



# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we move into the last half term, we enter a very busy period of the school year. Please use the website and our texting service to keep ahead of all that is going on in school. At times we don't know whether we are coming or going as the opportunities for visits, sporting fixtures and other special days come thick and fast. The children enjoy all that these opportunities bring which is why we offer them all. Many of these however are weather dependent. Please be patient if we have to cancel or rearrange.

As we state in every newsletter, 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. This can be both informally, such as a message to whoever is on the gate or the door, or a more formal phone call or meeting arranged at the earliest possible convenience to both parties. This message is reiterated on every newsletter and indeed in all communications we send out.

Due to the nature of the school site with multiple gates and entrances, we need to have a lot of staff committed to cover these areas with all other staff supervising pupils. All staff on the gates and doors are happy to pass on simple, quick messages but they are unable to hold conversations to address individual issues or concerns. Please either ring or ask at the office to arrange a meeting or a telephone call back as soon as possible.

Please note that any confrontational or abusive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated by the school or The de Ferrers Academy Trust. Thank you for your understanding.

## SUN SAFETY

Please can we remind you again about sun safety, although summer seems to be taking a break? Please remember to apply sunblock to your child before coming to school. We



recommend using 8-hour sun protection so that the children are covered for all outdoor activities. As a last resort, sun cream can be sent to school for the children to apply themselves, under adult supervision. Please make sure that all sun cream is clearly marked with your child's name.

Whenever possible, the children are taken onto the green areas to play during lunchtimes and so please ensure they bring a sunhat. They should also have a water bottle, clearly marked with their name and class – please note this should be a separate water bottle to the drink your child brings to have with their packed lunch from home. Your child should also have a coat for use in case of need. Thank you.

## SPORTING SUCCESS

Well done to our Year 3/4 Quicksticks team who played in a tournament at Shobnall Leisure Centre before half term. They played very well, finishing runners up in their group.

Our Year 3/4 Cricket team reached the semi-final of the Burton area qualifier for the County Cup. They won both their games to top their group, showing excellent teamwork and commitment. Sadly, they lost a close semi-final to William Shrewsbury, the eventual winners.

Finally, well done to our Year 3 swimmers who won their friendly gala at Fountains school beating three other schools in this event. This is the first time we have ever been successful in this event.

In the above, we had many children representing our school for the first time. They represented Richard Wakefield exceptionally and we hope that they will thrive from the experiences.

## SPORTS DAY CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to the poor weather so far this week and the outlook for Friday, we have taken the decision to cancel our Sports Day scheduled for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Our reserve Sports Day is

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and I'm sure you will join with us in hoping for a lovely day so that the children can enjoy this special school event.

If we are able to go ahead on the 28<sup>th</sup>, this year we ask that parents, carers, friends and family **bring their own chairs** for the event. We have a limited number of suitable chairs and these are in use over dinnertime. Also, in order to ensure safeguarding procedures and maintain supervision of all children during sports days, there will be a taped barrier across the field to denote the spectator area. Please respect this and do not cross over to your child. We have to ensure that we know where all children are at all times. Thank you.

### VALUE OF THE MONTH

This month's value is Self-control.



In many ways, this is a value for all of us to consider. With the children, we have taken a scientific approach to introducing this value looking at Dr Steve Peters and his work round 'The Chimp Paradox'. Taking some of his simple ideas, we have begun to teach the children about the benefits of self-control in the many situations we find ourselves in during everyday life. Over the month, we will also explore how our faith can support us with this value.

Please talk to your child about the ideas we have introduced and maybe explore the science yourselves a little further.

### SKY ACADEMY STUDIO TRIP

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, a selection of children, including the School Council, travelled to the Sky studios in London for a unique opportunity. They were able to tour the impressive site as well as use state of the art film studios to create their own news report about plastic pollution in our oceans. They did a fantastic job, impressing the Sky staff with their teamwork, professionalism and creativity. They used their own research and script (as well as learning how to use the cameras and green screens!) to pull together a fantastic report that they should be very proud of! Thank you all for a brilliant day and representing Richard Wakefield beautifully.

### 2019-2020 TERM DATES

Our Inset Days for the 2019-2020 academic year have been fixed. Please see our website for full term dates.

As you may be aware, the early May Bank Holiday in 2020 has been changed from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

### DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Tempest Photography in school to take class group and Year 6 leavers photos
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to Parliament
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Intake Parents Meeting 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Confirmation Service in Tutbury Church at 1:30pm. Y4/5/6 attending and will return to school to be dismissed as usual
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Author visit to school
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception intake 'Stay and Play' Session 9:00am-10:30am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Makaton performance in the Main Hall 2:30pm-3:30pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day for KS1 and KS2
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fayre 11:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	New Reception intake transition session 9am-10:30am KS2 Communion Service in Tutbury Church at 9:30am. KS2 children will walk down to Church. Parents are invited to attend if you wish.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Early Years Sports Family Fun Session 9am – 10am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception intake transition session 9am-10:30am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Presentation at Tutbury Village Hall 2pm-3:30pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day at de Ferrers Whole School Transition morning New Reception intake Transition Session 9:30am-11:30am and lunch visit
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term Service at Tutbury Church 9am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day (5 of 5) School closed

Tutbury Arts Juniors  
Summer Drama Workshop  
Act – Sing – Dance – Make  
and put on a show in a week!

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August  
at Tutbury Village Hall

1pm – 4pm each day, performance at  
5pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

£20 per child for the whole week!  
Led by a qualified teacher, DBS checked

To reserve a place, email:  
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