



# The Reginald Mitchell News

*"work together...learn together...reach for the sky"*



5th Jan 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to introduce myself in this newsletter as the new Head of School at The Reginald Mitchell Primary School. All the staff and children have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be joining your school community. Being a father of three primary aged children, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is evident in all areas. Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and to meet with Mrs Rourke, pupils and staff.

Not only do I want to get to know the pupils and staff this term but I want to forge strong links with parents and carers, I shall be on the playground most mornings and afternoons so please say hello.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school and look forward to meeting you over the next term.

## Changes to penalty notices for absence from school

We have previously sent out a letter regarding changes to penalty notices which come into effect from January 2018. We have attached the letter to this newsletter as a reminder for you. Any period of unauthorised absence may result in a penalty notice, head teachers will continue to be the only person able to authorise leave in term time.

Previously a pupil had to have 20 unauthorised late marks before a penalty notice could be issued. This has now changed to **10 late marks** which do not need to be one after the other.

Please read the attached letter regarding the changes.

## ATTENDANCE

Class attendance so far this year

Reception	93.3%
Y1	95.7%
Y2	95%
Y3	94.8%
Y4	97.5%
Y5	95.2%
Y6	97.2%

**Whole school 95.5%**

## Stars of the week

Look here for our stars each week !



## Attendance

If your child is not well enough to attend school we do expect you to call us by 9.30 a.m. at the latest to inform us of the reason why. Mr Newton will be monitoring attendance daily and will be contacting parents if pupils are absent or continuously late.

Please continue to provide appointment cards / letters for medical appointments in school time, we understand that some of these are unavoidable.

We have school paracetamol which we can use (we will ring you first for verbal consent) if children feel unwell during the day.

Parents claiming income support, income-based Jobseekers Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, some Child Tax Credit, some Working Tax Credit etc can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at The Reginald Mitchell Primary School.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, or they are currently in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and receiving universal infant school meals, the more eligible parents who claim meals the more funding your child receives.

It really does make a difference!

You can quickly and easily register your claim by registering online using the address :

[http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educational awardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/home.aspx](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educational%20awardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/home.aspx) or call into the school office where Mrs Edge or Mrs Smith will help you.

**\*\*Free school jumper / cardigan for new claimants\*\***

Don't forget that children can use our breakfast club from 8.15am every morning. No need to book, just come in any time from 8.15am for a healthy snack before school.  
Only £1 per child.

A reminder that our school site, including the playground is **NO SMOKING OR VAPING** site. Thank you

Please also do not bring dogs (large or small!) onto the playground or into the reception area.



We would like to remind everyone to park responsibly and safely outside school during drop off and pick up times. Please do not block our neighbours drive-ways and remember that pupils should be dropped off and collected from the playground access gate, not the front entrance at the start/end of the day.



In the event of snow or bad weather we will inform parents of any school closure or disruption by text message. **Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details.**

	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Weds</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
<b>Option 1</b>	Cheese & tomato Pizza	Beef & vegetable pie	Roast dinner	All day breakfast	Fish fingers
<b>Option 2</b>	Tomato & basil Pasta	Vegetable pie	Cheese & potato bake	Vegetable noodle stir fry	Veggie hot dog
<b>Option 3</b>	Jacket potato with various fillings	Jacket potato with various fillings	Jacket potato with various fillings	Jacket potato with various fillings	Jacket potato with various fillings

### PTFA NEWS

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th January 6.30pm at the Toby Carvery

Please come along to share your ideas for fundraising events or to offer help at one or more events. Mr Newton will be coming along to

**ALL WELCOME!!**

Mrs Fowell is stepping down from the PTFA after many years, school and the PTFA would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication over the years.



08/01/2018	Clubs start back this week
16/01/2018	Y2 SATS meeting
23/01/2018	Phonics workshop