



# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It seems as though December has crept up on us again as we enter the busy yet wonderful part of the year when the school celebrates Christmas and all the activities and opportunities that come with it. The staff and children are still working hard in lessons but busy preparing for our Christmas events. We will continue to keep you updated with our newsletters and text messages: please use our website to check the diary dates.

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.

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

Courage can sometimes be hard to find. However, it is essential for us to instil courage in our children and in ourselves. Without courage, we can't move forward. Without courage, we will never experience new things in life or make the world a better place for others or ourselves. So many of our children show courage in their daily lives: from reading out their work in class, talking to visitors in our school or walking into school on their own.



## BOOK BUS

On Thursday this week we will be visited by the **Book Bus**. This is a bus filled with over 250 brand new books, all of which are available to purchase. School will receive commission for any books sold on that day, from which we are hoping to purchase urgently needed class sets of reading books.



The Book Bus will be in our Staff Car Park on Chatsworth Drive from 8:00am on Thursday till 4:30pm. During the day the children will visit the Bus in their class groups to have a look at the books available. Children in Key Stage 2 will be able to purchase a book themselves from the Bus driver and a suggested amount of £5-£10 would purchase just about any book on board.

Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will also visit the Bus to look at the books, and hopefully choose one they would like, which their class teacher will make a note of and pass this on to parents when they are collected at the end of the day. Parents are then invited to hop onto the Bus with their children to have a look themselves and make a purchase, if they wish. For your information, the Bus driver is able to accept card payments.

As the Book Bus is on site all day, parents are invited to pay a visit between 8:00am and 9:00am and again at the end of the day between 3:00pm and 4:30pm – a book makes a wonderful Christmas gift!

The Book Bus has visited other schools in the area and both children and parents have given very favourable comments. The Book People, who run the Book Bus, are noted for offering excellent value books and the Bus will have a huge variety on board. Your support, as always, is very much appreciated and it will be splendid if we are able to purchase much needed reading books for our classrooms from the commission earned on the day. Thank you!

### OLYMPIC ATHLETE

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December Olympic High jump athlete David Smith will join us. All of the children have been invited to complete an optional sponsor form to help raise money for Sport for Champions.

All of the children should come to school in sports clothing ready to take part in the sports session in the afternoon.

We can't wait to meet him and hope that all of the children enjoy this opportunity.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December our School Council are organising a parallel election in school to run alongside the general election. Children in years 1-6 will learn about our democratic voting system and about the main political parties, after which they will be encouraged to vote for one of the political parties using voting slips and ballot boxes. Please take this opportunity to talk to your children about this prior to 12<sup>th</sup> December to extend and deepen their understanding of British Values.



### SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

In addition to the above election, our School Council wish to support this very worthwhile fundraising event. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December they are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper for the day, alongside their normal school uniform, in return for a suggested donation of £1.

Our PTA will be holding a Christmas jumper/clothes bring and buy sale on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3.25pm. Please send into

school any pre-loved, Christmas jumper, festive outfits or nativity costumes or just bring them along on the day.

Thank you for continuing to support our school council and PTA.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Cater Link school catering team will be preparing a special Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The menu will be:

**Roast Turkey with 'Pigs in Blanket'  
or  
Feta Spinach and Cranberry Puff  
Pastry Roll  
served with Christmas vegetables**

**Gingerbread Biscuit/Vanilla Ice  
Cream/Fruit**

The children will bring home an order form for Christmas Lunch to enable the cook to place her order for food. Please complete this and return it to your child's class teacher by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you!

### SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

As we move into winter, can we remind you of our severe weather procedures.

In the **unlikely event** of the school having to close, **a message will be published on our website at [www.richardwakefieldschool.com](http://www.richardwakefieldschool.com)**

**and a text message sent out to parents.** Staffordshire County Council also has a designated emergency School Closures area on their website:

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclosures.aspx>

In addition, Staffordshire County Council now offer a **free alerts service** which brings urgent and important alerts straight to your email inbox or via text message. This includes school closure information. Further details and how to sign up are also available on the above website.



## SCHOOL TERM DATES

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTA – Early Years ‘Tea with Santa’ 3:30pm-4:30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Makaton club performing at Sherrats Wood
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	The Book People – Book Bus in school
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Group of Early Years and Choir singing to Tutbury Friendship Group at Tutbury Insitute 11:00am – 11:30am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 visit to Tutbury Castle
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit from the Olympic Athlete – David Smith
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA - Christmas jumper ‘bring and buy’ sale at 3.30pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir performing at the Mayor’s Concert at Burton Town Hall 2:00pm – 5:00pm (approx.)
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)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council Parallel Election Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – School Council fundraising event
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
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Immunisation Team to deliver Flu Vaccine - Reception to Year 6
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.

### YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY TRAINING - 2020



We will once again be participating in the Year 5 cycle training. The dates are 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Please make a note in your diary for any Year 5 children who already have

their own bicycle and for any who may receive one for Christmas. This training is very worthwhile for the children in raising awareness of how to keep safe when cycling on the road.

### GOVERNOR NEWS

I’m sure you will wish to join us in thanking Mr Jeremy Tutt for his service to school as a Governor since 2013. There has been a great deal of change since Mr Tutt joined us and although his child left our school in 2014, he continued with his term of office. Mr Tutt remained committed to our school development and was very much involved with the recent process of conversion to Academy status. His support over the years has been very much appreciated.

### BE BRIGHT AND BE SEEN



At this time of year, it's important to **Be Bright and Be Seen** when you are out and about near roads.

**BE BRIGHT** – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

**REFLECTIVE** – When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

**IMPROVE** – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

**GREEN CROSS CODE** – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

**HEADLIGHTS** – if you like to cycle, it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.