



Richard Wakefield C.E Primary Academy

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

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Dear Parents and carers

I can't quite believe that we are already in December and the beginning of Advent, this half term has already been filled with lots of activities from anti-bullying week, PTA competitions and supporting Children in Need. We have so many events coming up organised by our staff but also our PTA who have been working tirelessly to make this Christmas as magical as it can be for the children and families of our school.

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding regarding the flu immunisations in school this week. The immunisation teams appear to be absolutely overrun this year thus making it very difficult for them to manage. They have advised us that they will be administering flu immunisations from the fire station at weekends; if you still wish for your children to receive their immunisation then ring the team to receive further details on: 0300 1240366.

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.

Value of the Month

Patience

Our value for December is 'Patience'. The definition that we have shared with the children is: 'Patience means being able to wait until it's time; staying calm and not becoming annoyed'. Patience is a quality that we all need to develop, especially when times are tough and in the current climate which we have had to endure for many months now. The Bible is filled with stories of people like Mary, Noah, Moses and David who had to wait for God's time and demonstrate a great deal of patience.

James 5:7-11

7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

WORK HARD, BE KIND,

CHOOSE WISELY.

Traditional Tales Book Week (or two)

On our return in January, the whole school will be launching into a book project based around the villains within traditional tales. All of the children, from Reception to Year 6, will be completing work based around this theme. As part of our immersive project, we would like to invite the children to dress up as a character from a Traditional Tale on Friday 14th January. As part of the project, all of the children will be creating masks that can form part of a costume. If any parents have any old costumes that could be donated to school to reuse as part of our sustainability efforts, we would be very grateful.



Our New Staff

This term we have welcomed Ms Village as our new Office Manager and in January our new Vice Principal, Mrs Eccles, will be joining us.

Lovely to meet you all. My name is Ms Village, and I am delighted to be joining the team Wakefield Primary as Office Manager. Having had the pleasure of training alongside Mrs Woodall for the past month, I realise I have big shoes to fill, and I am very much looking forward to the exciting new challenges that next year will bring.

I join you from hospitality, having worked for the past 7 years as Guest Relations Executive at the Belfry Resort in Warwickshire. I have 2 wonderful grown up children, a Son and Daughter, and I am incredibly proud that my Daughter has been teaching Reception children since 2014, allowing me an insight into the wonderful world of Primary Education. The countryside and wildlife are my passion, and I have a habit of collecting rescue animals - currently 2 Cats and 1 Dog.

My transition at Richard Wakefield Primary has been seamless due to the welcome I have enjoyed from Mrs Lowe and all the Staff. My door is always open, and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Hello!

I would like to formally introduce myself- My name is Mrs Eccles and I will be your new Vice Principal from January. I have worked in education for 14 years in a variety of schools and cannot wait to join the incredible team here at Richard Wakefield. I look forward to meeting your wonderful children and working together to ensure they reach their full potential and have an incredible amount of fun whilst doing so!

Some fun facts about me: I have a twin sister (not identical unfortunately), I have two gorgeous children and a cava-poo puppy called Ruffles, I play netball every Thursday and my favourite meal of all time is lasagne!

I am very excited to start my journey with you as part of the Richard Wakefield family and promise you lots of hard work, enthusiasm and care!

Please feel free to come and say hello or wave if you see me!



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It's Good to Grow

Thank you very much to all of our families and friends who allocated our school for their Morrison's vouchers. Our grand total was 2286 tokens - a phenomenal total for our village school. Our Eco Council will be busy looking through the catalogue to 'spend' our tokens wisely on new gardening equipment and seeds ready for the Spring term.



Christmas cards

Each building will be having their own post box this year for the children's Christmas cards. The children will be able to post their cards on a Monday and Tuesday. We will leave them for a couple of days before distributing them to the children in each of their classes.

Whilst we are still operating with our larger 'bubbles' we are continuing to minimise all risks to ensure we can all enjoy a 'Merry Christmas'.



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 10th Dec/Friday 17th Dec

This year we will be inviting the children to come to school in their Christmas clothes for Christmas Jumper Day and the last day of term.

Since Christmas jumpers are generally only worn for a few times each year, our wonderful PTA have held a Christmas jumper/clothes sale to help us to 'reduce, reuse, recycle' and in the process raise some further funds for our PTA. If you missed this opportunity then please check their Facebook page for any remaining items.

