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Our 'Winterfest' Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm – we look forward to welcoming you all to this very popular event that is a major fund raiser for Blackfriars Newcastle – we are currently saving up for a new mini-bus. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :
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Referral Team :
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Shropshire

Referral Team:
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Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –
0845 604 2719
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0800 561 0015

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Advance notice: **Parents' Forum** on November 23rd at 2pm – Debbie from Caudwell Children is our special guest talking about different opportunities for young people and carers to access. Decembers meetings will start at 10:00am as requested by parents.



Reminder of bags2school - please fill up your bag (or any bag if you cannot find the one we sent home) with old clothes and send them in by the latest Monday 20th November– we receive 50p per kg

Many of our students struggle to sleep, this has a huge impact upon their ability to give 100% in school – please can you help us by ensuring that your child gets every opportunity to have a good night's sleep. Suggestions for restful sleep include:

- Set aside time before bed to wind down properly. This is a perfect opportunity to read with your child, or talk to them about their day.
- Limit the use of the smartphones, tablets, TVs, computers, gaming machines etc in the hour before bed.
- The bedroom should be free from distractions such as TVs etc and clear out clutter. Make sure it's cool, quiet and dark.
- Keep regular bedtime hours. A good sleep routine will work wonders.
- Know how much sleep your child needs. As a general rule of thumb toddlers need around 12 hours of sleep a night; children aged four to six – 10.5-11.5 hours; six-12 years olds – 10 hours; and teenagers – around eight to nine hours.

<https://sleepcouncil.org.uk/getting-a-good-night-sleep-for-children/>

Advance notice: Blackfriars Newcastle will close at 2.00pm on 22/12/17 the last day of term & at 2.00pm on the 20th July 2018 the last day of the summer term.

Scholar of the Week:

Chloe & Lewis for speaking to PGCE students

Maisie Lou for making a great start at Blackfriars

Megan for giving Mrs Martin a real wow moment when she spoke about a metaphor of falling leaves when discussing war poetry

Rafi for singing more and more and more words in English

Walton Hall – A group of Duke of Edinburgh students started their motor vehicle course at Walton Hall this week. The students have a chance to learn how engines work and need to be maintained, and then, most excitingly, they drive quad bikes and motorbikes around the extensive grounds at Walton Hall. Not only is this course excellent practice for skills that our students want and need beyond school, but it also helps to inspire them in the classroom – see a piece of creative writing below from Kye:

Person on a Bike

The desert heat was rising rapidly.

Driving a motorbike through the shifting sand was like trying to run through water.

The rider, tried to drive into the sand and my back wheels slip and my visor would be sandy and I might get sand in my bearings. I might fall down the sandbank and might get too much smoke off my back tyre and my petrol /diesel might run out causing my bike to malfunction and my engine to cut out.

I might get thirsty for water and food if the engines cut out and I get stranded in the dessert because the heat from the sun will cause me to sweat and become dehydrated and I will start to hallucinate. So I could be seeing things that are not there.

Forthcoming dates:

12 December – Christmas Concert 1.45pm

15 December – Christmas Fair

21 December – Christmas Dinner £2.20 (if your child has sandwiches, please send in cash in named envelope)

22 December – **School closes at 2pm** (taxis have all been informed)



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