



The Richard Heathcote C.P. School



Newsletter - Friday 5th March 2021

Headteacher's Message.....

We are all thankful that today marks the end of the remote learning period during this Lockdown and we are all looking forward to getting a little bit of normality back into our lives. It has been a tremendously difficult time for everyone and I am so thankful for all of the support that parents have given to their children with the remote learning, to the staff for all of their hard work in providing a fabulous remote learning experience whilst also looking after the children in school and to the staff behind the scenes that has enabled the school to continue to function so smoothly during this time. I am so proud of every child in our school community for showing great resilience during this time and we are so very much looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday.



School Meals

Due to the COVID pandemic many families may find that their circumstances have changed and now may be entitled to Pupil Premium status for their child which entitles the child to a school meal every day. Registering your child for Free School Meals, if you are entitled is important. If you are in receipt of any benefits (even if it is short term) please check your eligibility by visiting:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

You will get an immediate response and confirmation email after you've completed your application.



Parking

Monday will be a busy day as we return to school and I would like to remind you all to consider your travel to school arrangements. Parking as you all know is a real concern for all schools, not just ours, and I must remind you that if you do arrive to school by car please park safely and considerately. The Gresley Arms have kindly agreed to allow us to continue to use their car park in the mornings but parking in the afternoon is not permitted. We have procured new parking banners and parking aids as reminders. Parking across neighbour's drives is not permitted nor is parking across from the school zig zag lines, although not illegal, it is not safe as any larger vehicles have to mount the pavement to pass. Please help to keep all children safe. We have also been informed that parking enforcement officers will be visiting over the next few days too!!!



Snack

All children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 are offered fresh fruit at breaks.

Reception Class and KS1 may supplement their fruit with a breakfast biscuit and a drink which are available at a cost of £2.00

In KS2 children have the option of purchasing fruit, a drink and a breakfast biscuit for £2.50 or a breakfast biscuit and a drink for £2.00.

Snack must be ordered and paid for on a Monday morning and children are permitted to bring in their own fruit from home if preferred.



COVID PROTOCOLS

ALL ADULTS ENTERING THE SCHOOL SITE MUST COMPLY WITH THE SCHOOL RISK ASSESSMENT

- Use of the one-way system around school at the start and end of the school day. Entry through the playground gate and exit through the gate opposite office ONLY.
- Social distancing of 2M to be maintained AT ALL TIMES by parents in and around the school grounds.
- Adults entering the school site must wear a face covering at all times.
- No child or adult to come into school if displaying any COVID symptoms.
- All classes are 8.45am – 3.15pm
- Gates close at 8.50am - all late arrivals to the office.
- Uniform to be worn.
- Wear PE kits on PE days.
- No bags.
- Return all home learning books to class teachers.
- Own water bottles.



Spring Term 2021

Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 19th April – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils