



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This academic year is already well established and as always it has been lovely watching the children settle extremely well into their learning. This has been especially the case with our pupils in EYFS.

Parental consultations are only a couple of weeks away but there will always be issues that arise in school. Therefore, if you have any queries or concerns in the meantime, however minor, please speak to the staff, Mrs Lowe or myself.

PARKING AND CROSSING PATROL

As a school we are acutely aware of the implications of having no crossing patrol in the village. From having 3 patrols at one point to end up with none is clearly unacceptable. Be assured that the Local Governing Body of the Academy are seeking to express concerns through the correct channels, on behalf of ourselves and parents.

Please remember that Staffordshire County Council provide the service, not ourselves. There are many proposals being suggested by both Staffordshire County Council and other quarters in the press. We will see what materialises from these but our academy is in no financial position to employ our own. The bottom line is that **all** pupils in the village should be both safe and safeguarded.

The implication of the patrol being removed from Burton Street has seen the rise in inconsiderate and dangerous parking. This newsletter has often asked all parents and carers using cars to consider others when dropping off and picking up. **All** complaints and concerns are passed on directly to the local PCSO Julia Wells as that is what she has

asked us to do as the parking issues **outside** school are under her remit and not ours.

We ask again, politely, that if you are using your car to bring your child to school you show consideration to all others. Thank you.

SCHOOL GAMES AWARD

We are delighted to tell you that Richard Wakefield C.E. Primary have been awarded 'Gold' standard in the School Games mark which recognises the level of both competitive and non-competitive sport in the curriculum and outside as well. This is the first time we have achieved gold – we attained silver last year. Thank you to all the staff who have supported clubs and fixtures and the many children who have attended events and represented school with huge amounts of pride.



Also, we must mention the many parents and carers who help us transport children to events.

PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 28th September 2018

The PTA, who organised and hosted this event, are delighted to tell you that they raised £466.78 in donations from the non-uniform day and selling cakes.



This is a phenomenal amount – more than we have ever achieved before. The PTA did a fantastic job throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who donated both money and cakes to this hugely worthwhile cause.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, TUTBURY
Wednesday 10th October 2018**

This service is for all children to attend, from Nursery to Year 6. Please take your child straight to church for registration at 8:45am.



Donations of non-perishable produce should be brought to the Church please. The YMCA in Burton have made an urgent appeal for support for their food bank and so this year our harvest produce will be delivered to them.

They have provided us with a list of food items in these desperate times. Thank you!

Tinned carrots/peas/tomatoes
Main meals
Tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard/
Tinned hot dogs/corned beef/spam etc.
Instant rice/noodles/pasta
Cooking rice
Biscuits

St Mary's Church will also be holding their Harvest Festival Service this Sunday, 7th October at 10:00am. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Our school choir will be participating in this service, singing alongside the church choir.

NEW PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 8th November 6:00pm – 7:00pm
(please note change of date from 18th October)

This is a chance for any prospective parents for our Reception class in September 2019 to visit the school. Other prospective parents are welcome too. The meeting will start in the hall/or classroom for a very brief presentation and then staff will be available to show anyone around the school. Please mention this to anyone you know who may be interested.

Useful information:

How can I apply for a Reception place?

The quickest and easiest way is to apply online. This can be done from 1st November 2018. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2019.

If you are unable to apply online, a paper form will be available once applications open. Please contact the school office after 1st November 2018 if this is the case and we will be happy to send out a paper copy to you.

Note: you must make an application by 15th January 2018. There is no automatic entry into Reception.

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

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/primary

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY

Thursday 4th October 2018

Census days are important for schools as the data submitted is used to determine the amount of funding received. A crucial area is the number of pupils who are entitled to Universal Free School Meals ie. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, having a school meal on that day along with pupils across the whole school (Reception to Year 6) who are registered for Free School Meals due to eligibility under the criteria listed on the website at

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/>

Please see this website for further detailed information.

On Thursday 4th October our catering team in the kitchen will be preparing a special Fish & Chip lunch consisting of:

**Breaded Fish & Chips or
Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato
Quiche & Chips**

**followed by
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce**

Please note that Thursday's previously planned Spaghetti Beef Bolognese etc. (see the normal CaterLink menu) will be served on Friday.

We would like to encourage KS2 children to join in and have a lunch and your support would be very much appreciated. The cost of a child's school meal is £2.20 (free to children entitled to Universal Free School Meals ie. Reception to Year 2 and also to those children who are registered as eligible for Free School Meals – as detailed above).

Thank you!

OCTOBER DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Wednesday 10 th October	Harvest Festival Service in Tutbury Church 8:45am (see above)
Friday 12 th October	PTA Disco 'Chocolate Bingo' in school 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Monday 15 th October	Year 5 visit to Burton Fire Station
Monday 15 th October	Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 5:45pm
Tuesday 16 th October	Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 5:45pm
Thursday 25 th October	PTA School Disco
Monday 29 th October – Friday 2 nd November HALF TERM	

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy on our Local Governing Board for one Parent Governor, with a term of office of 4 years. This is a very worthwhile and rewarding role and if you are interested or would like further information, please contact the school office.

Nominations are invited from parents/guardians of pupils attending Richard Wakefield C.E. Primary Academy. If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will take place where all parents/guardians are requested to vote.

Please see our website for further information about our LGB.

CLERK TO THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

Richard Wakefield Primary Academy would like to recruit a Clerk to the Local Governing Body (LGB). This is a vital role, requiring attendance at all the half termly LGB meetings. Training will be provided and support will be available.

If you are interested in applying for this post or would like further information, please contact the school office. Further details regarding our LGB and their responsibilities can be found on our website. We look forward to hearing from you.