



NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Welcome back to everyone after the summer break. As always we would especially like to extend a special welcome to all those children, parents and carers starting with our school for the first time this week. We are delighted that you have chosen to join us and we look forward to working with you.

Joining our teaching staff are Miss Farebrother as the class teacher in Year 3/4 and Miss Walton as the class teacher for Year 1. We welcome them both. Also, Mrs Dormer is returning to our staff and she will be teaching Spanish to Year 3 and 4 on a Thursday afternoon this term. Finally, we welcome Miss Flynn who is teacher training with us this year and working in Year 5. We are also very grateful that The de Ferrers Academy will again provide their Modern Foreign Language staff to teach our older children this year.

After the summer it is important that we get back to learning as soon as possible. All classes are organising our Class Chats for each year group that will enable parents to meet the teacher and look at the learning, routines and expectations set for the coming year. Year 1 did their meeting back in July before the break.

For those of you who are new to the school, as well as the newsletter which comes out at least monthly, we also have the text message service to communicate information to you all. Please ensure that the office has up to date contact details. Thank you. You can also get information, dates and the latest newsletter on our website www.richardwakefieldschool.com

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 each newsletter, do not wait to contact us because the sooner we know about any issue the quicker we can resolve it.

PARENT VOLUNTEER HELPERS

We would very much welcome parent volunteer helpers in school. If you are able to spare some time during the school day, perhaps listening to children read, please contact the school office.



Please note that it is school policy for parents not to help in the class their child is in.

It will be appropriate for the usual Disclosure Check to be carried out for safeguarding purposes and for a brief induction with regard to school protocol, which will incorporate health and safety.

SPORTS CLUBS

Again this year we are working with Burton Albion to enhance our extra curriculum provision. For this **half term** the clubs will be as follows:



Day/ Start Date	Year Group	Club	Start/ Finish	Max No
Mon 11 Sept	3 - 6	Tag Rugby	3:30pm 4:30pm	16
Tue 12 Sept	1 - 2	Multi Skills	3:30pm 4:30pm	16
Wed 13 Sept	3 - 6	Netball	3:30pm 4:30pm	16
Thur 14 Sept	3 - 6	Hockey	3:30pm 4:30pm	16

SCHOOL LED CLUBS

Day/ Start Date	Year Group	Club	Start/ Finish	Max No
Mon 18 Sept	1 – 6	Christian Club	12:20pm 1:00pm	
Tues 12 Sept	3 – 6	Choir	3:30pm 4:30pm	30
Wed 13 Sept	4 – 6	Ukulele	3:30pm 4:30pm	14
Thurs 14 Sept	4 – 6	Photography	3:30pm 4:30pm	14
Thurs 14 Sept	5 – 6	Netball	12:30pm 1:00pm	14

NON-UNIFORM DAY

On Saturday 9th September, one of our Year 3 pupils will be running the Junior Great North run to raise money for The Sick Children's Trust because they helped her family when her brother Thomas was poorly. The Trust provides accommodation around the country and enables families to be close to their critically ill children.

To support Daisy we are going to have a non-uniform day on Friday 15th September and we are asking any child who wants to pay a 50p fine, to come in sports clothing of their choice for the day. During the day we will also walk/run a mile around our field (weather permitting!) to support Daisy.



MEDICAL FORMS

Your child (with the exception of Reception and Nursery) will bring home a Medical Form today for your completion and return to school by Wednesday 13th September please. You will, of course, appreciate how important it is for the school to be aware of whether or not your child has any medical needs and so this form is sent out annually to ensure our records are up to date. Should your child have Asthma, please ensure school has an up to date inhaler. Thank you.

PLAYGROUND BARRIERS

Those parents who come onto the school premises will be aware that we have some new plastic playground barriers. It has come to our attention that, at the end of the school day, children are climbing and jumping over them. The children have been advised not to do this and may we please ask parents for your support with this. Thank you.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Parents/carers who would like the school to consider granting leave of absence in term time should complete a Request for Leave of Absence form and send it to the Headteacher, **well before the desired period of absence.** Parents/carers are strongly advised not to finalise any booking arrangements before receiving the school's decision regarding their request. The Headteacher cannot authorise any leave of absence unless the request is received before the period of absence begins.

The Department for Education makes it clear that the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers now also determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

The school, along with Staffordshire County Council, understands the challenges that some parents/carers face when booking family holidays, particularly during school holiday periods. However, we believe that in order to ensure children receive the best education to enhance their prospects, they should be in school during term time.

SCHOOL TERM DIARY DATES

Friday 20 th October	Inset Day (2) – School Closed
Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October HALF TERM – School Closed	
Tuesday 19 th December	End of Autumn Term
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Spring Term
Monday 19 th February – Friday 23 rd February HALF TERM – School Closed	
Thursday 29 th March	End of Spring Term
Friday 30 th March – Wednesday 11 th April EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Thursday 12 th April	Inset Day (3) – School Closed
Friday 13 th April	Inset Day (4) – School Closed
Monday 16 th April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 7 th May	May Day - Bank Holiday School Closed
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June HALF TERM – School Closed	
Monday 4 th June	Inset Day (5) – School Closed
Friday 20 th July	End of Summer Term