



NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL CENSUS DAY Thursday 3rd October 2019

Census days are important for schools as the data submitted is used to determine the amount of funding received. **A crucial area is the number of pupils who have a school meal on that day**, particularly those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are all entitled to Universal Free School Meals, along with pupils across the remainder of the school i.e. Year 3 to Year 6, who are registered for Free School Meals due to eligibility under the criteria listed on the website at

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/>

Please see this website for further detailed information.

We would very much like to encourage **all KS2 children** to join in and have a lunch and your support with this would be very much appreciated. The cost for a KS2 child's school meal is £2.20 (free to children who are registered as eligible for Free School Meals).

On Thursday 3rd October our catering team in the kitchen will be preparing a special 'American Diner' lunch consisting of:

**Burger and Fries
or Quorn Nuggets and Fries
followed by
Pancakes**

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

Due to the increased number of children in school, we will be holding two Harvest Festival Services, one for Key Stage 2 which will be in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 9th October and one for Early

Years and Key Stage 1 on Friday 11th October in school.

KS2 Harvest Festival Service Wednesday 9th October at 9:10am

Children in Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6) should be taken straight to church for 8:55am. However, we appreciate there are many KS2 children who have younger siblings in KS1 and it will not be possible for parents/carers to drop both children off at the same time in two places. Therefore, we have changed the start time of the Harvest Service to 9.10am to allow parents who wish to attend time to move between the two locations. If you are unable to attend the service you may bring your KS2 child to school as normal on that day and members of staff will walk them down to church at 8.50am. If any of these parents/carers would like to help with walking this group of children to church it would be very much appreciated. The service will start at 9:10am and all parents/carers are welcome to attend.



It is important, for health and safety reasons, for us to know which children will be coming into school and walking down to church so that we can ensure there is a sufficient number of staff available. **Please complete the slip and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible and by Monday 7th October at the latest.** Thank you! Any donations for this service may be taken to the Church or brought into school on the 9th.

Early Years/KS1 Harvest Festival Service Friday 11th October

Reverend Pip will come into school on Friday 11th October to celebrate our Harvest Festival with Early Years and KS1. Unfortunately, due to limited space in the main hall **it is not possible for parents/carers to attend this service.** Please send any donations for this service into school on Friday 11th. Thank you.

Donations should be non-perishable please, e.g.

- Tinned carrots/peas/tomatoes
- Main meals
- Tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard/
- Tinned hot dogs/corned beef/spam etc.
- Instant rice/noodles/pasta
- Cooking rice
- Biscuits

NEW PARENTS VISIT SESSIONS

Thursday 7th November 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Monday 18th November 1:30pm – 3:00pm

This year we are providing a choice of evening or afternoon sessions for any prospective parents for our Reception class in September 2020 to visit the school. Other prospective parents are welcome too. The meeting will start in the hall/or classroom for a very brief presentation and then there will be an opportunity to have a tour of the school.

Please mention these dates to anyone who you think might be interested. Thank you.

Useful information:

How can I apply for a Reception place?

The quickest and easiest way is to apply online. This can be done from 1st November 2019. **The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. Please note there is no automatic entry into Reception, you must make an application.**

If you are unable to apply online, a paper form will be available once applications open. Please contact the school office after 1st November 2019 if this is the case and we will be happy to send out a paper copy to you.

Further information is available on the Staffordshire County Council admissions website at

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary>

NEWS FROM BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

As you may be aware, the Richard Wakefield Breakfast and After School Club is a separate entity from the school. It is run as a charity and makes no profit from the income it receives. As a charity, the club is run by a committee of current and past parents and employees. The committee oversees the running of the Breakfast and After School Club in conjunction with the administrator and the manager. Due to a number of recent retirements, we are looking for new committee members to join us.

We meet once per term (for 2–3 hours) where we discuss the overall running of the club and any other matters that have arisen. This is either at someone's house or the pub! Any other communication usually takes place via email and is on an ad-hoc basis.

No experience or particular skills are necessary, just the desire to see the club deliver quality and cost effective wrap-around-care to Richard Wakefield pupils. Without a committee the club is unable to operate so new members are essential for the future of the club.

If you would like to find out more, please speak to Ange at the club or on 07969 579941

We look forward to hearing from you.

Carrie, Steph, Kerry and Emma

*Emma Causer
Office Administrator*

**KEY STAGE 2 HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER – 9:10am**

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

- My child will be taken straight to the Church on Wednesday 9th October
- My child will come into school as normal on Wednesday 9th October and will need to walk down to St Mary's Church for the Harvest Festival Service.

I will / will not be able to walk down to Church with the group of children.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this slip to your child's class teacher by Monday 7th October