



The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter
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Dates for the diary: (could be subject to change. Always check newsletters & website)

5.10.18 School Disco 5.30-7pm
12.10.18 School Photographs from 8.30am for preschool children
12.10.18 Parent Support Group, 9.10am
16.10.18 Oldfields Hall Middle School Parents Open Evening, 6-8pm
22.10.18 Early reading and phonics Parent Workshop run by Mr Welsh, 6pm
24.10.18 Last dance club Y3/4 - show for parents at 4.15pm
26.10.18 Harvest Festival (all parents and friends invited) 2pm, in the school hall
Break up 26.10.18
5.11.17 Staff Training Day. **Children return to school on Tuesday 6th November**
12.11.18 Y4 Viking day (details to follow)
13.11.18 or 15.11.18 Parent/Teacher Meetings (save the date - details to follow)
16.11.18 Children in need (details to come)
14.12.18 Christmas Play Performance, St Nicholas Church, 2pm (all parents and friends invited)
7.12.18 3-5pm Christmas Fair
18.12.18 Christmas Dinner
19.12.18 Christmas Parties (with a special guest!)
20.12.18 Break up - no uniform/Christmas jumper day £1



**SCHOOL DISCO
TONIGHT !!!!! Friday 5th October
5.30pm – 7pm**



**£4 Entry includes hotdog, crisps,
and unlimited squash!!!**

Former Richard Clarke pupils (up to Y6) are also welcome!
Sweets are 20p each, Extra crisps 20p each, glo sticks 20p each

Friday 12th October 9.10am Parent Support Group—Run by parents, for parents! NEW PARENTS NEEDED!

This is an hour get together of parents to chat over a cup of tea and a slice of cake about anything and everything. Being a parent is the most difficult thing you do and it can seem quite lonely. The media portray 'perfect' parenting and 'perfect' children and it puts a lot of pressure on parents to feel like they have to get it right all the time and not admit when they are finding it tough, and it is tough for everyone! With this in mind we have set up this group for parents to come and discuss any problems they might have and share suggestions of things that might help. It is also an opportunity to get to know each other in an informal setting. Anything can be talked about from sleeping issues, bed wetting, toileting, additional needs, mental well-being, behaviour, eating/drinking, problems with homework etc. The group also make valuable suggestions to give back to school of how we can improve things from a parents perspective to help make life easier. You may not have any issues but would like to come along and give moral support. Please support this group because without numbers we may not be able to continue with this valuable session. Please come!!

Parent Workshops

All parents and carers are invited to our workshops that we hold intermittently through the school year. We have had excellent feedback from previous workshops. We do encourage you to attend if you can. We would like to offer the following workshop for all parents, especially all our new parents:

Parent Workshop - Early Reading and Phonics 22nd October, 6pm

On Monday 22nd October Mr Welsh will be delivering a phonics workshop aimed at year one and reception learners. This will be an interactive opportunity for parents/ carers to find out more about how phonics works and how you can best support your child to achieve their potential in reading and spelling. Mr Welsh and the team will go through the expectations for reception and year one as well as the strategies that can be used at home to support your children in becoming secure in phonics. Please come along, we promise it will be fun!

This half term - Healthy Eating '5 a day'

This half term we are teaching the children about healthy eating. We will have an assembly launching the theme and will also be doing other activities in school to promote this theme. Each of the children will be encouraged to keep a diary of their '5 a day' portions of fruit/vegetables and will receive stickers for their efforts. If you would like to join in at home that would be great. Please also see attached our letter we send out annually regarding healthy lunches and snacks in school. Many thanks for your support.

Reminder - Friday 12th October - School Photo Day for individuals and siblings (RETAKES)

Individual photo's and photo's of children with their brothers and/or sisters will be taken during the school morning. If your children have pre-school siblings that you would like to be in the photographs then please take them all to the hall from 8.30am.

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Friday 26th October 2pm In the School Hall

You are all invited to come and hear the children sing at our Harvest Celebration.

As part of our celebration we make a collection of food to donate to the Rugeley food bank to support local children and families in need.

Donations of foodstuffs would be greatly appreciated. If you feel that you would like to contribute, then please deliver your donation to your child's class teacher before the event.

Thank you very much.

Community Support

The English Country Music Weekend was held in Abbots Bromley the last weekend of June, 2017 and 2018. Folk musicians from all over the country gathered for the weekend to play English traditional dance music on many different instruments, as well as singing songs and telling stories, in the village hall and all of the pubs.

Both years' events were very successful, and the organising committee felt that an appropriate way to thank the village for their help and enthusiasm would be to fund, amongst other things, some folk related activities – storytelling, dance and song - for the children in Richard Clarke First School.

Three folk artists have been engaged and will be coming to the school at a time to suit the school's creative programme. We very much look forward to these events!

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



Parent Governor Vacancy

Michele Rastall will be coming to the end of her time as Parent Governor at the end of October. She has served 2 terms of office as parent Governor and has made many valuable contributions to our school over this time. She has been instrumental in improving communication with parents including great help with marketing and the website. She has made many wise contributions to Governors meetings and has been in school working with staff to monitor subjects and make improvements. Her support has been fantastic! As a school community and member of the Governing body, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the dedication and passion Michele has given to this role over the 8 years she has served. We have managed to talk Michele into staying on as an associate member so she can continue to support us with the website and marketing.

This does however leave us with a vacancy for a parent Governor. Please see the attached letter regarding this role and how to apply or feel free to come and talk to me if you feel you have skills to offer our strong team of Governors and the ability to help the school continue to strive for excellence!

Many thanks.

Mrs Hanson

Headteacher

Follow this link to the website to meet the other Governors and find out more....

<https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/about-us/governing-body/>

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Job Opportunity

**Vacancy for a Catering Supervisor Cook
At The Richard Clarke First School**

Monday to Friday working.

9am until 13.30

22.50 hours per week.

Call Debbie Cram on 07773792214

This position is subject to an enhanced disclosure check under the
Rehabilitation of Offences Act 1974
Uniform & Training Provided

Oldfields Hall Middle School Open Evening, 16th October, 6-8pm

Enjoy a tour of the school, meet pupils and staff, get involved in activities and see all subject areas at work, including a French Café!

Best Kept Village 2018 - Winner's Presentation

We are thrilled to confirm that for the second consecutive year, Abbots Bromley has been crowned Best Kept Large Village in East Staffordshire and has also won the Community Council trophy.
We hope many pupils and parents will join the celebrations on:-

Saturday 13th October 2018

Time: 11am:

Venue: Village Green, Abbots Bromley

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