



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

Tuesday 4.1.22 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS INSET DAY
Wednesday 5.1.22 School reopens for pupils for the Spring term

We made it! This is our last newsletter of the year

We would like to wish everyone within our school community a very safe, restful and happy Christmas and a hopefully, healthy and happy New Year.

Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts, for your continued support. Despite the challenges and set backs, this has been a very positive half term. We're thrilled to have managed to do our nativity, fair and Christmas dinner/parties this year. The children have had fun and they've all made super progress. I know I've said it before but it's the kindness and the strength of the teamwork that has got us through and we will emerge stronger from this experience.



I would like to especially thank all my staff. We've suffered an unprecedented amount of staff absence this term which has stretched us beyond belief, nonetheless, the troops have kept calm and carried on. They are brilliant.

We very much look forward to working with you again in January for the new Spring term.

So stay safe... relax, enjoy and be merry!! (please fit in some reading and maths so we don't lose the progress made, no excuses please, I know you're all busy, but make time, it's important!)
Love and best wishes, Mrs Hanson

CLUBS FOR THE SPRING TERM

Payment for clubs is via ParentPay unless otherwise stated (£24 per 6 week block)

PLEASE LET SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW BY EMAIL IF YOU WISH TO JOIN ONE OF THE CLUBS

All starting week beginning 10th January 6 week block

- MONDAY: Street Dance/Hip-hop/Creative dance Y1-4 (BACT)
- TUESDAY: Handball/Dodgeball skills Y1-4 (PB Sports) 25 max
- WEDNESDAY: Dance Rec/Y1/Y2 (Miss Salt and Miss Hartshorne) max 30
Fencing Y1-4 (Ext provider-separate pricing) 12 max **(starts Wed 5th Jan-7 wks)**
- THURSDAY: Board Games Y1-4 (Miss Wain) max 30
Gymnastics Y1-4 (BACT)

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Wednesday 15th December Christmas Outdoor market

The PTFA would like to give huge thanks to everyone who attended our Christmas Market on Wednesday.

What a wonderful event this was. We really got into the festive spirit. The event raised a whopping £748. Your continued generosity blows us away.

Thank you to all our PTFA volunteers, parents and grandparents for organising, preparing and supporting the event so we could go ahead and run it.

Massive congratulations to our Year 4 stallholders and their helpers. You were fantastic.

We would also like to mention our incredibly generous local businesses for donating prizes for our raffle. Please support them whenever possible. They are all in our local community. (see PTFA board for list of winners)

The Cheese Locker, located at High Ash, Goose Lane Abbots Bromley - we're told there is still time to pre order your cheese for Christmas

The Hair Hut - located at High Ash, Goose Lane Abbots Bromley - check out their Facebook page and book online through a handy webpage

Dolly & Joe's - located at High Ash, Goose Lane all things interiors and furniture restoration - open now to shop for last minute Christmas gifts

Cocoa Di - located at High Ash, Goose Lane - handmade chocolate

The Pie Shak - located at High Ash, Goose Lane - butcher & award winning pie maker

Old Chapel Candles - located at High Ash, Goose Lane

Infinitii Indian Restaurant - Bagot Street Abbots Bromley

The Coach & Horses, High St
Abbots Bromley

The Manor Golf Course, Kingstone

What a fantastic half term we have had. The PTFA would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We will be meeting next term to discuss future fund raisers and priorities for spending the money raised to support our children.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We are watching the national rise of C19 cases with trepidation. We hope school will be fully open in January but are mindful that we felt like this, this time last year and experienced a very last minute school partial closure notification.

We will update you as and when we hear anything before the beginning of next term. But as it stands today, we are expecting pupils to return to school, as normal, on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

A recent briefing we attended with the LA stated the new Omicron variant is highly more transmissible and cases are expected to peak in January, meaning we may have to brace ourselves for more absences and staffing difficulties. We will of course, do our utmost to navigate our way through the challenges, with the least disruptions as possible to the education of our children.

As it stands currently, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to have a PCR straight away, and then take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

This has slightly changed, as the omicron variant is showing more quickly, whereas the delta variant seemed to have a delay.

When we return we will still be requiring parents and visitors to wear face coverings for the time being as a precautionary measure. I'm sure we will have more updates to come and will stay abreast of developments over the break.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

On line Safety

We are all spending more and more time online and the children may be having online devices for Christmas gifts.

Are you aware of how to keep your child safe online? Are your children accessing inappropriate material?

We are sharing resources to help—see attached flyer.

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