



NEWSLETTER

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Children break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday
20th December and return to school on Monday 6th January 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we come to the end of the term can we thank you for all your support during the year so far. It is much appreciated. As always, the children have made us very proud with their nativity performances which always make us feel that Christmas has started! On behalf of all the staff and children at Richard Wakefield C.E. Primary Academy can I wish you, and your families, a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year!

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Thank you to everyone who came to our early Years, KS1 and KS2 performances. We hope you enjoyed watching the young talent we are so proud to have in our school.

The staff deserve special mention as this year, like every year, they all worked really hard to prepare the children despite all the illness around. However the main stars were the children who spoke, sang and acted to such a high level – I hope they are all very proud with their efforts.

Can we give a special mention and thanks to the parents who came to the aid of the member of the audience taken ill during the KS2 performance. Your help and kindness was very much appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

Just in case the weather turns in the New Year, 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 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.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in raising funds for our school, and to all parents/carers and families for supporting the various PTA events. The Christmas Fayre raised some £900 which is a splendid amount. We very much look forward to continuing to work with the PTA in 2020.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The catering team served a traditional Christmas lunch today. The take-up from both children and staff was very high, with only a few children choosing not to have one. Many of the children commented on how much they enjoyed their meal this year. Thank you to Mrs Allerton and Mrs Kaczmarczyk for

preparing and serving the feast and to our Lunchtime Supervisors for their support. The Dining Room was a very festive sight.

MISS GOODWIN

At the end of this week, we say goodbye to one of our Early Years Teaching Assistants who is leaving us to start a new career in accountancy. We will miss her and we wish her every success in her new venture.

SAT's MEETING FOR PARENTS OF ALL PUPILS IN YEAR 6

A reminder that this will be held in school at 5:30pm on Tuesday 7th January to explain the testing process and what the school will be doing to support all our Year 6 pupils. **Please make every effort to attend as this is a really important meeting and your support would be really appreciated.** For anybody unable to attend, a summary of the contents will be provided, as well as the chance to speak to the staff concerned at a mutually convenient time.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2019

Thank you for your support. We raised just under £160!



A reminder! How can I apply for a Reception place? Useful information

As the deadline for applications draws near, a reminder that the quickest and easiest way is to apply online. This can be done now, with the closing date for applications being 15th January 2020.

If you are unable to apply online, a paper form is available. Please contact the school office 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 15th January 2020. Please note there is no automatic entry into Reception.

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

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/primary

DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Monday 6 th January	Start of Spring Term
Tuesday 7 th January	Y6 SAT's meeting for Parents 5:30pm
Thursday 16 th January	PTA disco
Thursday 23 rd January	KS2 Theatre visit to see The Prince and the Pauper at the New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under Lyme
11 th February 12 th February	Year 5 Bikeability training