



Richard Clarke First School Newsletter  
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### **Dates for the Spring Term**

Friday 15th February - BREAK UP, Mid year reports out  
Monday 25th February - BACK TO SCHOOL  
Thursday 28th February Derby RE trip for Year 3 and 4 (see separate letter for details)  
Friday 1st March - Year 2 Parent Assembly **9.15am**  
Wednesday 6th March - Year 4 Hawkstone Park Trip (see separate letter for details)  
Friday 8th March - World Book Day celebrations (details page 2)  
Friday 15 March - Year 4 Parent Assembly 2.45pm  
Friday 22nd March - Year 1 Parent Assembly 2.45pm  
Friday 29th March - Year 3 Parent Assembly 2.45pm  
Monday 1st April - Parent Consultation Meetings  
Tuesday 2nd April - Parent Consultation Meetings  
Friday 12th April - Spring Sing and competition, 2pm, details to follow  
Friday 12th April - Break up for Easter  
Monday 29th April - Back to School for the summer term

### **THANK YOU FROM THE PTFA**

The disco was a huge success, all down to the massive support from parents that night. Just like our motto TEAM- Together Everyone Achieves More, everything ran smoothly. Thanks to all the parents who came to help make up squash, wash up cups, do tattoos, sell sweets and glo sticks and cook up over 100 hot dogs! Without all this support these discos would run. The PTFA also want to thank Wilson's butchers for providing local sausages and Top Shop for donating the rolls. As ever a special thanks to all the school staff who always stay that night. We know this doesn't happen on every school. The disco raised £492 and a further update the calendar sales made £621 so a big thank you to all who bought one. The school need more outdoor benches and outdoor equipment and the money raised will contribute to this.

### **MID YEAR REPORTS**

Please find your child's mid year report with them today. This report is designed to be a brief snap shot to let you know how the children are progressing at this mid point. You will have the opportunity to discuss things further at the upcoming parent meetings next half term. It is not intended to be the detailed annual school report you will receive at the end of the year and is an added extra, that we have decided to provide, to ensure you feel fully informed regarding your child's attitude and progress in school.

### **Congratulations to ex pupil Nathan Shingler! Winner of the Young Drummer of the Year 2019!**

We couldn't be more proud of Nathan! It doesn't seem five minutes ago that he bought his drum kit in for Leaver's assembly and wowed us all back then. Now look at him, brilliant!



## **Clubs next half term:**

**Tuesday: Gardening club** Y3/4 with Mrs C. Farrington  
Starting 5th March, 6 weeks, £3 per session.

### **Wednesday:**

**Rugby** with Mr Tolley. Year's 2,3 & 4 (20 max) £ 3.00 per session. Starts Wednesday 6th March for six weeks from 3.30 until 4.30pm. (see separate letter for more details)

### **Thursday:**

**Choir** with Mr Welsh and Mr Hindhaugh. All Year groups welcome. (No maximum, the more the merrier!) £3.00 per session. 6 weeks starting on 7th March with a performance at the Spring Sing.

**Friday: Dance club** Y3/4 with Mrs Hanson (No maximum)

3.30-4.30pm, Starting 1st March, 6 weeks, last week 5th April for show at 4.15pm for parents and carers. £3.00 per session.

Please email the school office to reserve a place in any of these clubs

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## **GANAS event**

Thank you for all the wonderful and creative projects that have come into school this week. We hope you enjoyed all the collaborative learning that has taken place around your projects. We certainly feel the children get a lot out of this style of learning. I would appreciate some feedback so please email me your thoughts:

Mrs Hanson: headteacher@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk

I shall endeavour to put a selection of photo's on our website.

Quote from one of my Governors who came:

*'What a glorious visit today to view the children's work. I spoke to several. They were enthusiastic and fascinated not just with their own projects but everyone else's too. What a lot of vocabulary these projects stimulate. Pass my congratulations onto the staff and parents and children for enabling it.'*

## **Chinese New Year Workshop - funded by PTFA**

Our workshop finally took place! Thank you to the PTFA for funding this treat, I shall put some photo's on the website for you to see.

## **Head lice**

Inevitably children will get head lice and this spreads easily in school. Please take half term as the ideal opportunity to check your children, treat if necessary, so we can start next term all free! Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

**Plastic-Fantastic Fashion Show, 3pm, Thursday 21st March, reminder**

I have been approached by an ex pupil and asked to support her exciting marketing project. Working together we will teach the children the importance of recycling plastic to help the environment by creating outfits made out of recyclable plastic and end the project with a fun fashion show! It's brilliant seeing your children strutting their stuff on the catwalk and it's a great environmental message! Here is Lily's letter:

*Dear parents and carers,*

*my name is Lily Bekker and I am an ex-pupil, now in my first year of sixth form. I have agreed with Mrs Hanson to put on a fashion show in which the pupils will create costumes out of recyclable plastic materials.*

*This project will hopefully aid me in my application to university this year, as I am currently looking at studying management marketing.*

*The fashion show will be held on 21st March at 3pm, and will be advertised around school.*

*Each ticket will cost £2.00, with refreshments included, and the profit will go to Richard Clarke.*

*I will provide a bin bag as the basis of each costume, however it would be really helpful if as many pupils as possible could bring in recyclable materials to decorate their outfit with.*

*Please bring in your donations ready for the allocated days:*

*14th Feb- year 1/year 2*

*25th Feb-year 3/year 4*

*7th March-Reception class*

*Thank you very much, and see you then*

*Lily Bekker*

Suggested items:

Bottle tops

Plastic lids

Different coloured bags

Sweet wrappers