



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have had a fantastic first half to this academic year and are very much looking forward to what the remainder of the year has in store for us. The children have been working remarkably hard since the beginning of the New Year: many children have been to my office to show off their work from class; we have already taken part in a number of sports competitions and KS2 have enjoyed a wonderful trip to the theatre to see 'The Prince and The Pauper'.

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.

WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5th March

This year we would like to do something a little different for World Book Day. We will be spending the day doing our usual book related activities but this year we will be focussing on the use of ambitious vocabulary. We would therefore like children to select a piece of ambitious vocabulary and come dressed as something to reflect it. Don't panic! This is not as difficult as you may think!

Firstly, the vocabulary needs to be suitable for your child's age. Pick a word that is new to them but they will be able to understand. For example, a reception-aged child may choose the word 'nocturnal' and come dressed as an owl or a bat. A KS2 child might select the word 'hypochondriac' and come dressed in bandages and plasters. The chosen word needs to be displayed on the costume somewhere. (Written on a piece of card and

taped to the costume is fine) Talk to your child about their chosen word and costume so that they can then explain it to their class. This will allow children to celebrate World Book Day but also learn new and exciting words.



BREAK SNACKS and ALLERGIES

It has once again come to our attention that many children are still bringing inappropriate snacks into school to eat at breaktimes.

We do not allow the children to eat crisps or chocolate as part of their snack: these items are much more suited as part of a balanced packed lunch. Please ensure you send your child in with an **appropriate snack** to eat at breaktime. We have explained to the children that our snacks should help keep us full and keep our energy levels up during the daytime.

Alternatively, our catering staff provide suitable snacks for children in Key Stage 2 to purchase during morning break from the Dining Hall, at a small cost, as follows:

Toast, Tea Cake, Crumpet, Pancake
Milk, Milk Shake, Forest Fruit or Apple Juice

As always KS1 and EYFS children are provided with healthy snacks via the school scheme.

Please be aware, there are a number of children in school with severe nut allergies and you will, of course, appreciate the serious issues which could result from one of these children coming into contact with any form of nuts. Staff will have to remove any snack that potentially could be harmful, returning them at the end of the day. **WE HAVE TO BE A NUT FREE SCHOOL AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WITH THIS.** Thank you!

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

Just a reminder should the situation arise!

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/schools_andcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclosures.aspx

Staffordshire County Council also 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 available on the above website.



PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

These will take place on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March. Letters to book times will be issued shortly.

DIARY DATES REMINDER!

Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 th February	Online safety meeting for parents 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Tuesday 11 th February	Year 5 Bikeability – Day 1
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 5 Bikeability – Day 2
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February Half Term – School Closed	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
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	
Sunday 14 th June	PTA Summer Fayre

VALUE OF THE MONTH February 2019 - Love

Our value for February is Love.

The value of 'Love' underpins everything we do in school.

The Bible explicitly tells us that God is Love and that those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. (1 John 4:16)



This does not mean romantic love, it means putting of others before ourselves whether they deserve it or not – a kind of selfless love-in-action.

The staff will be working with the children to understand what this looks like in their everyday lives. Please support us with this where you can and ask the children what they understand about this value.

REMINDERS!

DINNER MONEY

Please ensure all dinner money payments are sent in with your child on a Monday morning and handed to their class teacher and not to the school office. Thank you.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please make every effort to arrange medical appointments for your child out of school hours. If an appointment has to be during the school day, please provide the school office with a copy of the appointment form. We appreciate that many doctors/dentists now send appointment reminders by text and sight of these by the school office will be acceptable. Thank you.

VACANCIES

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

The de Ferrers Trust is looking to appoint an enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisor to supervise the children at Richard Wakefield C.E. Primary Academy.

Please see our website for full details.
Closing date 9:00am on 10th February.