



NEWSLETTER

"Celebrate Learning, Achieving and Friendship in God's Love"

Date: 17th July 2020



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Well what a year it has been for all of us. I would like to personally thank everyone in our school community for their continued support and understanding. We are looking forward to September, when all being well, we shall be back together.

We have formulated our plans and put in place the control measures that will help to keep everyone as safe as possible. Hopefully, by September, there will be better news coming from the government in terms of the Covid 19 virus and we will all be able to edge closer to our pre-March 2020 lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to also say a huge thank you to the staff here at school who have worked throughout this period, many of them not having a break since February.

It leaves for me to wish you all a safe and happy break.

Keep well.

Mr Wood

Forest School

I am delighted to share some photographs of our new outdoor provisions which are located in the school area outside the Ladybirds and Otters classrooms. This is a fantastic extension,



created by Matt at Rural Pride, and will enhance our Forest School resources and

means the children at Waterhouses will have even more opportunities for outdoor learning.



In view of this, it would be great if every child has waterproofs and wellington boots for when they come back in September. This

will ensure that whatever the weather we will be able to use the amazing facilities.

A big thank you to the PTFA who helped raise funds for this wonderful wooded area and we hope in the coming months you will all get an opportunity to view it.



I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Mr Dodson



To continue our your exploration of nature the butterfly society has a survey that we can all take part in running to 9th August that might be fun to take part in. More details are attached to this newsletter and to investigate further follow the link below.
<https://gardenbutterflysurvey.org/>

Celebrating our fabulous reading achievements of 19-20

It has been truly fantastic to see lots of reading taking place during the lockdown. The points and word counts have been totting up as the weeks tick by. Attached is the word count leader board for the last two weeks and an overall leader board for 2019-20 to acknowledge the achievements of our biggest bookworms in school. Accelerated Reader will remain open over the summer holiday for you to continue quizzing if you'd like.

Leek library is due to reopen on the 20th July and are operating an 'order and collect' service for the first few weeks if you have run out of reading material at home. Due to the virus, the Summer Reading Challenge, which our children usually love to take part in, has gone online this year. You can find out more about this and how to join the challenge here:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/Summer-reading-challenge.aspx>

The following website also remains a great place to find and read motivational and age-appropriate texts:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

I would like to say a huge well done to the following children for achieving (or maintaining) their word millionaires status this year. We applaud the following bookworms:

Cadence H
Faith G
Cameron M
Joseph G
Mollie C
Faith H
Skyler C

A special 'congratulations' goes to **Faith H** (Y3) and **Skyler C** (Y6) who have achieved their status in the nick of time. Book vouchers and

certificates have been delivered to the children. Unfortunately, we have not been able to hold our annual Word Millionaires Tea Party this year, but Cadence and Faith (pictured) pulled off a rather grand looking affair at home, this Wednesday. Faith was determined to make the accolade just before the end of term so she could join her older sister in their home-made celebration. Mum tells me that the girls even made the cakes themselves! How wonderful!



Points certificates have been sent out via Class Dojo for all the children achieving their individual points targets this half term. Well done to you!

Finally, a MASSIVE thank you to Joe G, his parents and sister for donating an incredibly generous amount of books to our school library. The children will be very excited to see lots of new stock that we have purchased, alongside Joe's fabulous donations in our school library come September. Thanks to your generosity, our collection of fiction continues to grow alongside our love of reading.

Well done everyone and keep on reading over the summer. I can't wait to get reading some new and exciting adventures!

Mrs Lafford

Further Home Schooling Resources!

Free maths resources for parents to access at their leisure over the summer. These are fully aligned to the scheme we use in school and the teachers have been setting work from during the school closure. They may give you an idea of what the children will be starting to work on in September, with the main focus being on place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/primary-resources/parent-workbooks/>

Winky Chicks

Grace S has been working incredibly hard during the school closure period, not just with the home learning set by Mrs Lafford, but by expanding her own business! Our little entrepreneur has been working on an exciting new website and online shop for her rare breed 'chicken boutique', Winky Chicks. Grace has been kept busy hatching heritage rare breed chicks, saving them from extinction and collecting eggs to sell from her broods of fancy, fine hens. You can check out her rather impressive website and visit her online shop here: www.winkychicks.co.uk. Top job, Grace, I can't wait to sample some of your free range eggs in September!

Mrs Lafford

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

In the Ladybird class we are developing our collection of resources and materials known as 'Loose Parts'.



