Friday 16 December

**Holiday:** Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

### Spring Term 2023

**Inset day:** Tuesday 3 January

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 4 January

**Half Term:** Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

**Term ends:** Friday 31 March

**Holiday:** Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 9 April

### Summer Term 2023

**Inset day:** Monday 17 April

**Term starts:** Tuesday 18 April

**May Day:** Monday 1 May

**EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
(King's Coronation)

**Half Term:** Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

**Term ends:** Tuesday 25 July

**Holiday:** Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

### **Violet Way Inset Days**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

## What's Coming Up?

**Toddler Morning** – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

**Reception Chinese restaurant trip** - 18<sup>th</sup> January / 20<sup>th</sup> January / 25<sup>th</sup> January

**Children's Mental Health Week** 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February

**Safer Internet Day:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Parents' Evenings** – 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February

**World book day (wear pyjamas)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Reception - Animal Workshop** - 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Comic relief (wear red)** 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Mothers Day Play and Stay** 20<sup>th</sup> March (YR 9am-10am  
Y1 10am-11am Y2 11am-12pm)

**World Down Syndrome day** 21<sup>st</sup> March – wear odd socks (celebrate individuality)

**PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo** 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Autism Awareness week** 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Egg hunt in the woodlands** – 29<sup>th</sup> March

