



# Richard Wakefield C.E Primary Academy

*Let all that you do be in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14*

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It only seems like two minutes since we left for half term. It is wonderful to see everyone back in school and ready to learn and have fun. We have a few more events that we have been able to add to our calendar; as ever they are dependent upon the number of Covid cases in our school and area but we are keen to ensure that as many as possible go ahead, as planned.

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to contribute to our Harvest Service. The food was donated to Burton Hope, a local charity who provide food to people who are homeless and to families who are struggling to provide food for their children. They were absolutely delighted with the amount donated and wanted to pass on their gratitude to all of our families.

We have now launched our own 'Breakfast and After School Club' to support our families with their wrap-around-care. If anyone else is interested in their child joining the club, then please contact the office for further information. We are thrilled with the response so far and I know that the children who are already attending are thoroughly enjoying themselves.

As always, if you have any questions or if any issues arise, please speak to the staff, Mrs Wiles or myself at your earliest opportunity. Please do not wait to contact us because the sooner we know about any issue the quicker we can resolve it.

## Poverty Proofing

Thank you very much to all of our parents who have responded to the Poverty Proofing questionnaire that we sent out at the beginning of the week. The company are asking every child, member of staff, governor and as many parents as possible for their opinions on how we are able to support all of our children and families.

We are keen to do as much as we can to support our school community and are looking forward to working on their recommendations.

All of the visitors who have spoken to the children have been so enthused by how polite and kind the children in our school are. I am incredibly proud of them and wanted to pass on those wonderful comments to you - they have all been a credit to our school!



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## Value of the Month

### **COURAGE**

Our value for November is 'Courage'. We will be talking to the children about what courage is and that it is doing what we know is the right thing even when we know it might be difficult. November is the perfect month to reflect on this value; alongside Remembrance Day and Anti-bullying week, it gives us the perfect platform to discuss times when others or we ourselves would have to be courageous.

#### **Joshua 1:9**

*<sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*



#### **New Parents meeting**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - 6pm

We would like to invite all prospective parents to an introductory meeting and tour of our school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. This will be for all prospective parents for children starting school in September 2022. At present we are planning to hold the meeting in school. We politely request that anyone attending takes an LFD test prior to the meeting for the safety of all people in attendance. If COVID cases in our area increase we will move the meeting to a Zoom meeting.

#### Applying for a primary school

The quickest and easiest way is to apply online. Applications opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and the closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Parents will be informed of the places on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**Note: you must make an application by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. There is no automatic entry into Reception.**

Further information is available on the Staffordshire County Council admissions website at

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

#### **Remembrance Day Poppy appeal**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, our Year 6 children will be selling poppies and other products to support the Royal British Legion. The sales will take place all week during playtime.

The suggested donations for the other products available are:

Zip pull - 50p

Reflector poppy - 50p

Wristband - £1

Snap band - £1



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## Switch it off Fortnight

Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November

At Richard Wakefield we now have an Eco Council, a group of children from each class who are exploring ways in which we can make our school more 'eco-friendly'. Their first project has been to sign our school up for 'Switch it off Fortnight'. We are making an effort to switch off all non-essential equipment when we leave our rooms in a bid to reduce our energy consumption and to be kinder to the environment.



## Anti Bullying Week and Children in Need

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November we would like to invite everyone to wear odd socks for the day to launch Anti-Bullying Week. Over the week we will be partaking in dedicated lessons and activities relating to Bullying to highlight the importance of reporting everything. This year we are focusing on 'One Kind Word' which ties in perfectly with our school and church values. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November our School Council has voted for a 'Wear Anything' day to support Children in Need. All children may wear their choice of clothes for the day for a suggested donation of 50p. All funds raised will be donated to Children in Need.



## Free Phonics App



'Teach your Monster to read' is a recommended phonics app that is currently free on app stores until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. It is a great way for children to learn their phonics whilst having fun!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Inset day 2 - School closed
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Inset day 3 - School closed
W/B 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Switch it off Fortnight
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd socks day (for Anti-Bullying week)
W/B: 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	'Wear Anything' day for Children in Need <i>suggested donation of 50p</i>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Parents' meeting 6pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day 4 - School closed
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day <i>There will be a PTA pre-loved sale prior to this event</i>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 Carol Service in Church <i>(This is subject to government/health and safety advice at the time)</i>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Carol Service in Church <i>(This is subject to government/health and safety advice at the time)</i>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 Carol Service in Church <i>(This is subject to government/health and safety advice at the time)</i>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school

*EYFS children will be recording their Christmas performance to share with parents.*

