



The Richard Heathcote C.P. School



Newsletter – Friday 27th November 2020

A message from the Headteacher....

It was lovely to see the children and staff return to Sycamore and Maple class today. It has been really quiet in school without them! Thank you to all of the children and their parents for taking part so enthusiastically with the online learning and to the staff for making it such a success.

As always, I am immensely proud of you all! We look forward to Monday, when Year 2 return too and we are all back to normal.

I hope you have all seen the Facebook posts of the Christmas trees around school. This year we have had 2 real trees from Keele Christmas Tree Farm for our entrance area and school hall. They are beautiful and the service was excellent! Keele Christmas Tree Farm are once again offering the schools scheme. So don't forget to mention our school when you purchase your tree.

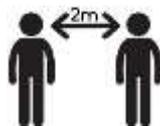
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Work will be starting on the school site over the next few weeks and we need to be prepared for a little disruption. We are pleased to be having new fencing on our school field and the rear playground will be resurfaced.



A reminder that Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes start at 8.55 until 15.05 and Key Stage 2 remain at 8.45 – 3.15.



Social Distancing on School Grounds

Parents are reminded to adhere to the 2m social distancing rule whilst on the school site at all times. We also respectfully ask that only one parent accompany the child/ren on drop off and collection to limit the number of adults on site.

Reception

RECEPTION CLASS 2021

We are accepting applications for Reception children for September 2021.

If your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 please apply for a place. Applications are available online through the <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education> website. Please contact office@heathcote.staffs.sch.uk if you need any more support.

<https://youtu.be/U6LRRph7Wpo>

Mild Covid Symptoms – Testing Advice

As we move towards the Christmas holiday period it is more important than ever that we keep school as safe as possible.

Currently anyone who has one of the main symptoms of persistent cough, high temperature, new cough or loss of taste or smell must self-isolate immediately and book a test.

With many people displaying other symptoms, Staffordshire County Council are asking residents in Staffordshire to consider getting tested as a precaution if they have other symptoms such as:

- Headaches
- Aches and pains
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Sometimes 'tummy ache' in children

People with any of these symptoms can carry on going to school or work if they are well enough to do so and only need to self-isolate if the test comes back positive. We want to ensure as many people as possible consider getting a test, even if it is merely a precaution.

The national testing centres across the county have good availability, and can be booked through the NHS website. People booking a test through this website need to check the 'My council has asked me to get a test' option.



Autumn Term 2020

Friday 4th December - Elf Day for Alzheimer's UK

Wednesday 9th December – History of Gaming Day

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December - School closes for the Christmas break

Monday 4th January – School reopens for the Spring Term

