



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

Week beginning 8th February—Parent consultation meetings on Google Meet

Friday 12th February BREAK UP HALF TERM

Monday 22nd February BACK TO SCHOOL (Hopefully, everything crossed!!!)

Thursday 1st April BREAK UP FOR EASTER

Monday 19th April SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

Tuesday 20th April school open for pupils

Save the date - GANAS homelearning project share - FRIDAY 26TH FEBRAURY

Parental Consultation Meetings

During week beginning 8th February, the class teachers will be setting aside a day or two for on line parent consultation meetings via the Google Meet platform. We will contact you nearer the time once we have sorted out days and slots for you to log in at. Please let us know if this facility is not accessible for you and we will be able to discuss an alternative.

Many thanks.

Deadline for new starters - spread the word.

As many are aware, applications for children to start school in September are done on-line through Staffordshire County Council. The deadline for applications was **15th January**. Please ensure you have secured your place.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

The worsening national picture continues to be of concern so I once again urge us all to pull together and all do our bit to help the effort to reduce transmission. Whether you are working from home, or coming to school, please continue to follow the guidance.

We are attending webinars next week to learn about introducing staff testing from 25th January. It is hoped testing will help identify those asymptomatic cases that might otherwise not be detected, causing the virus to spread further. As you know, my staff have been working really hard both in school and with remote learning, and we have been able to keep 5 small, separate bubbles to help keep everyone safe. We are relying on everyone staying well to maintain this provision, so far so good.

The local authority have written an open letter for schools to distribute regarding the places for critical workers children across the county. All our bubbles are currently under 11, so we are managing and we would like to thank our community for their best efforts to support us with this. Obviously this situation could change, but so far so good!

Stay safe!

Remote learning

Well done again teachers, children and parents for all your efforts with remote learning so far, and thank you for all your fantastic feedback. We are all finding your kind emails and messages of support very encouraging and motivating for us in these difficult times. We are constantly trying to improve things and are happy to hear any reasonable suggestions of further/different things we can try.

It seems the Google Meets have been a very welcome addition to the week so thank you for engaging with this. We are hoping it will help keep the children motivated and give them some feedback on how they are doing. The difficulty is getting the work back to teachers for feedback, we are working on this. Teachers are more than happy to receive a selection of photos or scans of learning examples from your child on a weekly basis. This could be something they have done that was directed by the teacher, a photo of them working or something extra they have done! This can then be shared via the Google Meet platform and/or Class Dojo.

DID YOU KNOW?...

If you have an iPhone or iPad you actually have a scanner! Parents, if you are planning to scan any work to your teachers or teachers if you are scanning work to your students you can use the 'Notes App'.

Open a new note, press the camera button, the option to scan document will pop up. Once the document is scanned you can email it easier than a photo, plus you can add notes to the scanned doc.

Remember, our remote learning plan is on the website for you to read to see the expectations. We have designed the remote learning provision to be flexible so that all families in differing situations can access something to suit. The guide for time spent is:

Reception less than 3 hours

Year 1 and 2: 3 hours

Year 3 and 4: 4 hours

This should be supplemented with fresh air, exercise, play and creative tasks. There are lots of supplementary activities on the BBC and on line.

Please see page 3 for information on workbooks to save printing.

Please just do your best and ask for help if you need it. I promise you we will emerge stronger, it's my new favourite saying!

We miss you all, stay positive and remember to count your blessings, I find this helps when I'm dipping!

Love and best wishes,
Mrs Hanson

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WORK BOOKS TO HELP WITH HOMELEARNING AND REMOTE LEARNING

We are aware the remote learning can be putting undue costs onto yourselves with printing. With this in mind, we have some suggestions to help. Firstly, can we stress, you don't need to print everything. For example, we are happy for the children to write their answers into their remote/homelearning learning books.

Secondly, we are happy to print resources for you to pick up so please contact your child's class teacher if you need us to do this.

Thirdly, as the lockdown is going to go on for the remainder of this half term, we are recommending the following workbooks as a cheaper alternative to printing:

Year 1

New English Activity Book for Ages 5-6: perfect for catch-up and home learning | CGP Books

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books/ks1/english/epf1q11-new-english-activity-book-for-ages-5-6-per>

2 x White Rose Maths worksheet booklets (addition and subtraction + place value within 50)

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/product/year-1-addition-and-subtraction-within-20-single/>

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/product/year-1-place-value-within-50-single/>

Year 2

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books/ks1/english/epf2q11-new-english-activity-book-for-ages-6-7-per>

2 x White Rose Maths worksheet booklets (money multiplication and division + multiplication and division)

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/product/year-2-money-and-multiplication-and-division-single/>

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/product/year-2-multiplication-and-division-single/>

Year 3

2 x White Rose Maths worksheet booklets (multiplication and division + money/statistics)

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/product/year-3-multiplication-and-division-single-2/>

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/product/year-3-money-statistics-single/>

Comprehension 7-8 book

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/products/98509>

Year 4

2 x White Rose maths worksheet booklets (multiplication, division and area + fractions)

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/product/year-4-multiplication-and-division-area-single/>

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/product/year-4-fractions-single/>

CGP Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Targeted Questions

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books/grammar,-punctuation-spelling-targeted-question/e4w22-ks2-english-targeted-question-book-gramma>

Teachers will refer to the White Rose maths worksheets in their online learning. They may also refer to pages in the English related book. However, the books and worksheets are all fully useable even if they are not directly referred to in online learning.

Please note that the purchase of these books is optional. Again, if you have problems affording these then please do let us know and we can help with printing instead.

Should the lockdown persist beyond February half term, class teachers will provide a further set of White Rose Maths material, which you will again have the option of purchasing should printing be an issue.

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