



NEWSLETTER

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Children break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21st December and return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we come to the end of the term can we thank you for all your support. The children have made us very proud with their roles and singing in the nativity plays and these events always make us feel that Christmas has started! On behalf of all the staff and children at Richard Wakefield C.E. Primary Academy can I wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

Just in case the weather turns in the New Year, 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.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in raising funds for our school, and to all parents/carers and families for supporting the various PTA events. The Christmas Fayre raised some £900 which is a splendid amount. We very much look forward to continuing to work with the PTA in 2019.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The catering team served a traditional Christmas lunch today. The take-up from both children and staff was very high, with only a few children choosing not to have one. Thank you to Mrs Allerton, Mrs Kaczmarczyk and Mrs Stretton for preparing and serving the feast and to our Lunchtime Supervisors for their support. The Dining Room was a very festive sight.

EARLY YEARS NATIVITY AND CAROL SERVICES

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support these Christmas events.

Children in Early Years performed their Nativity Play to parents and carers in our Main Hall on Friday last week and, dressed in their splendid costumes, were a wonderful sight to behold. They all performed so well, both in the acting and the singing. Thank you to Mrs Mulligan, Mrs Waterall and the Early Years Team who ensured such a high standard.

Our KS1 and KS2 Carol Services took place in St Mary's Church on Monday and Tuesday this week and



I know you will all join me in saying how lovely they both were. The children certainly enjoyed performing to an audience and sang beautifully. Well done to everyone!

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

Thank you for your support. We raised just under £100!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We have been asked to pass on thanks to everyone who supported this worthy appeal and helped us to raise the sum of £260.73, which has been added to the District Total of £9,200.



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 now, with the closing date for applications being 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

DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Monday 7 th January	Inset Day – School closed
Tuesday 8 th January	Start of Spring Term
Thursday 10 th January	Year 5 Bikeability training
Friday 11 th January	Year 5 Bikeability training
Wednesday 16 th January	Year 2 Scooterbility training
Thursday 17 th January	KS2 Theatre visit to see The Wind in the Willows at the New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under Lyme