

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

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March—Sponsored Spell event and Health and Wellbeing event (ALL CHILDREN WEAR PE KITS)

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 another lovely week!**

We have again had such a lovely week in school. I have seen some super science lessons throughout the classes learning about plants, food chains and teeth. Y1 had a lovely day with the visiting 'Great fire of London' experience. Y3 have done some fantastic writing inspired by their Greek day and sadly, the chicks all went home to the farm on Friday. Great learning and happy children, that's what we want!

**SPONSORED SPELL FUNDRAISING EVENT MONDAY!**

The sponsored spell will take place on **MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

**Make sure you've learned your spellings and collected your sponsors! Bring the form in and we will annotate it with the scores ready for you to collect the money over Easter.**



Thank you!

**CAR PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS**

I have been monitoring the carpark/lane on and off all week and I feel it is greatly improved this week. The staggered timing and independent children walking up by themselves is really helping. The vast majority of parents are walking up and not using the car park. Particular thanks to those parents who are parking elsewhere in the village and walking up the lane so as to not congest the car park, you get the gold star!! The parents that are using the car park do seem, in the main, to be parents who live too far to walk. I didn't see too many cars blocking the pavement and spoke to a few individuals regarding this. The only other observation is I would encourage parents to leave as soon as possible if you are on the car park, rather than hang around for a natter, so as to keep the flow of cars moving. I know that sounds mean but it would really help. Also if parents are catching up outside of school I would urge you to keep your face coverings on so as to limit possible transmission if you are a-symptomatic.

Good effort everyone, can you keep it up???? A pleased Mrs Hanson

**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE** (as we have seen!)

## Are you ready for an Eggcellent last day of term? Thursday 1st April

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.

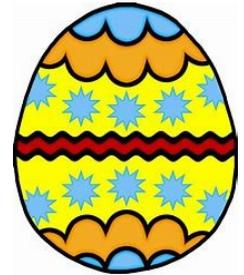
The theme is 'Decorated Eggs' and they should have a Spring or Easter theme.

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.

**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.**



## HEALTH AND WELLBEING WEEK

The week beginning the 29th March, our school will be taking part in a Wellbeing Week. Each day we will be doing activities in school to promote the wellbeing of pupils, staff and the wider community. By taking part in a wellbeing week, we will also be entering a competition organised by the Premier League, with three winners getting the chance to have the Premier League trophy come to their school!

As part of this, we will be doing some charity work and having a collection for pet food, which will be donated to a local animal charity. **Therefore, please can you bring in any donations of pet food to your class teacher by the 1st April.**

Monday we will all take part in a special exercise session with Burton Albion so can **ALL children wear their PE kits on Monday 29th please.**

Thank you for your support.

## Menu

Monday:	Cheese & tomato pizza/Vegetarian wrap
Tuesday:	Chicken burger & potato wedges/Mac 'n' cheese
Wednesday:	Roast turkey/Roast Quorn, roast potatoes & gravy
Thursday:	Fish fingers/Quorn nuggets & chips

## Abbots Bromley Tree trail for all you nature lovers!!

Some of our school Governors have produced a community tree trail for families to enjoy together around Abbots Bromley. Your children with bring home the booklet next week (or get it from the website) that contains a map for you to follow and see if you can find and identify 20 different trees. It should be a fun way of learning some very interesting facts about trees as well as something to do over Easter as a family. We'd love you to take a 'selfie' of your family doing the tree trail and send it into school for the website.

We hope you enjoy, let us know how you get on!!



## CALLING ALL GIRLS IN Y1-4....

### Wildcats Girls Football After School Club

The Wildcats girls football club is in partnership with Burton Albion Ladies. Sessions begin Monday 26th April and will run until end of academic year in July. Commitment can be per half term. £3 per session. Letters home to all girls. Once slip returned places will be allocated and then payment made via parent pay to confirm. Please return slip to school office ASAP as there are a maximum of 16 spaces available.

### Wildcats Easter Session

Burton Albion are holding a girl's only football camp [on Tuesday 13th April](#) for 5- to 14-year-olds. A chance for our Female players in the community to come along have fun, learn skills, and socialise in an engaging atmosphere.

**[Start at 9:00am](#), finished by [3:00pm](#).**

If you would like more information or book on to this amazing course, please follow the link below.

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/burtonalbion/girls-only-soccer-camp.html>

## Corona virus update NEW

During my monthly briefing I attended with the LA it seems cases of corona virus drastically fell since Christmas but have risen slightly across the county since the recent opening of schools. With this in mind our operational plan for after Easter will remain very similar to this half terms and I would ask that you all help by strictly following all the guidance.

Can I also remind parents of their duty to report positive cases to school so we can carry out our track and trace responsibilities and if you or your child has any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 then you do have to have a PCR test and not a lateral flow test. Lateral flow tests are only for a-symptomatic testing. Many thanks for your continued support, Mrs Hanson

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.