

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

Monday 29th March—Sponsored Spell event
Thursday 1st April Egg hunt, decorate an Egg competition, no uniform, £1 donation to PTFA and Google meet celebration assembly, 1.30pm
Thursday 1st April BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Monday 19th April SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
Tuesday 20th April school open for pupils

What a lovely week!

We have had such a lovely week in school. The children are working so hard, behaving really well and we are delighted with the progress we are seeing. On top of that we've had the joy of newly hatched chicks in our Reception and Year 1 classes. Spring is in the air! Thank you to all parents for adhering to the social distancing rules, drop off and pick ups are going really well, thank you.

CAR PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS

I have had the following complaint from a concerned parent:

'The staggered drop off and pick up times definitely help the traffic flow and the Crown Car Park is never full anymore at any one time which is a big step forward – which makes the way in which some people are still behaving all the more baffling. This morning there were cars on the pavement alongside the Crown car park in Schoolhouse Lane, not just two wheels up so you could still squeeze around but completely blocking the entire walkway. I witnessed children along with parents and pushchairs etc having to walk into the main road amongst live traffic to walk around parked vehicles, given that the car park has spaces this is so infuriating as it is completely selfish and unnecessary, not to mention highly dangerous. It seems we are getting to the incredible point whereby some parents are now even too lazy to pull into the car park which is frankly astonishing.

Sadly today is not an isolated incident since the return to school but I've "held fire" in terms of contacting you as I know that the school is working really hard and frankly shouldn't have to field such complaints – if only everyone could just be sensible it would all work fine. Alas! Can you forcefully remind parents that cars should not be blocking pavements or stopping along Schoolhouse Lane. I am genuinely concerned but like you I can't see a solution other than behaviour change. Every day children and parents walk to and from the school and it is like tightrope walking the gauntlet. It shouldn't have to be like that.'

Our core values at RCFS are teamwork, responsibility, consideration, friendship and success. So it is **teamwork** and us all working on this together that will solve it, take **responsibility** and leave earlier to walk or park and stride, show **consideration** and not park on the pavement causing others to have to walk in the road, you will be my **friend** if you pledge to never use the car park and if we all do this we will have **success** and we will all be safe and I will no longer have to put these moans on the newsletter! Come on everyone, do your bit—TEAM!!!! I'm going to watch on Monday to see if things improve!
Mrs Hanson

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Red Nose Day

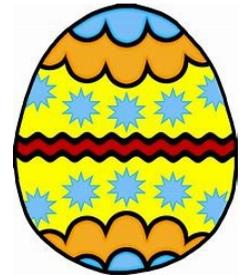
Thank you for your donations today. Everyone looks great dressed as their real life and fictional super heroes. We've had children dressed as their mums and dads, doctors and nurses, astronauts, the police as well as lots of supermen, wonder women and other fictional super heroes! We'll let you know how much we raised to donate to charity. See website for some photos!



Are you ready for an Eggcellent last day of term?

This is not an April Fool, Thursday 1st April is going to be cracking!

The PTFA have organised an Egg Hunt around school. The Easter Bunny will be hiding Easter Egg pictures for you to search for. Find all the letter clues then unscramble them to spell a word. The bunny has some treats as all children will receive a chocolate egg as a prize.



Don't forget we also have the Decorate an Egg competition too.

The theme is 'Decorated Eggs' and they should have a Spring or Easter theme.

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 eggs with the majority votes will win a small prize.

Please bring them into your child's classroom on the morning of 1st April.

The eggs will be shown as part of our celebration assembly and the winners will be announced. We would like to invite you to join us for this assembly on Google Meet on Thursday 1st April at 1.30pm. We will put pictures on our website for the community to see too if you are unable to log in at that time.

That's not all Yolks! (Folks - sorry couldn't resist).

As it's the last day of term we will also be having a no uniform day too. Please bring in your £1 contribution on the day. It's Eggs-citing!!!!

SPONSORED SPELL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Last week we launched our sponsored spell fundraising event and you should have received a letter explaining how to take part and a sponsor form and the children should have chosen their target number of spellings for the challenge.



After a difficult year of school partial closures, remote learning and lack of opportunities to fund raise in our normal ways we have decided to hold this sponsored spelling/ phonics event. This will help us have a whole school focus on spelling and phonics to help fill gaps and raise standards as well as raise some money to spend on resources in school. Win, win!

We will invite you to sponsor your child to learn their spellings by offering an amount per spelling learned or by an amount for taking part. If you could pass the sponsor form around family and friends to help raise more money, that would be great too! If all families managed to raise £10 that would be a £1000 for school!! Your support is much appreciated!

The spellings the children are given will be appropriate to the age and ability of the children, and the amount of spellings to learn will be personal choice.

The sponsored spell will take place on 29th March 2021. We would ask the children to learn their spellings and collect their sponsors between now and then. Spelling scores and forms will be returned after the event for money to be collected and returned to school by Friday 23rd April. We are happy with cash or payment to PTFA by pay pal.

Thank you!

Corona virus update

See our website for up to date information and links:

<https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/news-events/corona-virus-covid-19-information-page/>

Remember:

If your child has a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back, a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal, you **MUST NOT** send them to school and **MUST** follow the guidance.

Menu

Monday:	Cheese & tomato pizza/Chinese veggie noodles
Tuesday:	Sausage, mash & gravy/Quorn Bolognese
Wednesday:	Roast chicken/Roast Quorn, roast potatoes & gravy
Thursday:	Beef lasagne & garlic and herb bread/Mild bean chilli & rice
Friday:	Fish fingers/vegetable burger & chips

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