



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The second half of the term is always very busy, especially as we are now on the run up to that word.

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.

ANTI-BULLYING WORK

Next week, from Monday 11th November, is the national awareness week around bullying. As in previous years, over the next month the children will be discussing and working around issues linked to this and how to prevent and deal with them. Every year as a school we spend time with all the children defining what bullying is and how we can deal with it should it arise? Once again, we have gone back to the definition established by the children:

'Bullying is where someone continuously has hurt someone or some people by being mean and unkind to them – either by hurting with actions or words'

This will be revisited again next week and renewed if needed. Also, we will be reiterating the ways the children came up with for dealing with bullying:

- **Walk away and ignore.**
- **Try to stick up for yourself but don't shout or hit back.**
- **Talk to your friends to get help.**
- **Talk to an adult – your parents or an adult in school you trust.**

This year's theme is 'Change starts with us' and alongside our monthly worship value of 'Courage' the children will be working on these aspects during November. In an age-appropriate way, the children will look at bullying. They will consider how it can be prevented but dealt with if it should arise.

The school has a clear policy on this issue and procedures to follow. Please see our website for these. Any comments or suggestions to improve this are always welcome.

To highlight anti-bullying week we are asking everyone to come to school in odd socks alongside the national campaign. There will not be a charge.



URGENT REQUEST - CHOIR AT THE MAYOR'S CONCERT

On Sunday 8th December our School Choir have been invited to perform at the Mayor's Concert in Burton Town Hall. At the moment we are really struggling to get enough children from KS2 to attend and represent our school. We need a minimum of 20 children to partake and we are short of that number. We are therefore asking for any volunteers to join the choir on this day for this event from **KS2 and Year 2** to ensure we have enough children to make a meaningful choir. We will be rehearsing in school time during hymn practice (there is no requirement to join the

after-school club). Please let the office know by Friday November 15th if your child will be able to participate. They will provide you with a permission slip for you to sign. Thank you

TEAMS4U – SHOEBOX APPEAL

A reminder that 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 was given a leaflet to bring home before the half term break but the office has a supply if needed. If you would like further information, please visit www.teams4u.com

The deadline for receipt of your shoebox in school is Friday 15th November. Thank you for your support.

NEW PARENTS OPEN AFTERNOON

Monday 18th November 1.30pm – 3.00pm

We have already held our evening session for prospective new parents but our afternoon session is another chance for anyone considering applying for a place in our Reception class in September 2020 to visit the school. 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. Applications opened on 1st November

2019 and the closing date is 15th January 2020.

If you are unable to apply online, a paper form is now available and please contact the school office who will be happy to send a copy to you.

Note: you must make an application by 15th 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>

VALUE OF THE MONTH

This month's value is Courage



There is huge potential to cover this value in many different ways. When we initially chose the Values in 2016, the staff and children discussed which values to study in which month. They chose Courage for November as Remembrance Sunday and Anti Bullying Week fall in this month.

An act of courage can take many forms and in many places and situations. It may reinforce the 'Anti Bullying' message mentioned earlier in this newsletter and that is promoted at all times, i.e. children are very much encouraged to tell an adult if they are being bothered by another child. However, they are always fearful of making the situation worse if they do. There is a zero tolerance attitude to bullying at our school and once we are aware of problems, they are dealt with. However, children often need courage to tell an adult of their worries.

It would be lovely to hear of any acts of courage, whatever and wherever they may have occurred, that any of our children have shown so we can share these across our school.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Parade - Tutbury
Monday 18 th November	Open Afternoon for parents/carers of Reception class 2020 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Thursday 5 th December	The Book People – Book Bus in school
Sunday 8 th December	Choir performing at the Mayor’s Concert at Burton Town Hall 2:00pm – 5:00pm (approx.) – see above
Tuesday 10 th 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 th 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 th December	Early Years Nativity for parents in the Main Hall 9:30am (further information to be provided)
Monday 16 th December	KS1 Carol Service in Tutbury Church 2:00pm
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Carol Service in Tutbury Church 2:00pm
Wednesday 18 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December	End of Term
Monday 6 th 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 10th 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 Church at 10:45am.



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

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Our School Council have been thinking very carefully about which events/charities we will be fundraising for this academic year. We are always keen to support charity events but are mindful that we do not want to burden parents with excessive requests!

Normally at this time of year we would be planning our fundraising for Children in Need, however we felt that this may be too much following the Macmillan and Shoebox requests.

This year our School Council are planning to raise money towards a school project: further information will be sent out shortly.