



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we move into December, we enter the busy yet lovely part of the year when the school celebrates Christmas and all the activities and opportunities that come with it. The staff and children are still working hard in lessons but preparing for our Christmas events. All in all a very busy time for everyone. Please use this newsletter and the website to keep up to date with everything.

There will always be issues that arise in school but please speak to either the staff, Mrs Lowe or myself if you have any queries or concerns, however minor. Please do not wait till parent consultations to come to us as the sooner we know about any issue the quicker we can resolve it.

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

As we move into winter, can we remind you of our severe weather procedures.

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 now offer a **free 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.



SAT's MEETING FOR ALL PUPILS IN YEAR 6

This will be held in school at 5:30pm on Wednesday 9th January to explain the testing process and what the school will be doing to support all our Year 6 pupils. **Please make every effort to attend as this is a really important meeting and your support would be really appreciated.** For anybody unable to attend, a summary of the contents will be provided, as well as the chance to speak to the staff concerned at a mutually convenient time.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2018

On Friday 14th December the School Council are supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and invite children to come to school wearing their brightest, funniest, craziest Christmas jumpers. By taking part and donating a suggestion of 50p, we can give children in the UK and around the world a chance to build a better future. Together let's make the world better with a sweater! Thank you for your support.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The Christmas Post Box is now open for business outside the school office. To help our Year 6 pupils deliver the cards, please make sure that any cards put in are correctly addressed with the full name and class of the person the card is for. We have lots of children with the same first name!



REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Thank you to those children who represented the school with real credit both at the Remembrance Parade in the village and at the Remembrance Service in St Mary's Church afterwards.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2018

The School Council are delighted to announce that we raised an amazing total of £300 for this good cause. Thank you so much to everyone who supported our non-uniform day and cake sale!



SHOE BOX APPEAL

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause. The shoeboxes filled with gifts for children have been collected by the church and are already on their way to various parts of the world.



A reminder! How can I apply for a Reception place? Useful information

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 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 2019. Please note 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

PARENT'S FORUM

A meeting was set for Thursday 22nd November at 6pm. We only had two expressions of interest so the meeting was cancelled. The Local Governing Body are

looking at how to move forward on this issue but any ideas from parents and carers would be most welcome. The meeting is designed to be a way for the academy and Local Governing body to engage with all stakeholders.

BREAK SNACKS

In the last newsletter we raised the matter of break snacks. Please can we remind you that we have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies and you will, of course, appreciate the serious issues which could result from one of these children coming into contact with any form of nuts, whether in a chocolate bar, cereal bar or any other form. WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Wednesday 19th December

Our Catering team will be serving a traditional Christmas Lunch on this day. Please ensure you have booked a lunch for your child if they are going to have one as the cook needs to place her food order.

VALUE OF THE MONTH December 2018 - Hope

Our value for December is Hope. Hope means different things to different people and I anticipate that the children will bring their hopes, wishes, goals, dreams and ambitions into their classes throughout the month of December.

We have already seen examples of people with this value who have worked towards realising their hopes through other values such as courage, compassion, equality and peace etc. This month we will also look at how hopes can be different for different people. We will be continuing our Values journey by exploring our own hopes and the hopes of others.



ILLNESS

Please ensure your child is kept away from school if they are suffering from sickness. Our guideline is they must not return to school until there has been a clear 48 hours from the last bout of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Your support is appreciated, thank you.

DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Friday 7 th December	PTA wear anything day for Christmas Fayre tombola items
Monday 10 th December	Carol Service rehearsal in Tutbury Church for KS2. Children will walk down to church after registration and return for lunchtime.
Wednesday 12 th December	KS1 Theatre Visit to Derby Arena to see 'Jack & The Beanstalk' 9:00am – 1:15pm
Thursday 13 th December	Carol Service rehearsal in Tutbury Church for KS1. Children will walk down to church after registration and return for lunchtime.
Thursday 13 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Friday 14 th December	Early Years Nativity in school 9:30am Christmas Jumper Day – see information above
Monday 17 th December	KS1 Carol Service in Tutbury Church 2:00pm
Tuesday 18 th December	KS2 Carol Service in Tutbury Church 2:00pm
Wednesday 19 th December	PTA Tea and Stories with Santa 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Friday 21 st December	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 7 th January	Inset Day – School closed
Tuesday 8 th January	Start of Spring Term

BREAKFAST & TEA TIME CLUB – OFFERS!

The Breakfast & Tea Time Club would like to offer one free taster session per child for any children **who do not already attend**. This could be either a morning from 7:45am to school registration (8:50am) or straight after school from 3:25pm (for Early Years and KS1) and 3:30pm (for KS2) to 5:00pm.

In addition, they are offering £5 for Thursday sessions from 3:30pm to 6:00pm up until Christmas. Do your Christmas shopping in peace! If you are interested, please pop in to the club or contact them on 07969 579 941.