



The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter
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Christmas Countdown

Monday 17th December - Reception class Christmas trip.

Tuesday 18th December - Christmas Dinner.

Wednesday 19th December - Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon. Children normally bring party clothes into school to change into after lunch. Please spread the word.

Thursday 20th December Break up - **no uniform/Christmas jumper day £1**

Back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2018

Tuesday 8th January Whole school visiting STOMP experience, funded by PTFA

Thursday 19th January Swimming starts for Y4

Monday 14th January 6pm Maths Parent Workshop with Mr Hindhaugh

Christmas Fair - thank you!!!

The Christmas Fayre was a great success thanks to the support from so many parents who donated raffle prizes, cakes and beautiful Christmas biscuits, helped to set up a magical grotto, served refreshments, worked on the stalls and came along to support the school on the day.

We will let you know about meetings and how we are spending the money in the new year. Thank you all once again, your generosity overwhelms us! *The RCFS PTFA*

Results:

The doll's name was Eva - Winner Billie Y2

The monkey's name was Ozzy - Winner Jasmine Y3

There were 435 sweets in the jar - Winner Gemma Y4

MASTERY MATHS PARENT WORKSHOP! Monday, 14th January 2018 6-7pm

Are you worried that you are showing your child the wrong method? Need a way to make times tables more visual? Unsure how we use physical apparatus to support children's maths skills? Are you looking for ways to support at home? Say no more!

My interactive maths workshop is taking place on Monday, 14th January in the Year 4 classroom and will give you an overview of our 'Mastery' approach to teaching maths across the school together with the latest developments! The session is appropriate for parents of children in all year groups and will travel through the journey of a child from Reception to Y4 and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you!
Mr. Hindhaugh

SWIMMING PROGRAMME FOR Y4

Our Year 4 pupils will be swimming on Thursday mornings starting on 10th January 2019 for six weeks. Could I please ask for you to remember to have their swimming kits (NB trunks/tight shorts and swim suits, no Bermuda shorts or bikinis and no jewellery) and towels available for this half term and to let either Mr Hindhaugh or myself know of any changes to medical conditions that may effect your child's participation.

Thank you, Mrs Care.

Fantastic News! Santa has an early present for you!!!!

Parents, staff and governors, Christmas has come early this year for you all. I have some excellent news! We have a new school partnership for our Health & Well-Being programme here at Richard Clarke. Hoar Cross Hall Spa has granted corporate membership for the whole school community and will also be sponsoring events in the very near future as part of this programme. To find out more, save the date 28th January 2019 and watch out for the newsletter in the new year. *Merry Christmas, Mrs Care.*

Request from School Kitchen

In order to assist the school kitchen with their planning for this years Christmas lunch, **we are assuming that all children will have the Christmas dinner on 18th December.**

Please email the school office by no later than 10th December if your **child does not wish to have Christmas dinner** and will bring a packed lunch from home **or to confirm that the vegetarian option for Christmas dinner is required.** Thank You.

Staffing News

Mrs Read will be available for an informal 'meet the teacher' opportunity for Reception Class parents Friday 11th January, 3.30-4.15pm. Come along and have a cup of tea and a biscuit and a chat if you would like to meet Mrs Read and ask any questions. She is looking forward to a warm welcome and all our support.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Timetable

Tues- Sports hall Athletics Rec & Y1 (12 max) with Mrs Care, 5 weeks starting 15th January until 12th February

Wed – Cheer Leading Y2,3&4 (16 max) with Burton Albion Community Trust, 6 weeks starting 9th January until 13th February

Thurs – Art and Craft, Y1&2 (16 max) with Miss Cooper and Mrs Read, starting 10th January for 6 weeks

If you would like your child to join one of the clubs available then please email the school office requesting a place. Each club is £3 per session.

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St Nicholas Church Christmas Tree Festival and Choir performance

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Well done to all the members of the choir who sang brilliantly at the tree festival on Sunday. You really did us proud and a special thanks to Miss Robins and Mr Welsh for leading the choir and giving up their valuable spare time to support this event. Fabulous!!!

This is our last newsletter of the year

We would like to wish everyone within our school community a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Thank you to everyone for your support, generosity of spirit and commitment to the children's learning over the Autumn term. We very much look forward to working with you again in January for the new Spring term.

So... Relax, enjoy and be merry!! (please fit in some reading and maths)