These materials (an example can be seen above) will enhance our young children's learning and are items such as plastic crates, wooden cable reels, plastic guttering, bendy pipes, large plastic buckets, old steering wheels in fact, a wide range of objects can be used for Loose Parts in our outdoor area. All of the items that the children will use can be carried, stacked, lined up and manoeuvred around in multiple ways and this will enhance the children's creativity as they learn to explore and investigate during their play.

If you have any of the above items or anything that you think may be useful for our Ladybird class please speak to Mrs Hulme when we return in September. Thank you.



Also, we would like to create this fab egg box tree during the autumn term. We would very much appreciate it if you could collect any egg boxes which have

contained 12 eggs and send them in in September. We would like a mixture of colours which will then use to create an environmentally recycled (whisper this next word quietly!) Christmas tree during the period of Advent.

Piano Donation

Thank you to the Longsons for kindly donating an electric piano to the school, which will assist Becky Hunt with social distancing when music lessons are able to restart in school, and to Dave Garratt for helping to move it!

Music Lessons



Becky Hunt

Piano, Violin, Electronic Keyboard
& Singing Lessons

In these strange times like many others Becky has had to adapt and has been teaching successfully via video link. Some of our current pupils have continued their lessons throughout lockdown.

Becky is continuing lessons through the summer holidays and is happy to welcome new pupils and those who were already having lessons this year from now onwards. All you need is a mobile phone, tablet or laptop and a 3g or 4g connection or WiFi - no fancy kit necessary.

If you wish your child to start lessons virtually please contact Becky:

Email: beckyhuntmusic@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 07941429491

Facebook.com/beckyhuntpiano

Governors Update

There have been some changes in personnel on our Local Governing Body. We say a big thank you to Tracey Fowler and Pam Smith who are both standing down. Mrs Smith has made a great contribution over the 8 years she has been a governor, particularly as a member of the Finance and Personnel Committee, which had many meetings at budget-setting time before we joined QEGSMAT.

We welcome Mrs Judith Johnson who will become a new school governor in September.

School Uniform from Supersport

Supersport would like us to relay the message that they are NOT currently implementing an appointment system. The shops are operating with a limited number of customers allowed in at a time and this is working well at present. There is therefore no need to book in to visit the shop to buy your school uniform for September.



www.supersport.co.uk

Hope Silk Mill, Macclesfield Road, Leek, Staffordshire

Our return in September

Pupils return on Wednesday 2nd September. Children should come in full school uniform as there will be no PE that day.

Milk and Toast - in the current climate there will be no break time milk and toast provision for pupils, except for those Early Years children under 5 who will receive the government provided milk. Fruit is provided for Ladybirds and Otters pupils but these and the older children may bring in a healthy snack and water is always available for drinking.

Good Bye!

We are very sad to see them go but we must say Good Bye to our Year 6 and Year 4 leavers of 2020. Farewell also to the children from other years who are moving on to pastures new. They have all experienced and learnt so much in their time here and we hope leave with fond memories. We wish them Good Luck as they move on to the next stage in their life.



On their last day watching the leavers DVD Mrs Lafford put together for them while wearing their Leavers hoodies which were organised by the PTFA.



*We wish you all a very Happy and
Healthy Summer Holiday
and look forward to opening our
school doors to all our pupils on
Wednesday 2nd September*

