



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to 2020 and a new decade. We hope that everyone had a lovely, restful break. As we start the New Year there is always a lot to remind you about and update you on. Please use this newsletter and the website to keep up to date with everything that is going on in school.

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. Please do not wait until Parent Consultations to come to us as the sooner we know about any issue the quicker we can resolve it.

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

Whilst there is no current talk of a cold snap on the way please can we just 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.



A reminder!

How can I apply for a Reception place? Useful information

Please note that the **closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2020!** It is important to note that there is **no automatic entry into Reception** so please ensure you complete the application. The quickest and easiest way is to apply online at: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/primary

YEAR 3 AND 4 INDOOR ATHLETICS

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 team who finished third in the East Staffordshire schools qualifier on 9th December. They did fantastically well to achieve this placing against the other schools.

Well done to Grace, Amelia, Milly, Pip, Elsie, Ethan, Harrison, Lennon, Jack and Gabriel.

THEATRE VISIT – KS2

A reminder that our KS2 theatre trip is on Thursday 23rd January to see 'The Prince and the Pauper' at the New Vic Theatre, Newcastle under Lyme. Children will be transported by coach, leaving school at 9:00am. At the end of the performance a room has been allocated at the theatre for the children to eat their lunch. The coach will then pick them up at 2:00pm for the return journey to school, which is expected to be by 3:00pm to enable the children to be dismissed at the normal time. For your information, a text message will be sent to parents when they are approximately 15 minutes away from school.

JANUARY SCHOOL CENSUS

Thursday 16th January

'Fish & Chips with Lucky Mario and Unicorn Trays'

The school census is an important day when various data is passed on to the Department for Education. This includes the number of children having a school meal, which triggers additional funding for the school, and as such we would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a meal on that day.

The Caterlink Team in the school kitchen will be providing a special lunch on Thursday 16th and there will be two Lucky Mario and Unicorn Prize Trays for each year group. We would very much welcome your support in encouraging your child to have a school meal. The menu will be:

**Fish Fingers and Chips
or Quorn Dippers/Jacket Potatoes**

Unicorn and Mario Cup Cakes

Thank you for your support.

KS1 SATS MEETING

Tuesday 28th January at 5:00pm

On Tuesday 28th January at 5:00pm, Mrs Wiles and Miss Walton will be holding a meeting to explain the assessment process around KS1 and what the school will be doing to support all our Year 2 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.

We also ask politely that children do not attend this meeting. As a school, we work to ensure that, as much as possible, our Year 2 pupils have little awareness of the process. Thank you.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

These will take place on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March. Letters to book times will be issued later this half term.

STAFF VACANCY

TEACHING ASSISTANT – EARLY YEARS

We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant in our Early Years Unit. Please see the attached sheet for details and how to apply. The closing date is Monday 13th January at 12:00 noon.

DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Thursday 16 th January	School Census Day – Special Fish & Chips Lunch with Lucky Prize Trays
Thursday 16 th January	PTA Disco Early Years and KS1 3:30pm-4:30pm KS2 – 4:45pm-6:15pm
Thursday 23 rd January	KS2 New Vic Theatre trip to see 'The Prince and the Pauper'
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 5 Bikeability training – Day1
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 5 Bikeability training – Day2
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 16 th March	Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 5:45pm
Tuesday 17 th March	Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 5:45pm
Monday 6 th April to Friday 17 th April Easter Holidays – School Closed	

SPRING TERM LUNCH MENU

Please see our website for Caterlink's new Spring Term menu.

The de Ferrers Trust

Subject:	Teaching Assistant – Early Years
Salary:	DFT Grade 2 £18,426, working weeks 39 Actual Salary £13,532
Contract Type:	Permanent
Start Date:	February 2020

The de Ferrers Trust is a Multi Academy Trust currently based in Staffordshire and Derbyshire. We currently consist of 3 Secondary Academies and 4 Primary Academies.

Our Vision and Aims

To ensure that all the children and young people in our care have the opportunity to fulfil their potential through achieving highly, regardless of their ability or background.

We aim to achieve our vision through:

- Delivering a high quality education for all pupils.
- Recruiting, developing and retaining high - calibre members of staff.
- Establishing and developing robust governance.
- Ensuring financial probity and viability.
- Developing a highly efficient trust infrastructure and central services.
- Establishing effective systems to support the sustainable growth of the Trust.

Richard Wakefield (C of E) Academy, Location: Tutbury, DE13 9NR

Richard Wakefield Academy has an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic and driven individual to join the educational support team.

You will work under the guidance of teaching staff supporting the teaching and management of students, both in mainstream and alternative provision, to ensure access the curriculum is maintained by removing barriers to learning. You will also provide teaching support in the Early Years Unit in accordance to specific work programmes designed and supervised by individual teachers.

You will be professional, understanding and have a can-do attitude. You will also demonstrate a good understanding of areas of learning and social/emotional needs of students.

The ideal candidate should possess NVQ level 2 or above for Teaching Assistant.

The position will be 27.75 hours per week, working weeks are Term Time + 1 week (39).

Applicants for positions are welcome to visit the Academy by contacting Richard Wakefield Academy on 01283 247535

CPD

The Trust believes that professional development is key to being successful and offers excellent opportunities for colleagues to grow and achieve. We provide tailored CPD and professional development, mentoring, strong support and a range of developmental opportunities across the Trust.

Benefits Package

The de Ferrers Trust strives to be 'Employer of Choice' and are committed to the wellbeing and development of colleagues. Offering an excellent benefit package which includes:

- Cycle to Work Scheme
- Taste Card
- Discounts for days out, shopping, holidays and much more, with different offers each month!
- Access to a fully fitted fitness suite, located on site at The de Ferrers Academy.

Closing date: 13th January 2020 at 12.00 noon

Interview date: 16th January 2020

How to Apply:

You can apply directly to the Trust HR Team via the Trust website www.deferrerstrust.com or email applications to careers@deferrerstrust.com. You must complete an application form to be considered. Due to safeguarding reasons we cannot accept C.Vs.

Please note: Completed applications should be received by 12:00 noon on the closing date.

If you do not hear back after 5 working days from closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful. Due to the volume of applications we receive, it is not policy to give individual feedback at this stage.

If you would like to discuss the role, or have any other queries, please contact 01283 372621 and ask to speak to The Trust HR Team or Samantha Lawless, HR Officer.

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and this position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

All applicants must be able to provide documentation to prove their right to work in the UK.

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