



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As always, writing the last newsletter of an academic year is a time to reflect on the events of the past year. This year has been a challenge in many ways adapting to the demands of a pandemic whilst trying to ensure that the academic progress of each and every child is maintained. Who would have thought the terms 'bubbles' and 'remote learning' would be part of our everyday language? Constant change and adapting to new guidance and requirements is never easy and we know we haven't got it right all of the time.

Looking back over the last year, I just want to thank various groups.

Firstly to the staff, whatever their role in school. Whenever they have been asked to step up, make changes to how they teach, fill in for absent colleagues and many other big asks they have done. Irrespective of their own health or the needs of their own family, they have ensured that the needs of the pupils and the children have been met.

Thank you for all the support we have received from yourselves as parent and carers. You have supported all the changes we have had to make and worked with school to make sure we could operate in the safest and most productive way. I am sure there have been times when you have been frustrated with the school and the situation but your overwhelming support and patience has been much appreciated.

Lastly, the children. Their resilience, adaptability and love of learning has kept us all going. People enter the teaching profession and work in schools to make a difference to young people. They inspire us to work hard to develop their potential and broaden their life opportunities, never more so than this last year. You should be very proud of them.

The end of an academic year also brings its fair share of goodbyes. Our best wishes go to all our Year 6 and those other few children from other year groups who leave us to carry on their learning journeys elsewhere. Good luck and thank you for everything you have done at Richard Wakefield.

We also say goodbye to Miss Walton and wish her well in her new ventures. Her warmth and kindness will be missed by everyone.

Also after over 20 years Mrs Woodall retires from her role. To define her role is very hard because the name has changed often; business manager, bursar etc. However to us she is the font of all knowledge and the engine that has kept this school going. Her understanding of the school and its place in the community is immeasurable and her retirement will leave a huge pair of shoes to be filled. We all wish her a long and very happy retirement.

Finally, this will be my last newsletter. It is a privilege to lead any school and it has been so here. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Richard Wakefield and will always look back on the last seven years with fondness, mainly due to the amazing people and children I have worked with.

When the school reopens in September it will be different with new faces and a new principal. I wish Mrs Lowe and her new team every success moving forward. The future of the school is in very safe hands.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

From September, Premier Active will provide our wrap around care: an Ofsted registered company with extensive experience of working alongside schools.



**Richard Wakefield C of E
Primary School**

The welcome pack and register of interest forms can be found on our website [here](#). Thank you very much to the families who have already registered their interest.

The breakfast club will run from 7:45am – 8:45am on site from the dining room (entrance from Burton Street) and an after school club is to be run after school with the options of childcare until 4:30pm or 6:00pm. They will provide an afterschool club every day until 4:30pm catering for all ages, followed by an extra provision from 4:30pm – 6:00pm allowing children who may choose a school club to then benefit from the additional time if needed.

This club will accept childcare vouchers. Many parents enquired about families who work shifts: the

club can be booked electronically on a weekly basis allowing families to vary the days and frequency with which they use the provision.

Please check our website for updates on the Premier Active clubs for the Autumn term.

VALUE OF THE MONTH

This month's value is Friendship



This value is explored constantly in all areas of school life. Children (and adults) are at their happiest and most confident when amongst friends. Unhappy times at school are usually as a result of children having minor 'fall outs' or disagreements with each other. Staff are highly trained and sensitive in dealing with these issues and children are very clear about what makes a good friend. Our work on values constantly reinforces how they all complement each other and encourage our children to think deeply. For example, *'It is possible to show respect to someone without being their friend, but is it possible to be a good friend without showing respect?'*

Friendship can mean different things to different people and we look forward to learning from each other during the month of July.

In our worship time we have focussed on reflecting on and valuing the friendships we already have. We also talked about making new friends when starting a new class in September, or when moving to a new school (especially important for our Year 6 pupils). Please reflect on this value with your child.

LUNCH MONEY

In order to bring our lunch money up to date ready for the new term in September, may we please request all outstanding lunch money is paid by Tuesday 20th July. You may receive a text from the school office shortly to inform you of the amount but if not, please contact the school office to request a reminder. Thank you in advance.

STAFF VACANCY – LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor to start in September. This is a very rewarding job and if you like working with children and can spare an hour in the middle of the day, please contact the school office for an application form. The post is Monday to Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:15pm.

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and this position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

All applicants must be able to provide documentation to prove their right to work in the UK.

DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Tuesday 20 th July	de Ferrers transition morning for Y6 children - rearranged
Wednesday 21 st July	End of Term
Thursday 22 nd July	Summer holiday
Wednesday 1 st September	Inset day (1 of 5) School Closed
Thursday 2 nd September	First day of Autumn Term
Monday 25 th Oct – Friday 29 th Oct Half Term	
Monday 1 st November	Inset day (2 of 5) School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd November	Inset day (3 of 5) School Closed
Monday 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January Christmas holiday	
Tuesday 4 th January	First day of Spring Term
Friday 18 th February	Inset day (4 of 5) School Closed
Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February Half Term	
Monday 11 th April – Friday 22 nd April Easter holiday	
Monday 25 th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June Half term	
Monday 6 th June	Inset day (5 of 5) School Closed
Friday 22 nd July – Friday 2 nd September Summer holiday	