

## Admission to Reception and Junior Schools in September 2020

If you have a child who is due to start in either Reception or Year 3 in September 2020 then please note that the [closing date for applications is January 15th 2020](#).

You can apply online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk). If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school office.

## Admissions to Nursery 2020

If your child was born between the 1st September 2016 and the 31st August 2017 then you will need to apply using the Lansdowne Nursery Admissions 2020 application form. These are available from school office. Applications close on Monday 2nd March 2020.

## Holidays

Please may we remind you that the law does not allow head teachers to authorise holidays during term time.



From January 2018, Staffordshire County Council made changes to their previous guidance to schools, parents and carers regarding absence from school. Full details of changes are available from the school office.

## Text Messages and Emails

We will once again be inviting you to our Parent Consultations in February by text and email. This worked very successfully last term. If you have not registered an email address with us and would like to do so then please pop into the office for us to update our records.

Also, if you had a new mobile phone over the holidays then please update us with your new number.

## Snow and School closures

In the event of the school being closed, we will text you. In addition, you may wish to check the Staffordshire County Council website.

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclosures.aspx>

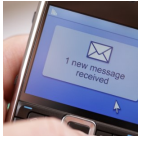
The local radio stations will then use this website to announce school closures. In previous years school closures have been read out on Radio Derby on 104.5FM, and are on the Burton Mail website.

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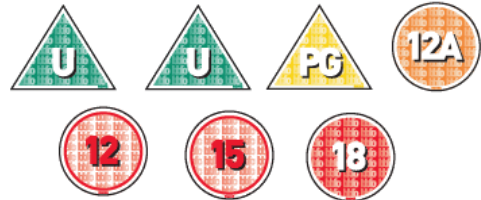


## Online Safety

As you will know, our monthly advice is usually based on staying safe on computers, tablets and mobile phones. However, these days we appreciate that many families use their televisions to access online programmes, or use apps to watch films.



We strongly advise you to take all necessary actions to protect your children by not allowing them to watch unsuitable films, DVDs or TV programmes. In addition, they should not be watching older children or adults playing games on X boxes / PS4 type consoles, which have an age restriction.



## SATs -Year Two Parents' Meeting

There will be an important meeting for parents of Year Two children on **Wednesday 15th January** regarding the SATs which your child will be taking in May of this year. Please come along to find out how you can support your child at home.

## Year Two visit to SnowDome

Our Year Two children will be visiting SnowDome in Tamworth on **Thursday 9th January** for a fun-filled morning playing in the snow as part of their class project on Narnia. The cost of the trip is £7.00 per child. Please send in money and permission slip in the envelope provided. If you would like to pay by instalments, please see the school office by Wednesday 8th January.



## Zoo2U

On Monday 27th January Reception and Nursery children will be visited by a few curious creatures when Zoo2U will be bringing their animals into school. This will be a wonderful experience for the children and they will get to meet some furry and not so furry friends!





## School Times

Just a reminder that main school starts at **8.50am** and finishes at **3.05pm**. Gates open from 8.30am and doors open at 8.40am. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Nursery times** are 8.30am and 12.15pm. Entrance via the Nursery gate off Stafford Street please.

Children should only be brought to the school office off Goodman Street where late arrival is unavoidable.

## Head lice

Please take a few minutes to check your child's hair for head lice every week.



## Attendance



Attendance from 2nd September 2019 to date: **93.79%**. The School target is: **96%**

The overall attendance for each class for December:

RER	86.21%
RGC	82.53%
Y1MB	90.47%
Y1NP	89.54%
Y2AB	89.77%
Y2AS	90.58%

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December the children all wore their Christmas jumpers in aid of Save the Children and raised a fantastic £123.52!



## Diary Dates

### Thursday 9th January

Year Two visit to SnowDome, Tamworth

### Wednesday 15th January

Year Two Parents' SATs meeting, 2.15pm  
Closing date for Reception and Junior School applications  
Nursery applications open

### Monday 27th January

Reception & Nursery Zoo2U event in school

### Monday 3rd February

Reception and Nursery Parent Consultations



### Tuesday 4th February

KS1 Parent Consultations  
National Child Measurement Programme for Reception children

### Monday 17th to Friday 23rd February inclusive

Half Term Holiday



### Monday 24th February

School re-opens

### Tuesday 25th February

Reception visit to Tamworth Castle

### Thursday 27th February

Year One visit to Kedleston Hall

### Monday 2nd March

Nursery applications close



### Friday 3rd April

School breaks up for Easter Holiday

### Thursday 16th April

National Offer Day for Reception and Junior places

### Monday 20th April

School re-opens

### Friday 8th May

School closed for Bank Holiday



### Friday 22nd May

INSET DAY



### Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May inclusive

Half Term Holiday

### Monday 1st June

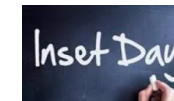
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### Thursday 25th June

Olympic Dance Workshop

### Monday 20th July

INSET DAY



### Tuesday 21st July

School Closed for summer holiday



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