



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

Monday 7.10.19 Year 4 trip to Ingenuity

Sunday 13.10.19 Richard Clarke Open day for prospective parents, 10-12pm

Thursday 17th October, Oldfields Hall Middle School Open 6.00 to 8.00pm

NEW Friday 18.10.19 Disability awareness day + cake sale (see below)

Friday 18.10.19 School disco, 5.30-7pm

Thursday 24.10.19 Harvest Festival (all parents and friends invited) 2pm, in the school hall

Break up 24.10.19

Friday 25.10.19 Staff Training Day, school closed to children.

Children return to school on Monday 4th November

13.11.19 or 14.11.19 Parent/Teacher Meetings (save the date - details to follow)

20.11.19 Reading workshop for parents led by Mr Welsh, 6pm

3.12.19 Maths workshop for parents lead by Mr Hindhaugh, 3.45pm

Friday 6.12.19 Christmas Fair (details to follow)

Friday 13.12.19 Christmas Play Performance, St Nicholas Church, 2pm (all parents and friends invited)

Friday 20.12.19 Break up for Christmas

Monday 6.1.20 SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

Tuesday 7.1.20 Pupils back in for Spring term

Disability Awareness Day

On Friday 18th October we are having a 'Disability Awareness Day' in school. This is to raise awareness that both children and adults can have disabilities but overcome them in a positive way. The children will be learning about some types of disability and doing some of their work on it on this day. In addition, we are holding a cake sale straight after school in the Courtyard to raise money. This money will go towards equipment to help all children in school. If you're able to bake some cakes (or cheat and bring some from the supermarket!) we'd be very grateful. Please bring them in on the morning of the 18th and put them in the medical room. Paula Tomlinson will be running the stall, but if you're available to help sell the cakes, please e-mail Miss Cooper. Thank you, everyone.

Parent Pay

Thank you for helping us to get 'Parent Pay' up and running—to date 45% of accounts have been activated. Even if your children don't have school dinners please have a go as eventually we will be using the system to pay for trips and clubs. If you have any queries or problems please speak to the office.



SCHOOL DISCO **Friday 18th 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

We need volunteers to help on the night so please sign up on the PTFA board in the main corridor by the front door.

Time to get those dancing shoes on for our first school disco this school year. The school disco will start at 5.30pm on Friday 18th October and finish at 7pm. Entrance to the disco £4 per child and this entrance fee includes a hot dog (thanks to Wilsons butchers for providing local sausages!), a bag of crisps and unlimited squash. There will be some extra items that children can purchase at the disco (e.g. glo sticks-20p, sweets -20p, extra crisps-20p). Together, all the money we can raise at this disco, will go towards subsidising school trips this academic year and some music resources needed.

OPEN MORNING Sunday 13th October 2019 10 AM - 12.00 PM

We will be holding an Open Morning for all parents/carers who are considering sending their children to our school. Parents will be able to have a complete tour of the school, talk to staff, meet some pupils and see all that we have on offer at Richard Clarke.

Please could you all help us in advertising this event. Either by word of mouth if you know people who may be interested or if you have means to put up posters or give out flyers then please get some from the school office.

Your help will be very much appreciated as the future of our school funding depends on healthy numbers to keep 5 separate year groups. Many, many thanks.

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Thursday 24th 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.

Please use the list on the right as a guide. We have also been advised that packets of chocolate biscuits are nice as treats for children.

Thank you very much.

Community

PARKING UPDATE

Thank you to the parent who responded with a suggestion. This parent noted that on a wet morning when the children go straight into class there seems to be less congestion on the car park. With this in mind can I encourage parents to **not stay** once they have dropped the children off and said goodbye. A member of Richard Clarke staff is always on duty from 8.45am so the children are supervised and safe. Parents of Reception children can still walk them around to the classroom but if we could urge all other parents to leave once they have said goodbye and **don't wait for the whistle to go**. It is a misconception that parents have to wait with the children until the whistle goes. If you need to talk to your child's class teacher then please do so before the whistle and then leave.

Thank you also to those parents, particularly new parents, who have agreed to support the pledge of park and stride, and are parking elsewhere in the village and walking the rest of the way. If more parents would kindly put themselves out a little to do this it would make a massive difference.

Thanks again for all those trying to make a difference.

Staffordshire Police are taking part in a national week of action to tackle rural crime. The operation is running for seven days from Sunday 6 October and Rural Crime Officers, supported by Specials, will be visiting farms, rural communities and businesses throughout the county to offer crime prevention advice, help with property marking and promote membership of Smart Alert schemes. Stop checks will be taking place on plant and agricultural vehicles, as police gather intelligence and look for stolen property and wanted suspects. They will also be targeting those who travel throughout the region committing crime such as theft and burglary, particularly in rural areas.

They will be working to tackle issues that matter most to local communities, including anti-social behaviour and the unlawful use of off-road bikes.

There will be liaison with partners throughout the week including the Environment Agency and Environmental Health to share information and best practice.

An online surgery begins at 7pm on Monday 7 October where people from our farming and rural communities will be able to chat 'live' with specialist police officers about any issues or concerns they may have regarding crime in their area.

To join the chat please visit: <https://app.sli.do/event/xxdqryf9> and to follow the activity taking place throughout the day please search **#RuralCrime** on social media.