



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

Friday 12th February BREAK UP HALF TERM—SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS OVER HALF TERM

Monday 22nd February BACK TO SCHOOL FOR KEY WORKER/VULNERABLE PUPILS

Thursday 25th February Whole School Assembly on Google Meet, 1.30pm

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

Monday 8th March—possible reopening, watch this space!

Thursday 1st April BREAK UP FOR EASTER

Monday 19th April SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

Tuesday 20th April school open for pupils

Half term

Well, we made it folks! Can I congratulate and thank you all for making it through another testing half term. Again, there are many positives to take from it: the fantastic community spirit that has shone through with resolve and kindness, our brilliant children who are making us so proud with all their responses to the situation, fantastic parents and all your efforts to keep juggling all your balls, my brilliant team that have worked their socks off and somehow remained positive throughout.

We really can't wait to have everyone back in! So I want everyone to try to have a restful half term. Get away from the home learning and have some fun, some fresh air and some time away from devices.

All being well this will recharge the batteries for another two weeks home learning and then hopefully we will be back in and it will be full steam ahead!

Thank you for all the gifts and kind messages we have received this week, you are a generous bunch of wonderful people and it is this kindness that has given us the strength to find our way through. Much love to you all. *Mrs Hanson*

Parent consultation meeting via Google meet in the Google Classroom

Thank you to all for attending the parent meetings. The technology mostly worked, with a few minor glitches, so thank you for your patience. We are relieved to have found an ok solution, but still look forward to when we are able to meet in person, which is far superior.

Staff reported very useful meetings and commented how supportive and understanding parents were about the difficulty of the on going situation, so thank you.

Remote learning

Please keep all your home learning and return this to school when the children come back. This will contribute to the children's body of work for the year and evidence for on going progress tracking and teacher assessments.

We have been asked by the Uttoxeter Learning Trust, of which we are associated members and due to become full members later this year, to circulate the attached surveys on remote learning. The Trust would like some feedback on how the remote learning is going across the trust's (MAT) schools.

You should have received a letter from the Uttoxeter Learning Trust on parent mail yesterday. The deadline for the feedback is **Friday 19th February**.

As a school, we have received lots of lovely feedback and good suggestions for improvements for which we are grateful. I would be enormously grateful again if you could reiterate this great feedback to the MAT so they are aware of the hard work we have been putting in to the remote learning provision. And of course – please feel free to raise any issues or suggestions for improvements. Hopefully we will return to school soon so won't need to worry too much however it is still a useful exercise in case of future lock downs or indeed any other useful information we can glean for the long term.

Many thanks for your help.

WHOLE SCHOOL WELL BEING CHALLENGE!

How far do you think we can all walk in month collectively?? The length of the country? Let's add it up. When you go for a family walk, scoot or cycle, log how many kilometres you go on your phone or fit bit, and submit these to your child's class teacher.

Starting from now until we hopefully reopen school on the 8th March, let's see how far we can go together. We'll top up the class totals as we go and see if we can get a graph going to show our progress!!

So get your boots on and get walking!!!!

Challenge on!



POLITE REMINDER

Reception, Y1 and Y2 lessons start at **9am** and pick up is 3.15pm and 3pm on a Friday.
Y3 and Y4 lessons start at 9.15am and pick up is 3.30pm and 3.15pm on a Friday.

GANAS PROJECTS

Reminder to bring in your projects (if you're in school) or send in photos/videos (if you're working at home) in readiness of our GANAS share on Friday 26th February.

For Parents Wellbeing Session

Thank you to those parents who attended the session. We were a bit disappointed with the turn out however there were enough for us to go ahead. It was a lovely, enjoyable informal session and I hope those that attended found it useful. We plan to repeat this next term if parents would find it of benefit.

Thank you to Jane Rushton, who helped me run the session. *Mrs Hanson*

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 9th February we marked Safer Internet day with lessons for the children on how to stay safe on line and there is a virtual assembly on the google meet if you would like to watch that.

It is also important, now more than ever, with us being on line so much more, to educate yourselves on how to keep your children safe on line.

Here are some links to useful sources to help:

Schools should emphasise the importance of a safe online environment and encourage parents and carers to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on.

These links will advise you on how keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to find support and advice and guidance on staying safe online which includes information on security and privacy settings:

- [support for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#), which outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to find support and advice guidance on [staying safe online](#) which includes information on security and privacy settings
- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- [Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services

If you or your children, experience any harm online, for example exploitation, online abuse or bullying please let us know so we can try to help.

You can also get support by:

- Reporting harmful online content to the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) getting government advice and trusted resources from [Educate Against Hate](#) on safeguarding from radicalisation, building resilience to extremism, and promoting shared values
- You can get advice on reporting online abuse from the National Crime Agency's [Child Exploitation and Online Protection command](#) get advice and support from [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) for children who are being bullied.



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Join us at our live **Train to Teach** event to find out more about training to teach
12th February 4.15-5pm via zoom.

To book email Dawn Ainsworth
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Menu w/c 22nd February

- Monday - Cheese & tomato pizza
- Tuesday - Chicken burger with potato wedges
- Wednesday - Roast gammon, roast potatoes & gravy
- Thursday - Pasta with Bolognese sauce
- Friday - Fish fingers & chips