



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

Monday 9th March - Y4 Trip to Hawkestone Park
Tuesday 10th March - Visitors from Chartwells to deliver Assembly (free)
Friday 13th March - Reception Class Parent Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 19th March - Greek day and Year 3 Parent Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 20th March - Year 1 Parent Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March Parent Consultation meetings
Friday 27th March - Year 4 Parent Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 27th March - Chocolate Bingo
Tuesday 31st March - Last Miss Cooper dance club show at 4.15pm
Wednesday 1st April - Last Mrs Hanson dance club show at 4.15pm
Thursday 2nd April - Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm
Friday 3rd April Spring Sing 2pm and break up for Easter
Monday 20th April - INSET DAY for staff, school closed for children
Tuesday 21st April - Pupils back to school

World Book day

Thank you to all for your efforts for World book day. They really help us celebrate the power of reading and the power of books. World Book Day is the world's biggest campaign to provide every child and young person in the country with a book of their own. Your child will have received their voucher so please use it and enjoy your new book and get reading!!

For more information and to see where has world book day books visit the website <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Today we all focussed on performance poetry and ended our day with each class performing their own poems to each other. For some photos of the amazing costumes please visit our website.

<https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/category/events/>

WORK IN SCHOOL

As you have seen, progress on our building work has been slower than we hoped and will unfortunately go into next week as well. Thank you again for bearing with us during the disruption. There is a light at the end of the tunnel!!!

Easter Competition

Each year before our Spring Sing we traditionally hold a competition. This is completely voluntary and we are happy to receive entries completed solely by the children or entries worked on collaboratively as families. The entries will be judged by the children. They will democratically vote for their favourites and the majority votes will win.

This year the theme is '**Decorated Eggs**' and they should be have a Spring or Easter theme. Please bring them into your child's classroom on the morning of 3rd April. The eggs will be shown as part of the Spring Sing and the winners will be announced.

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PTFA News

Thank you to all who came to support the disco, we raised £560 from 161 children attending. It was lovely to see so many ex pupils! The dancing, as ever, was sensational!

Please see page 3 for information about our upcoming joint Chocolate bingo event on Friday 27th March.

For this we are asking kindly for donations of chocolate eggs big or small! Please could we have these by Thursday 26th March, many thanks!

Mother's day Lunch

Mum's/Special ladies are invited to come in to have a lunch with your child/children.

Mother's Day Lunch (roast) - Wednesday 18th March Reception, Y1 and Y2 (KS1)

Mother's Day Lunch (spaghetti and meatballs) - Thursday 19th March Y3 & Y4 (KS2)
(please advise if you would like a jacket potato instead)

To reserve your place, please let the office know names and numbers by no later than Tuesday 10th March.

We request a payment of £3 to be made via Parentpay.

If you have a child in more than one Key stage simply choose which day you want to come and you can sit with all your children.

To clarify timings for Mother's Day Lunch, please note the following:-

Wednesday 18th March 2020 KS1 - lunchtime to commence service at 11.45am. KS1 children without a visiting guest will be put to the front of the queue. **Guests should arrive between 11.45am-12.00pm**

Thursday 19th March 2020 KS2 - lunchtime to commence service at 11.45am for KS1 children and KS2 children who **do not** have a visiting guest. Service will begin at 12.30pm for KS2 children with a visiting guest. **Guests should arrive between 12.15pm-12.30pm.**

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COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER
CHOCOLATE BINGO
Friday 27th March
The Richard Clarke First School
Doors Open 6pm
Eyes Down 6.30pm prompt

**What better way to celebrate our community than to share
this fun-packed event!**

**Richard Clarke PTFA, Abbots Bromley Sports Association (ABSA)
and AB Scout Group all provide wonderful experiences for the children and
young people of our village. This event will raise much needed funds for all
three organisations!**

There will be lots of chocolate prizes to win!
£2.50 per book on entry. Extra books available.
Free squash for children. Licenced Bar for Grown ups.

**Please come along to support and join in the
fun.**



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UPDATE FROM DFE

Re: Coronavirus concerns

You will be aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Richard Clarke, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking.

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

Prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

If you or your children have returned from a category 1 country or area in past 14 days

This includes:

Wuhan city and Hubei province, China

Iran*

Daegu or Cheongdo, South Korea*

Any Italian town under containment measures

*Only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020

Contact NHS 111 for advice, and:

Self-isolate for 14 days after leaving the country or area (see the home isolation advice sheet for help with this at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-self-isolation-for-patients-undergoing-testing/advice-sheet-home-isolation>)

If you become unwell, call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention) – see below for the symptoms to look out for

If you or your children have returned from a category 2 country or area in last 14 days

This includes:

Cambodia

China (other than Wuhan city or Hubei province)

Hong Kong

Italy: north* (see the map here) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

Japan

Laos

Macau

Malaysia

Myanmar

Singapore
South Korea (other than Daegu or Cheongdo)
Taiwan
Thailand
Vietnam
*Only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020

If you or your children are well:

- You don't need to avoid contact with other people
- Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities
- If you become unwell (see below for a list of symptoms):
- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses (see the home isolation advice sheet for help with this)
- Call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention)

Symptoms to look out for

If you've returned from any of the category 1 or 2 areas or countries, look out for the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)
- According to other official guidance, while you wait for further advice:
- Avoid contact with others
- Stay at home – don't go to work or school
- Don't travel while sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available)

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Please ensure that the school has your most recent contact details so that our records are up-to date and correct. We continue to monitor the safety and well-being of our pupils regarding future trips and activities and will keep in close contact with Parents / Carers as any matters arise.

Yours sincerely,
Kay Hanson
Headteacher

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