



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Following on from my last newsletter, where I expressed the view that this term is like no other, it gets no easier.

We are continually working with Staffordshire County Council to ensure we take the correct action at all times when cases come to light. All these measures are to keep all our children, staff and their families' safe in these difficult times. We appreciate both your support and understanding. Thank you.

If you have any questions please ask and as we always say if any other issues arise in school but please speak to either Mrs Lowe or myself. Please do not wait to contact us because the sooner we know about any issue the quicker we can resolve it. In the current situation it is best to ring to speak to one of us

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We have this up and running and hopefully you will agree that it is working well so far especially if you have a child self-isolating. Most families are able to access the classroom at a time that best suits their home situation. If you have any issues please email us via the home support email:

homesupport.richardwakefield@deferrerstrust.com

There is a home learning page on our website for the initial set up with links to some help pages. Let us know if there are any other links that would be useful.

[Learning from home](#)

VIRUS PREVENTION

One of the guidelines around preventing the spread of the virus is to keep rooms ventilated. Therefore all classrooms have windows open even with the weather turning colder. Please ensure that your child comes to school suitably dressed, maybe with extra layers, to keep warm. Thank you.

REPORTING ILLNESS AND TESTING

With the virus still being very prevalent in the local area please can we ask you to report any illness or if a child has gone for a Covid-19 test to school as promptly as you can.

By text message last week we asked you to use the office.richardwakefield@deferrerstrust.com email address to do this even over the weekends. This helps us to track both testing and illness and therefore enable us to carry out appropriate action promptly giving families some time to make alternative arrangements. Thank you.

ANTI-BULLYING WORK

During last week the children worked really hard on this area and hopefully empowered themselves to take any action needed to prevent this from happening to themselves or anyone around them.

We adopted again our definition which we share with you all.

'Bullying is where someone continuously has hurt someone or some people by being mean and unkind to them – either by hurting with actions or words'

Also, the children agreed that the actions and steps set out below were the ones to follow to both prevent and deal with the issue.

- **Walk away and ignore.**
- **Try to stick up for yourself but don't shout or hit back.**
- **Talk to your friends to get help.**
- **Talk to an adult – your parents or an adult in school you trust.**

Our Year 6 have helped rewrite and redesign our 'child friendly' Anti-bullying policy which we will share with you all via the website shortly.

NEW PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2021

As with many events this year, we are currently unable to offer visits to our school for prospective Reception parents. However if anyone has any questions please ring the school office and someone will reply to you as soon as they can.

We will release all details on our website in the coming weeks. Please register your interest via the office email to receive notifications of any updates for our prospective parents.

Please share this information with anyone who may be interested. Thank you

Useful information: How can I apply for a Reception place?

The quickest and easiest way is to apply online. Applications opened on 1st November 2020 and the closing date is 15th January 2021.

If you are unable to apply online, a paper form is now available and please contact the school office who will be happy to send a copy to you.

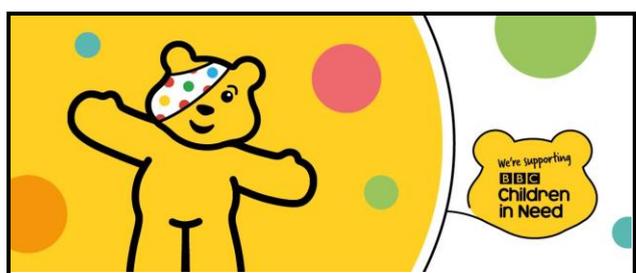
Note: you must make an application by 15th January 2021. There is no automatic entry into Reception.

Further information is available on the Staffordshire County Council admissions website at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary>

CHILDREN IN NEED 2020

Friday November 13th

Thank you for supporting this event even though we had to do this in a very different way this year.



CHRISTMAS CARD POST BOX



From next week the Christmas Card post box will be in operation in a very different format. Each class will have a collection point in their classroom for cards to be placed. All cards must be clearly labelled with a full name and class on the front. This year we can't investigate ones with no labels.

These will be collected and placed in the main post box by the office during the week. The deadline for cards to be 'posted' is Friday December 11th.

The cards will then be quarantined until Wednesday 16th December when they will be sorted and distributed to go home.

Please note children will not be allowed to distribute cards themselves. We are sorry for this but hope you can understand why.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

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| Friday 18 th December | End of Term |
| Monday 4 th January | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 5 th January | Inset Day |
| Wednesday 6 th January | Start of Spring term 2021 |