



The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter  
Friday 19th October 2018  
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**Dates for the diary: (could be subject to change. Always check newsletters & website)**

22.10.18 Early reading and phonics Parent Workshop run by Mr Welsh, 6pm  
24.10.18 Last dance club Y3/4 - show for parents at 4.15pm  
26.10.18 Harvest Festival (all parents and friends invited) 2pm, in the school hall  
Break up 26.10.18  
5.11.17 Staff Training Day. **Children return to school on Tuesday 6th November**  
12.11.18 Y4 Viking day (details to follow)  
13.11.18 or 15.11.18 Parent/Teacher Meetings  
16.11.18 Children in need (details to come)  
14.12.18 Christmas Play Performance, St Nicholas Church, 2pm (all parents and friends invited)  
7.12.18 3-5pm Christmas Fair  
18.12.18 Christmas Dinner  
19.12.18 Christmas Parties (with a special guest!)  
20.12.18 Break up - no uniform/Christmas jumper day £1

**Parent Workshop Monday! - Early Reading and Phonics 22nd October, 6pm**

On Monday 22nd October Mr Welsh will be delivering a phonics workshop aimed at year one and reception learners. This will be an interactive opportunity for parents/ carers to find out more about how phonics works and how you can best support your child to achieve their potential in reading and spelling. Mr Welsh and the team will go through the expectations for reception and year one as well as the strategies that can be used at home to support your children in becoming secure in phonics. Please come along, we promise it will be fun!

**Staffing News**

Sad news for us but great news for Miss Robins, she had an interview this week and was the successful candidate for a new position, starting in January. She doesn't want to leave RCFS but was compelled to go for an exciting opportunity as a specialist speech and language teacher in a special resource base, she will have the opportunity to gain S&L qualifications alongside the position and so the job can open further doors for her future career. We obviously are very sorry she is leaving but wish her well and are proud of her achievement and thankful for the impact she has had during her time with us.

In the meantime may I reassure children and parents that Governors will be advertising the position as soon as possible and will recruit the best candidate to replace Miss Robins and ensure continuity of provision for the pupils. Miss Robins will work carefully with the successful candidate to ensure a smooth transition so please trust us that all will be well and we look forward to your patience and support during this period. Whilst obviously tinged with sadness, we prefer to accept change as an exciting opportunity and not see it as a negative experience and we hope you will do the same with your children so that they don't worry in any way.

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### **HARVEST CELEBRATION**

**Friday 26th October 2pm In the School Hall**

**You are all invited to come and hear the children sing at our Harvest Celebration.**

**As part of our celebration we make a collection of food to donate to the Rugeley food bank to support local children and families in need.**

**Donations of foodstuffs would be greatly appreciated. If you feel that you would like to contribute, then please deliver your donation to your child's class teacher before the event.**

*Thank you very much.*

### **Parent Consultation Meetings - Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th November**

The slips need to be returned before half term so that times can be allocated and given out first week back ready for meetings the week after. Thank you.

### **Afters school Clubs to begin next half term**

#### **Tuesday**

**Multi Skills** with Mrs Care

£3 per child per week, running from 6th November for 6 weeks for Reception and Year 1 pupils.

Multi-skills is the fundamentals of movement, the ABC's of sport, Agility, Balance & Co-ordination using various modes of travel and equipment to develop and improve basic hand-eye, speed and awareness skills.

#### **Tuesday**

**Board Games** with Miss Wain for Y2, Y3 & 4. £3 per week for 6 weeks.

#### **Wednesday**

**Magical Maths Y1-4** (external provider) - see leaflet sent home with children 12.10.18

#### **Thursday**

**Choir** with Mr Welsh & Miss Robins for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4. Unlimited spaces – £20 for 6 sessions inclusive of a drink and snack until 4.30pm.

Please email the school office to register your interest for any of our clubs - Thank You

### **Violin lessons**

Mr Davis came into school on Monday and played his violins to the children in assembly, including an electric violin! Very exciting. The children were inspired by his talent. He has spaces for violin tuition so please see the school office if your child is interested in lessons.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

Reminder the deadline for applications is 26th October, 4pm. See letter on website for details.

**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**

## Community News



### Job Opportunity

Vacancy for a **Catering Supervisor Cook**  
**At The Richard Clarke First School**

Monday to Friday working.

9am until 13.30

**22.50 hours per week.**

**Call Debbie Cram on 07773792214**

This position is subject to an enhanced disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offences Act 1974  
Uniform & Training Provided

## **AB Bonfire and Firework Night**

**Monday 5th November 2018**

**Behind Abbots Bromley Village Hall**

**Gates open: 6pm Fire Lit: 6.30pm Fireworks: 7pm**

**£4 per person - £15 per family (of 4+)**

**Hot dogs, burgers and refreshments available**

**Organised by Abbots Bromley Scout Group in support of Beavers, Scouts and Guides**

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From the Kitchen  
**HALLOWEEN Menu Friday 26th October 2018**

Choose a Main Meal...

**Sizzling Hot Dogs**

**Quorn Burgers with Tomato Relish**

On the side...

**Chips**

**BBQ Baked Beans**

For Dessert...

**Chocolate Crispy Bar**

**Yoghurt or Fruit Platter**

