



Richard Clarke First School Newsletter  
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### **Dates for the Spring Term**

Monday 28th January - Health and Wellbeing event for parents (see detail below)  
Friday 1st February - PTFA funded Chinese New Year workshops for the whole school  
Friday 1st February - PTFA meeting for parents, friends, carers, 8.00-9.30pm, The Crown Pub  
Friday 8th February - Parent Support Group meeting, 9.10am  
Friday 8th February - PTFA school disco, 5.30-7pm  
Wednesday 13th February, 3.30-4.15pm - GANAS project share opportunity  
Friday 15th February - Reception Class Parent Assembly 2.45pm  
Friday 15th February - BREAK UP, Mid year reports out  
Monday 25th February - BACK TO SCHOOL  
Friday 1st March - Year 2 Parent Assembly **9.15am**  
Friday 8th March - World Book Day celebrations (details page 2)  
Friday 15 March - Year 4 Parent Assembly 2.45pm  
Friday 22nd March - Year 1 Parent Assembly 2.45pm  
Friday 29th March - Year 3 Parent Assembly 2.45pm  
Monday 1st April - Parent Consultation Meetings  
Tuesday 2nd April - Parent Consultation Meetings  
Friday 12th April - Spring Sing and competition, 2pm, details to follow  
Friday 12th April - Break up for Easter  
Monday 29th April - Back to School for the summer term

### **Health & Well-being event, Monday 28th January - FINAL REMINDER**

Happy New Year to you all. Have you made your resolution yet? Is the top of the list this year is to "eat healthier" and "do more exercise"? Well that's all sorted for you!!!! On 28th January our school partners Hoar Cross Hall will be hosting and part-sponsoring a Health & Well-Being event at our school. As well as launching corporate membership for the whole school community there will be parent workshops available with their fully qualified NHS Dietician and a chance to try out a Zumba class in the hall with one of their personal trainers. I have arranged some healthy food and drinks to be served during the event and there will also be an opportunity to ask the Hoar Cross team any questions you may have about their fantastic offer. Tickets will cost £2 each and will include some fabulous raffle prizes from our sponsors. Parent workshops will be from 3.45 - 4.45 and 5.30 - 6.30 and I will be hosting pupil childcare (school age children only) in one of the classroom's allowing you the freedom to attend. The Zumba class will be at 5.30 - 6.30 for those who would like to join in. Tickets for the event will be on a first come first serve basis so don't waste time and get yours as soon as you can from the school office. Mrs Care

### **Friday 8th February 9.10am Parent Support Group - Run by parents, for parents!**

This is an hour get together of parents to chat over a cup of tea and a slice of cake about anything and everything. Please support this group because without numbers we may not be able to continue with this valuable session. Please come and bring your items for discussion or just yourselves!!

This session's main focus will be on feeding back to school on some revised policies.

## **PTFA Reminder**

### **The next PTFA meeting will be Friday 1st February 8-9.30pm, The Crown Pub**

Please spread the word. Everyone is welcome and the more we have, the more ideas we have.

## **SCHOOL DISCO**

Time to get those dancing shoes on for our first school disco this school year. The disco will start at 5.30pm on Friday 8th February and finish at 7pm. Entrance to the disco £4 per child and this entrance fee includes a hot dog (thanks to Wilsons butchers for providing local sausages!), a bag of crisps and unlimited squash. There will be some extra items that children can purchase at the disco (e.g. glo sticks-20p, sweets -20p, extra crisps-20p). Please sign up to help on the rota sheet on the noticeboard.

## **5th February is Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday 5th February is Safer Internet Day and activities will take place in school to raise awareness of how children can keep safe online to make sure they are being digitally safe. The NSPCC has provided the motto **TEAM** to make sure your children are safe online:

**T**alk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen.

**E**xplore your child's online activities with your child. Understand why they like using them and make sure they know what they can do to keep themselves safe.

**A**gree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games.

**M**anage your technology and use the settings available to keep your child safe.

## **World Book Day Friday 8th March**

World Book Week is fast approaching and the teachers have put the wheels in motion and planned an exciting week of learning to celebrate stories, imagination and creativity. We have created a theme of heroes and villains where we will be exploring the good guys and bad guys of a range of stories. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March and are asking the children to dress up as a hero or villain from ANY story. This could be any character your child deems to be a hero or villain e.g. The Queen of Hearts is a pretty mean character from Alice in Wonderland or perhaps Matilda from Roald Dahl's famous children's novel; she does defeat Miss Trunchbull after all! James Bond, Harry Potter, Robin Hood are classic heroes or White Witch of Narnia, Darth Vader, The Twits are classic villains. Your choice can be as obvious or as unusual as you wish. We hope the theme excites everyone and above of all, we want your children to have fun in deciding, discussing and becoming their characters!

## **Have you got.....**

Our outdoor waterproof suits for Reception class are getting tatty and we've had to throw some away. Has anyone got any that their children have grown out of that they could donate to school?? Or have Reception class children got their own home ones they could bring in to wear?? Let myself or Mrs Read know if you can help. Many thanks. Mrs Hanson

## **Parent Assemblies**

Friday 15th February - Reception Class Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 1st March - Year 2 Parent Assembly **9.15am**

Friday 15 March - Year 4 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 22nd March - Year 1 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 29th March - Year 3 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

NB: Y2's assembly is in the morning due to the other plans in the afternoon.

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