



# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we draw to the end of the first term we look forward to welcoming you all to our consultation evenings next week. Although you all have the chance to talk with us at these meetings, please remember that 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. 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.

Lots has happened in school already and a special mention should go to the children who have represented our school in a variety of sporting fixtures already. These pupils, and the staff who give of their time taking them, have enabled our school to receive our gold School Games Mark again this year. Thank you!

## PTA MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The PTA, who organised and hosted this event, are delighted to tell you that they raised £420.53 in donations from the non-uniform day and selling cakes.



This is a splendid amount! The PTA did a fantastic job throughout the morning. Thank you to everyone who donated both money and cakes to this hugely worthwhile cause.

## PTA FILM NIGHT

This was another event organised by the PTA which raised £330.83. The children enjoyed their choice of films and a huge thank you to everyone who supported the event.

## GET SET TO EAT FRESH



A reminder that 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.

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in stickers so far. We've already filled one sticker poster and working on our second!

## SCHOOL GAMES AWARD

We are delighted to tell you that Richard Wakefield C.E. Primary have been awarded 'Gold' standard again, the School Games mark which recognises the level of both competitive and non-competitive sport in the curriculum and outside as well. This is the first time we have achieved gold – we attained silver last year. Thank you to all the staff who have supported clubs and fixtures and the many children who have attended events and represented school with huge amounts of pride.



Also, we must mention the many parents and carers who help us transport children to events.

## TEAMS4U – SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are supporting the 'Teams4U' Shoebox Appeal this year. It runs along the same lines as previous years but is more in the original format which started many years ago. Your filled shoeboxes will be given to vulnerable children or families, distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages in Eastern Europe.



The recommended donation for each shoebox is just £2.50 with Teams4U which is less than the previous Shoebox Appeal. Your contribution will help them to deliver your shoeboxes to the children. Thank you.

Your child will be given a leaflet to bring home but please do visit [www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com) for further information.

If you wish to participate, the deadline for receipt of your shoebox in school is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support.

## NEW PARENTS EVENING/OPEN AFTERNOON

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm – 3.00pm**

We would like to extend a warm invitation to any prospective parent to visit our school. This is a chance for anyone considering applying for a place in our Reception class in September 2020 to visit the school. Other prospective parents for other year groups are welcome too. The meetings will start in the hall/or classroom for a very brief presentation and then staff will be available to show anyone around the school. Clearly, for the open afternoon visitors will be able to see the school in action. Please mention this to anyone you know who may 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 and the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

If you are unable to apply online, a paper form will be available once applications open. Please contact the school office after

1<sup>st</sup> November if this is the case and we will be happy to send out a paper copy to you.

**Note: you must make an application by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. There is no automatic entry into Reception.**

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

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

Once the application system is open, a link will be provided on the website page.

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

This month's value is Equality.



This month we have talked to the children about how we can treat everyone fairly and equally.

## TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

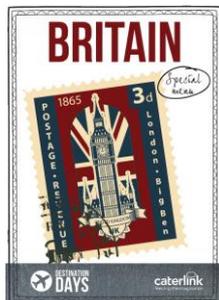
Parents/carers who would like the school to consider granting leave of absence in term time should complete a Request for Leave of Absence form and send it to the Principal **well before the desired period of absence**. Parents/carers are strongly advised not to finalise any booking arrangements before receiving the school's decision regarding their request. The Principal 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 Principal may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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.

**THEMED LUNCH – BRITAIN DAY**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Our school cook and her team will be making a special 'Britain Day' themed lunch next Thursday. Please note therefore that the menu will be different to the one published, as follows:



*Sausage and Mash with  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Vegetable Cornish Pasty  
Derbyshire Jacket Potatoes*

*Iced Bakewell Tart  
British Bake-off Cupcakes*

The children will order their meals as normal during morning registration.

**SCHOOL TERM DATES**

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October & Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultation evenings.
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Tempest - individual portrait photographs
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	HALF TERM – School Closed
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Applications open for admissions to Reception 2020
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset day 2 of 5 School closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset day 3 of 5 School closed
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School Nursing Team visit to do height and weight measurements for Reception and Year 6
	Open Evening for parents/carers of Reception class 2020 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Parade - Tutbury
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Afternoon for parents/carers of Reception class 2020 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	The Book People – Book Bus in school

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir performing at the Mayor's Concert at Burton Town Hall 2:00pm – 5:00pm (approx.) – see below *
<p><b>* Choir at the Mayor's Concert</b> On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December our school choir have been invited to perform at the Mayor's Concert in Burton Town Hall. It would be lovely if other children from KS2 could join them for this performance and if your child would like to participate, could they please let their class teacher know. Numbers will be limited due to space so please let us know by Wednesday next week, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Thank you.</p>	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years and KS1 Theatre Visit to see 'Peter Pan' at Derby Arena (morning performance) KS2 Carol Service rehearsal in Tutbury Church (am)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Carol Service rehearsal in Tutbury Church (am) Early Years Nativity for parents in the Main Hall 2:00pm (further information to be provided)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Nativity for parents in the Main Hall 9:30am (further information to be provided)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Carol Service in Tutbury Church 2:00pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service in Tutbury Church 2:00pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term 2020

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

**TUTBURY REMEMBRANCE PARADE**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Anyone who wishes to attend this annual Remembrance Parade will need to assemble at the Village Hall in Monk Street at 9:45am ready to set off at 10:00am. The Parade will then walk from Monk Street towards High Street and then up to the Church where wreaths will be laid at the Memorial at approximately 10:20am. This will be followed by the Remembrance Service in the Church at 10:45am.



We are hopeful that once again this year members of our Pupil Leadership Team will be joining the Parade and will be laying our own school wreath.