



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term, welcomed in with lovely sunshine which we all hope will last! 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. Even though Parent Consultations are just round the corner, please don't hesitate to raise any issues with us. The sooner we know about it, the quicker we can resolve it.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year the date is Thursday March 7th and you will have received a text last week informing you that we will be celebrating this day, as always, and the children are more than welcome to come to school that day dressed as a book character. Thank you.



COMIC RELIEF – RED NOSE DAY

Our School Council would like to thank you for supporting the Deaf Health Society by donating towards the Sign2Sign fundraising event. The children did a superb job in singing and signing to Take That's 'The Greatest Day' song and together we raised £94.

Our next fundraising focus is Comic Relief on Friday 15th March when we are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform for

a suggested £1 donation. To show support for this invaluable charity, we invite children to wear something red; and if they would like to wear a red nose too, great! Thank you for your continued support.



LUNCHES FROM HOME

May we ask politely that parents ensure these are as healthy and balanced as possible. On days that are suitable, the children are able to use the picnic tables around the playground where they are supervised by our lunchtime staff.

Some children are bringing in warm food e.g. soup, in various containers. We would not actively encourage this but in order to supervise properly, these children will be asked to sit with those having hot dinners. Also, please make sure that food is only tepid /warm and that containers are not glass. This is to ensure the health and safety of the child and those around them.

May we also remind you that we are a nut free school; children should not bring in nuts for dinner, or snacks which contain nuts. Thank you.

VALUE OF THE MONTH March 2019 - Compassion

Our value for March is Compassion

I have seen numerous cases of staff and children in school showing care and compassion in order to help others.



It's important to recognise how fortunate we are in many ways, to show gratitude for what we have and to do what we can to support those who are much less fortunate than us – or those who find themselves in difficult situations. Charities are organisations based on compassion, which positively change or even save lives. As part of our community and as global citizens, many of us also support charities who do incredible work on a local and worldwide basis.

When we learn about and support charities, we are showing compassion for others. As you are aware, we are supporting Comic Relief/Red Nose Day next Friday, 15th March an excellent example of the value for this month.

ATTENDANCE SATS – KS2 and KS1

As you will be aware, KS2 and KS1 SATs tests will soon be upon us and it is most important that your child attends school every day leading up to these tests to ensure they are as prepared as possible. KS2 SATS week commences on Monday 13th May and the Key Stage 1 test period is during May 2019. The Year 1 Phonics screening check is the week commencing Monday 10th June. Your support is appreciated.

WORLD BOOK DAY SPECIAL LUNCH MENU

To celebrate World Book Day, Mrs Allerton and her team will be preparing a special lunch on Thursday 7th March:

*Where's Wally Spaghetti Bolognese
Mad Hatter's Mac 'n' Cheese (V)
Scrumdiddlyumtious Jacket Potato
served with*

Peter Rabbit carrots/Horrid Henry's Sweetcorn

*Pudding
Charlie and the Chocolate Cake with
Chocolate Sauce
Gruffalo Ice Cream
BFG Fruity Salad*

PE KIT

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the days when their class has this lesson. May we remind you also, for health and safety reasons, that if your child has earrings, these must be either removed or taped

over and long hair must be tied back. Thank you.

SWIMMING KIT

Children in Year 5 attend swimming lessons at the Meadowside on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school on that day.

DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Monday 11 th March	Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 5:45pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 5:45pm
Thursday 28 th March	Year 2 Family Learning 2:15pm (further information to follow)
Sunday 30 th June	PTA Summer Fayre 11:00am – 1:00pm

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

Following the County Council's decision to continue supporting the school Crossing Patrol and advertising to recruit someone to this valuable post, we understand they still have received no interest.



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.