



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,

We have had a busy few weeks in school and I am pleased to report that our Covid cases seem to have decreased rapidly in the last week. Myself and Mrs Eccles have finally been able to visit each of our classes to see the children at work and are pleased to report that the children are working brilliantly. It is a pleasure to see how proud they are of their work and we cannot wait to give you the opportunity to drop into school to see their books in our Open Evening (details are below).

We have lots of events in our calendar that are reappearing post-Covid: our Year 6 children have finally got their opportunity to take part in the Bike Ability training and we are in the midst of planning our World Book Day event for March.

As always, if you have any questions or if any issues arise, please speak to the staff, Mrs Eccles 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.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 8th February** and this year we are again focusing on the theme of **"Together for a better internet"**. The day will call upon us to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, especially for our children.

At Richard Wakefield we are going to be taking part in some fun activities to encourage our children to think about their use of the internet and we'll be giving them some top tips of how to stay safe while online.

We regularly post useful documents on Twitter that offers advice on how to keep your children safe when using different apps and games. Please find these documents on our website too.

<https://www.richardwakefieldschool.com/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=34>

There's also some great documents on the Internet Matters website:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/parent-online-support-pack->



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Value of the Month

Love

Our value for February is Love. The value of 'Love' underpins everything we do in school. The Bible explicitly tells us that God is Love and that those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. (1 John 4:16)

This does not mean romantic love, it means putting of others before ourselves whether they deserve it or not - a kind of selfless love-in-action

1 Corinthians 13:1 - 13

13 If I speak in the tongues[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Sustainability in school

Reusing uniform



If you have any uniform that no longer fits your children please could you drop it off at the school office or to the members of our PTA? We will then pass it onto the PTA, who will then be able to resell it (at a great price!) to raise money for school resources. We also help the environment out too by reusing what we already have! Your support and kindness is very much appreciated!



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Parents' consultations

Following the success of virtual appointments last year and the feedback from parents, we have decided to continue with this format this year. We will be using the online system for appointment bookings and the actual meetings. The programme allows you to choose your own appointment time and your appointment will then take place virtually as a video appointment.

This term the appointments will be **10 minutes in length** with your child's class teacher where they will be able to share your child's social, emotional and academic attainment. The consultations will take place on **Wednesday 8th March** and **Tuesday 9th March from 3:30- 6:30pm**.

You will receive an email with a link for you to book your appointment. Appointments will be available to book on **Monday 14th February**.

Any questions or queries please feel free to email or ring the school office.

Open Classrooms

On **Wednesday 16th March** we would like to invite you into school with your child so you can look through their books and see their amazing work. It will be a chance for your child to show you what they are proud of and a chance for you to see our fantastic classroom environments. Please feel free to pop in school from **3:30 - 5:00pm**.

Again, any questions or queries please feel free to email or ring the school office.

In Memory of Mrs Joy Rowe

Huge thank you to the family of Joy Rowe and for the donations we have received for our PTA. It means so much to us as a school to have such a supportive community as we see ourselves as one huge Tutbury family.

Thank you and our thoughts are with you

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Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 7th- 13th February. This year's theme is '**Growing Together**'. We are aiming to encourage children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

Throughout the week, we will be discussing our Mental Health and the importance of taking care of each other and our self. We'll be taking part in lots of exciting activities and, on Friday, we will spend the afternoon 'doing something we love', taking the time to talk about our feelings and about growing emotionally, finding ways to help each other grow.

There are lots of great resources for you and your family on the Mental Health Week website:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



Twitter

Our school Twitter feed is the perfect way to see some of the activities that your child is taking part in in school.

Each week we post pictures and descriptions of some of the exciting challenges and achievements that are celebrated in school.

In the very near future, we will be launching a new website; once launched our Twitter feed will be visible on the home screen.



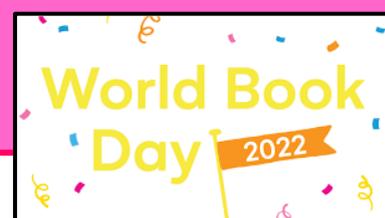
World Book Day

World Book day is on **Thursday 3rd March**. We would like to celebrate again this year, with a focus on vocabulary. Please could your child come dressed as a 'word' they are interested in! The more ambitious the better!

For example, they could make a sign with the word 'gleeful' and come dressed in bright coloured clothes. Or they could choose the word 'discombobulating' and come with question marks pinned/ drawn on a t-shirt or crazy hair! It could even link to a book character costume you already have, like Where's Wally and your word could be 'disorientated'.

A princess costume could be 'elegant'.

Please don't go and buy something new- words are everywhere and your child's class teacher is more than happy to help if you need ideas!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 7 th February	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 8 th February	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet 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
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 th March	Parents' evening
Wednesday 9 th March	Parents' evening
Wednesday 16 th March	Open Classrooms
Monday 11 th April - Friday 22 nd April	Easter Holiday
Monday 25 th April	School reopens
Monday 2 nd May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 9 th May - Thursday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs assessments
Monday 23 rd May - Wednesday 25 th May	Year 6 visit to Laches Wood

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COMMUNITY FOREST SERVICES

Free 6 week online course starting Monday 14th February. For parents and carers with children aged 2-5 years.

Following on from the popularity of our BabyLovesNature courses, we have developed a course designed for the next stages of your little ones development. We provide ideas and inspiration for connecting to nature to support the development of your growing toddler.

Using the outdoors as inspiration we're offering multi sensory, engaging activities to try as a family.

Staffordshire residents can book on this course for free, to access weekly activity ideas straight to your inbox and online resources to support your learning. On completion of the 12 hour course you will receive a certificate and kit to continue your nature adventures together!

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com

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8am - 3 £19.95

8am-5.30 £24.95



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April 11-14 & 19-22
30 May- 1 June
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THINK BEFORE YOU PARK
YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE

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