Severe weather

In the **unlikely event** of the school having to close, a **message will be published on our website at www.richardwakefieldschool.com** and a **text message sent out to parents**. Staffordshire County Council also has a designated emergency School Closures area on their website:

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclosures.aspx>

In addition, Staffordshire County Council offer an **alerts service** which brings urgent and important alerts straight to your email inbox or via text message. This includes school closure information. Further details and how to sign up are also available on the above website.



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Oh no you didn't, Oh yes they did....
PLEASE KEEP IT A SURPRISE FOR THE CHILDREN

Our PTA has been generously supported by our families and friends and so were keen to make sure we make this an exciting Christmas for the children. With the ever present risks we did not feel it would be wise to visit a public performance this year so have arranged for a performing group to come into school to perform a panto in our Hall. There will be two performances on Thursday 9th (for KS2) and Monday 13th (for EYFS and KS1)

Poverty Proofing

Thank you again to everyone who was able to speak to the audit team who visited our school and to everyone who was able to complete the questionnaire. We have now received our Poverty proofing report which outlines the different areas in which we can support our families even more.

This process is a way of highlighting to us the ways in which we can support all of our families whilst still providing lots of wonderful opportunities for the children in our school. Fifteen themes were assessed across the school context. Our three priorities are:

- Food - A number of parents feel that the dinners are too expensive and that their children do not like what is on offer.
- Support to parents and families - We will endeavour to ensure that parents are aware of all financial support that is available to them.
- To promote all of our lines of communication to ensure parents are aware of where all of the upcoming dates and information are (including this newsletter!)

We will be incorporating their advice into our plans going forward and will continue to ask the children of ways in which we can make their experience at our school the best it could be.

We are going cashless!

All of our families will receive their activation letter for **Parent Pay**, our new online cashless payment system, on Monday 6th December.

From **Monday 13th December** we will be converting to the cashless system for all payments into school, whether they be for dinner money, trips or even charity donations.

Please activate your account as soon as possible and ask at the office if you require any assistance. Please note that the opening balance may change up to the 'go live' date as our records are updated. We know that many of our families have been keen to move to an online system; this should make payments to school much easier for most of our families and will not rely on children passing on the pennies.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2 nd December	Pre-loved Christmas jumper sale 3pm - 3.30pm
Monday 6 th December	Carol Service rehearsal in Church 9:30am - 11:30am
Tuesday 7 th December	Carol Service rehearsal in Church 9:15am - 11:00am
Thursday 9 th December	A surprise for KS2 (<i>see above</i>)
Friday 10 th December	Carol Service rehearsal in Church 9:30am - 11:30am
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day <i>PTA pre-loved sale prior to this event</i>
Monday 13 th December	A surprise for EYFS & KS1 (<i>see above</i>)
Monday 13 th December	Year 5 & 6 Carol Service in Church 2:00pm - 3:00pm <i>(This is subject to government/health and safety advice at the time)</i>
Tuesday 14 th December	Year 1 & 2 Carol Service in Church 2:00pm - 3:00pm <i>(This is subject to government/health and safety advice at the time)</i>
Wednesday 15 th December	Year 3 & 4 Carol Service in Church 2:00pm - 3:00pm <i>(This is subject to government/health and safety advice at the time)</i>
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Dress up day
Friday 17 th December	*Early Years Nativity Production (<i>see below</i>)
Friday 17 th December	Last day of school
Tuesday 4 th January	School reopens
Tuesday 4 th January - Friday 14 th January	Book project
Friday 14 th January	Traditional tales dress up day
Friday 18 th February	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 21 st February - Friday 25 th February	Half Term
Monday 28 th February	School reopens

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





**Do you need some time for last minute Christmas preparations?
Places are still available for the Christmas Holiday Camp**

4-13 YEARS

SH Active Sports

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

Richard Wakefield
DE13 9NR
De Ferrers Academy
DE13 0AS

Follow us on socials
SH Active Sports

Nerf Wars	8AM-12PM
Laser Tag	£14.95
Zorbing	8AM-3PM
Archery	£19.95
Martial Arts	8AM-5.30PM
Football	£24.95
Gymnastics	

Plus so much more!

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TO BOOK
Book 4 days get 5th free!!
10% sibling discount

**20,21,22,23,29,
30 Dec
3 Jan**

 **20% off for De Ferrers trust staff**