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AcceleratedTM
Reader

Word Count Leader Board

Total Words Read This Year

18,414,953

Summer
term

8/7/20 – 17/7/21

1. Faith H

294,858

3. Savannah C

77,325

5. Willow S

25,684

7. Annabel W

15,344

9. Phoenix W

12,282

2. Cameron M

78,466

4. Cadence H

49,789

6. Raif S

24,511

8. Skye C

14,282

10. Georgia A

3,297





Accelerated™ Word Count Leader Board Reader

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18,414,953

Summer 2
Overall
2020

1. Cadence H
3,353,010

2. Faith G
1,813,867

3. Cameron M
1,607,231

4. Joe G
1,424,395

5. Mollie C
1,325,960

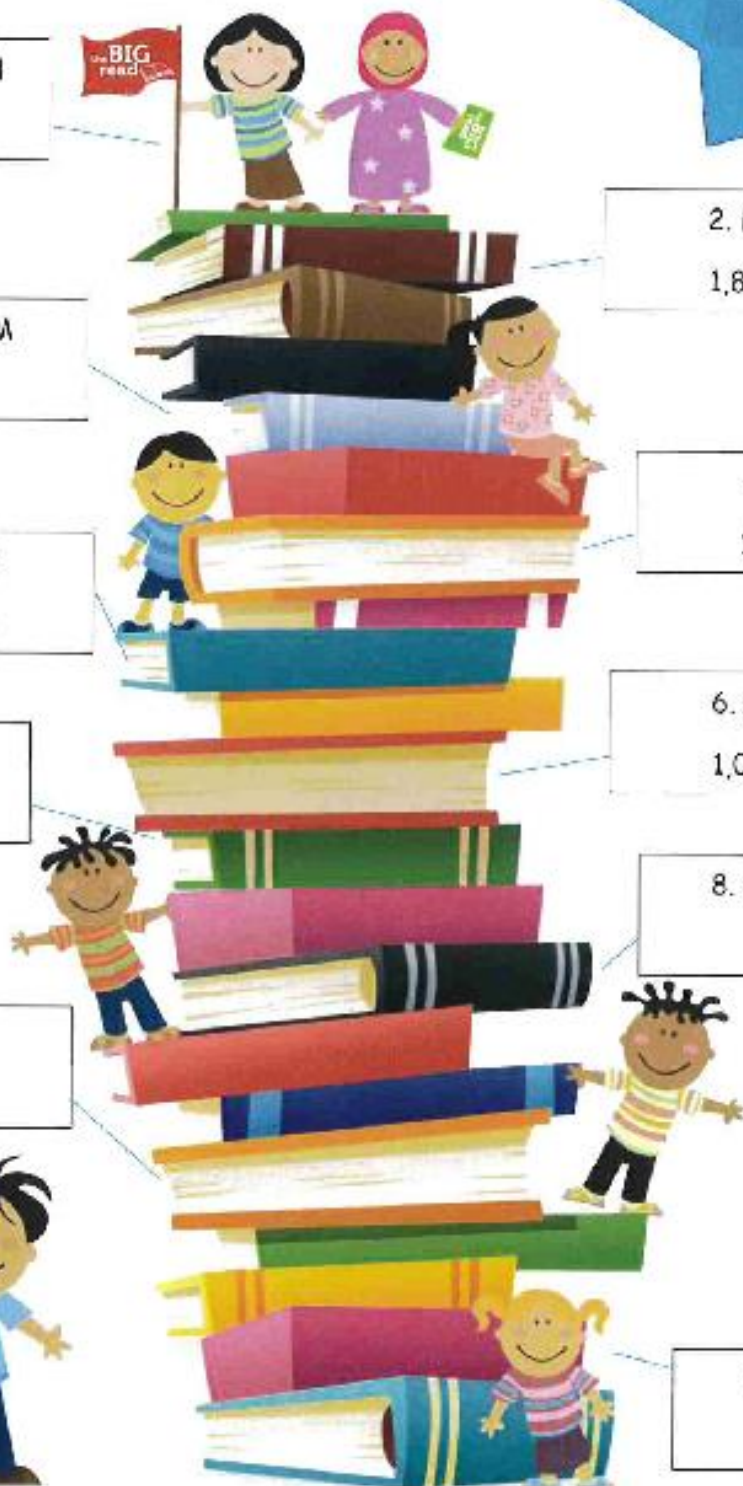
6. Faith H
1,034,807

7. Skyler C
1,008,844

8. Constance G
521,297

9. Charlie H
487,448

10. Annabel W
463,773



Help us take nature's pulse by joining the Big Butterfly Count.

The Big Butterfly Count is a UK-wide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see.

HOW DO I TAKE PART?

Step 1.

Get ready

Download our handy butterfly ID chart or free app for iOS and Android to identify and record the butterflies you spot.

[DOWNLOAD CHART](#)



Step 2.

Join in

Between **Friday 17 July** and **Sunday 9 August** choose a place to spot butterflies and moths. Watch for **15 minutes**. Then record which species you see in step 3.



Step 3.

Add your counts

Add your counts [here](#) on the website or via the app and look at our fascinating interactive [map](#) to see how your data is contributing to conservation science and research.

[ADD COUNT](#)

GET THE FREE APP

Count on the move with the FREE big butterfly count app.

With the free smartphone app for big butterfly count you can carry out and submit your Count all in one go while out and about watching butterflies. Now available for iOS and Android.



