



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Don't forget to use this newsletter and the website to keep up to date with everything that is going on in school.

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 until Parent Consultations to come to us as the sooner we know about any issue the quicker we can resolve it.

CAR PARK SAFETY

Please can we make two urgent safety requests.

Firstly, can we ask parents and carers picking up or dropping off in the car not to use our gated entrance as a turning point. We have had a couple of near misses with cars turning inconsiderately when pedestrians are walking to school.

Secondly, please do not use the Chatsworth Drive car park entrance as pedestrian access at any time. Using this means adults and, more specifically, children walking or running across the car park. The gates are closed at key points but they have to be opened to allow staff and visitor access at times during the day. It is a matter of a few metres to walk further down and use the correct pedestrian entrance.

We are looking at ways to fence the car park off in the future but please refrain from walking across the car park in the meantime. Thank you!

BREAK SNACKS and ALLERGIES

It has once again come to our attention that many children are still bringing inappropriate and unhealthy snacks into school to eat at breaktimes. As we have said previously, there are 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. Staff will have to remove any snack that potentially could be harmful, returning them at the end of the day. **WE HAVE TO BE A NUT FREE SCHOOL AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WITH THIS.** Thank you!

Please ensure you send your child in with a **healthy snack** to eat at breaktime. Alternatively, our catering staff provide healthy snacks for children in Key Stage 2 to purchase during morning break from the Dining Hall, at a small cost, as follows:

Toast, Tea Cake, Crumpet, Pancake
Milk, Milk Shake, Forest Fruit or Apple Juice

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

Just a reminder!

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/schools_andcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclosures.aspx

Staffordshire County Council also 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 available on the above website.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

These will take place on Monday 11th March and Tuesday 12th March. Letters to book times will be issued shortly.

DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Monday 18 th February to Friday 22 nd February Half Term – School Closed	
Thursday 14 th February	School Council – fundraising event 'Sign2Sing'
Thursday 14 th February	PTA Valentines Disco EYFS and KS1 3:30pm-4:30pm KS2 5pm-6pm
Monday 11 th March	Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 5:45pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 5:45pm
Sunday 30 th June	PTA Summer Fayre 11:00am – 1:00pm

VALUE OF THE MONTH February 2019 - Positivity

Our value for February is Positivity.

This month the staff will be focussing on working with the children to understand what this looks like in their everyday lives. Please support us with this where you can and ask the children about what they understand about this value.



REMINDERS!

DINNER MONEY

Please ensure all dinner money payments are sent in with your child on a Monday morning and handed to their class teacher and not to the school office. Thank you.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please make every effort to arrange medical appointments for your child out of school hours. If an appointment has to be during the school day, please provide the school office with a copy of the appointment form. We appreciate that many doctors/dentists now send appointment reminders by text and sight of these by the school office will be acceptable. Thank you.

VACANCIES

Clerk to the Local Governing Body

Grade 7

The de Ferrers Trust is looking to appoint a highly motivated and reliable Clerk to support Richard Wakefield C.E. Primary Academy's Local Governing Body.

Please see our website for full details.

School Crossing Patrol



As you may be aware, the County Council have reversed their decision on crossing patrols. However, we are led to believe they still have had no interest in this post.

We are all extremely anxious to fill this role and if you know anyone who would be interested, please may we ask you to pass on the following information to them. We appreciate the timing may not suit parents who will be bringing their children into school but perhaps it would be suitable for a friend or perhaps a retired relative.

Duty times are 8:20am to 9:05am and 3:05pm to 3:45pm = 7 hours & 5 mins per week, Monday to Friday during term time.



If you are looking for a part-time job that gives you the chance to serve your local community, then this might be the opportunity you've been looking for.

The County Council operates a school crossing patrol service to assist children and adults on their way to and from school. If you are interested in this essential work then we would love to hear from you.

The duties are term time only, with the benefit of being paid (pro-rata) throughout the year and are therefore ideally suited to anyone who would benefit from time off during the school holidays.

Potential post holders will be subject to a medical and a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) enhanced check. Training and full uniform provided.

If you are interested in applying or would like a chat about what the job entails please call Caroline Pegg, School Crossing Patrol Area Organiser on 07773 791 502 or e-mail caroline.pegg@staffordshire.gov.uk

Alternatively, please contact the school office.