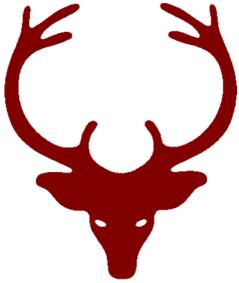


The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter

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Newsletter

We are pleased with the trial of our paper less newsletter. Sending the newsletter out electronically saves an enormous amount of paper which is great for the environment as well as the budget and also saves office staff and teachers valuable time printing and handing out the letters. Please continue to support this by reading the newsletter on your devices. We know you are busy but we don't want you miss out on vital information.

What's on...

Friday 4th May - Y4 Football trip
16-18th May - Y4 residential trip to Condover Hall, Shropshire
Break up 25th May for half term

PTFA news

Thanks to your amazing support and contribution, the PTFA raised £300 on the Easter Egg raffle and £486 on the school disco. A great effort towards much needed computing equipment. Watch this space for summer events. We were also able to donate £25.00 to Sport Relief from the money raised from the cakes sales.
Thank you again to everyone who supported us.

Handwriting Competition

Congratulations to all the children for taking part in the Rotary Handwriting Competition. One hundred and twenty-eight finalists were submitted from fourteen schools in our area. The judging was carried out and I'm pleased to say we had winners in 2/4 categories. Congratulations to Indianna in Y4 and Imogen in Y2. Well done also to Leila who received a highly commended mention. When we share our children's books with other schools the teachers often comment on how good our children's handwriting is so well done everyone and keep up the good work. We are proud of the high standards we achieve and we are proud of how this is recognised by others.

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Reminder dance club starts next week for Years 3 and 4 and the week after for Reception so get your names down, it's not too late!

Tuesday: Dance club for Reception Class only run by Mrs Hanson (4 weeks only)

3.30-4.30pm, £12.00 per child

Runs 1, 8, 15, 22nd May in the hall

Wednesday: Dance club for Year 3 and 4 only run by Mrs Hanson (4 weeks only)

3.30-4.30pm, £12.00 per child

Runs 25th April, 2, 9, 23rd May in the hall

For any of the above clubs please email office@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk to reserve a place and letters requesting payment will follow once names have been confirmed.

Exciting Extra curricular experience for the whole school!

Harley the Harris Hawk visited school on Wednesday 18th April

We had a wonderful day on Wednesday in school. Each class had a workshop with Katie and Harley and learned all sorts of great things from our village expert. We learned lots of science regarding things like food chains and animal classification as well as about falconry terms still used in language today like 'under the thumb' and 'fed up' and a little about it's place in our history. It was fascinating and everyone learned lots of new things, including the grown ups!

We got to see Harley fly, although this didn't entirely go to plan as Harley decided to have long rest in the tree and it took us a while (and some help from the fire service) to get him down safely! This added to the excitement and the tree will now, forever be known as 'Harley's Tree' !!

The children will all have a souvenir photo to take home of themselves with Harley and Katie to remember the day by and I hope they've shared their new knowledge with you. A great topic to learn about and a forever memory so really worthwhile!

To help pay for this experience we have asked for a voluntary contribution of £4.50. Many families have not yet sent in their donation so please do so if you have forgotten please send it into the school office posting box in a labelled/named envelope. Thank you once again for your support, without it we wouldn't be able to give your children these valuable experiences.



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Reminder - New Dinner Money Prices

As from Monday 16th April (first day back after Easter holiday) the price of a school dinner **will increase to £2.30 per meal**. This equates to £11.50 per week. This only applies to children taking school meals in Years 3 and 4.

Reminder - School dinners must be paid for in advance or on the day a meal is taken (this is often not the case). Please ensure payments are made on time to avoid lunch accounts going into debit.

Thank You

All Payments Into School

From Monday 16th April **all money coming into school to pay for trips, dinner money, donations etc. should be for the correct amount and posted into the box on the door into the office area. Payments should be clearly marked with child's name, amount being paid and what it is paying.** We very much appreciate your co-operation and support with this request.

Thank You

Community News

Zumba Class

Abbots Bromley Village Hall Tuesday 6-7pm
Marchington Village Hall Wednesday 6-7pm

Thailand Songkran Festival - Wat Mahathat Kings Bromley

Sunday 22nd April 2018 9am-5pm
Junior Songkran Festival Contest, Noprkhro Prayer Ceremony, Thai Song, Thai Dance, Jazz Band, Thai Food Restaurant.

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For more information call: 01543 472 315

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