



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL



Welcome back to our new school year! All of the children are looking so smart in their uniforms. As always, we would like to extend a special welcome to all those children, parents and carers starting with our school for the first time this week. We are delighted that you have chosen to join us and we look forward to working with you.

For those of you who are new to the school, as well as the electronic newsletter which comes out at least monthly, we also have the text message service to communicate information to you all, including letting you know when a newsletter is issued. Please ensure that the office has up to date contact details. Thank you. You can also get other letters, information, dates, as well as the latest newsletter on our website at www.richardwakefieldschool.com.

Paper copies of letters will only be issued where a parental signature of consent is required.

There will always be issues that arise in school but please speak to either the staff, Mr Webster or myself if you have any queries or concerns, however minor. As we say on every newsletter, please do not wait to contact us because the sooner we know about any issue the quicker we can resolve it.

Many of you will have noticed that Mr Webster is not in school at the moment. During the Summer holiday he underwent an operation and is now at home recovering.

We are happy to report that he is doing well and is hoping to be back with us within the next few weeks.

SPORTS CLUBS

We are continuing to work with Burton Albion to enhance our extra curriculum provision. After school clubs will not start until the week beginning Monday 16th September 2019, you will have received a letter regarding this. School staff will also run clubs and again details for these are included in the letter requiring parental/carer signature.



GET SET TO EAT FRESH



Aldi have launched a new initiative for schools: 'Get set to eat fresh'. This new scheme is to encourage healthy eating in young children, provide school with resources to enhance their healthy lifestyle curriculum and give schools a chance to win free equipment and a further £20,000. If you spend over £30 in Aldi you will receive a sticker for school. Please send them in to school with your child so that we can fill our sticker poster and be in with a chance to take part in this fantastic competition.

MEDICAL FORMS

Your child (with the exception of Reception) has brought home a Medical Form for your completion and return to school by Wednesday 11th September please. You will, of course, appreciate how important it is for the school to be aware of whether or not your

child has any medical needs and so this form is sent out annually to ensure our records are up to date. Should your child have Asthma, please ensure school has an up to date inhaler. Thank you.

PHOTO AND VIDEO CONSENT UPDATE

In addition to the medical forms we are also updating our 'Photo and video consent records' in line with GDPR requirements and the ever evolving world of social media. Your child will have brought home our extended form (with the exception of Reception children) for your completion and return to school by Wednesday 11th September please.

PTA NEWS

As parents, you are automatically a member of our PTA (Parent Teacher Association). We have a fantastic school community who work hard to organise many wonderful events throughout the year to raise money for your children in our school. Whether you can offer an hour to help at a disco or running a coffee morning, we really need your support; your ideas and involvement can help improve the quality of education for all the children at our school.

Our PTA AGM will take place on Wednesday 11th September at 7.00pm in the ICT room. All parents are welcome to attend; we look forward to seeing you there.

VALUE OF THE MONTH

This month's value is Peace.

We have talked to the children about the many different ways in which peace becomes part of our life and the lives of others: finding inner peace, making peace with our friends and families and peace between communities and countries. Saturday 21st September is National Peace Day; we have asked all of the children to focus on the value of peace. Each class will be taking part in an activity on the day before; please ask your child what they did.



TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Parents/carers who would like the school to consider granting leave of absence in term time should complete a Request for Leave of Absence form and send it to the Headteacher **well before the desired period of absence**. Parents/carers are strongly advised not to finalise any booking arrangements before receiving the school's decision regarding their request. The Headteacher cannot authorise any leave of absence unless the request is received before the period of absence begins.

The Department for Education makes it clear that the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers now also determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

The academy, along with Staffordshire County Council, understands the challenges that some parents/carers face when booking family holidays, particularly during school holiday periods. However, we believe that in order to ensure children receive the best education to enhance their prospects, they should be in school during term time. Please see our website for our attendance policy and procedures.

ANNUAL THEATRE VISITS

Our annual theatre visits have been booked. Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be going to see 'Peter Pan' at Derby Arena on Tuesday 10th December and Key Stage 2 will be to see 'The Prince and the Pauper' at The New Vic Theatre in Newcastle under Lyme on Thursday 23rd January. Both are for morning performances.

Early Years and KS1 children will bring home a letter asking parents/carers to confirm whether or not your child will be attending. As the performances are very popular and get booked up so quickly, we have to give confirmation of numbers attending to Derby Arena this week and our deadline is Thursday 12th September. Please ensure you return the completed slip to school by close of day on Thursday. Thank you.

2019-2020 TERM DATES

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

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Thursday 12 th September	Deadline for confirmation of numbers to Derby Arena – Early Years/KS1
Wednesday 9 th October	Harvest Festival Service in St Mary's Church, Tutbury 9:00am
Monday 21 st October & Tuesday 22 nd October	Parent Consultation evenings. Letters will be sent out shortly
Tuesday 22 nd October	Tempest - individual portrait photographs
Monday 28 th October– Friday 1st November HALF TERM – School Closed	
Monday 4 th November	Inset day 2 of 5 School closed
Tuesday 5 th November	Inset day 3 of 5 School closed
Tuesday 10 th December	Early Years and KS1 Theatre Visit to see 'Peter Pan' at Derby Arena (morning performance)

All school events are added to the calendar on our website as soon as they are confirmed.

You will receive a text in the coming days inviting you to our 'Meet the teacher' sessions. Again, all dates will be added to the website.