



Richard Clarke First School Newsletter
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Dates for the Spring Term

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
THURSDAY 28TH February Derby RE trip for Year 3 and 4 (see separate letter for details)
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

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:

Talk 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.

Explore 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.

Agree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games.

Manage your technology and use the settings available to keep your child safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Follow link for useful information and clips for parents. Please have a look and talk to your children.

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

FINAL REMINDER

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.

Staffing News

It is with great sadness I have to inform you that Mrs Haywood will be leaving school at Easter to explore a new chapter in her life. Words are not enough to express how grateful we all are to her for her dedication, hard work, expertise and care that she has shown everyone of us; children, parents, staff and visitors, over the last 15 years. She really is the backbone of our school and will be sorely missed. Mrs Haywood is off to start her own business in HR and we wish her all the luck in the world for her new venture. Governors will be meeting to discuss how we fill this enormous gap and as ever we have to look at change positively and look forward to your on going support, through what will inevitably be a transition period.

PTFA Reminder

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.

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!

500 Words Competition

Here at The Richard Clarke First School, it's one of our main aims to allow the children to use their imagination, express their creativity and have pride in their achievements. This is why we are encouraging children to enter the BBC Radio 2, 500 Words Competition. This is an opportunity for children to celebrate stories, creativity and writing for pleasure. It's super simple. All entrants must pen an original story, no more than 500 words in length, and submit it online. It can be about ANYTHING you want – space-ships, grannies, insects, microwaves. The list is endless. Details on how to enter the official competition can be found on the BBC Radio 2 Website under '500 Words'. Although this is an external competition, here at RCFS, we would still like entrants to be handed into school too (hard copies), where we will have our own in-house competition with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. These stories will be recorded and uploaded onto the school website and myself, Mrs Hanson and two English ambassadors from year 3 and 4 will judge the pieces (anonymously). How exciting! All entries need to be uploaded on the BBC website by Friday 8th March. We also ask for a hard copy to be brought into school on this date for our own mini competition. A blank piece of paper can be quite overwhelming for some children so planning, discussing and collaborating about the story is key. Writing it all in one go is not recommended but instead, chunking the experience into shorter bursts will really maintain your child's motivation and enhance the experience. We hope you have fun with this and we will be sure to value and celebrate every single entry we receive. Happy writing! Mr Welsh

Health and Well being event

Hoar Cross Hall School Partnership with RCFS.

Following the success of the Health & Well-being event on Monday 28th January (see events page on website for more details) I am pleased to announce the Richard Clarke First School Corporate Membership offer from Hoar Cross Hall. Single membership at £69/joint at £118 per month, a 30% discount off the normal membership fees. This offer is available to all those parents/staff/governors, including immediate family members too, within the RCFS community. If you are already a member and paying more then you will be able to get this offer on renewal of your membership should you wish. See leaflets attached to the newsletter for more details.

Mrs Care

Chinese New Year Workshop

We are having bad luck with our workshops! We have had to post pone again due to bad weather where the providers were travelling from. Sorry again and we will let you know when we re schedule.

Community News



Registered Charity

CAN YOU HELP IN DELIVERING A BIG COMMUNITY PROJECT?

Abbots Bromley Sports Association, (ABSA), is seeking individuals with relevant experience and passion in delivering health and well-being to our community.

The Trust is about to embark on the next two phases of development at the Lichfield Road facility, an investment of over £600k to date, and is excited about the near-term prospect of clubs and societies meeting, enjoying activities and playing sport in a new green field site.

Either as a Trustee, Associate Director or Co-opt to the Board, we are specifically looking for a finance lead (preferably an accountant) and an administrative secretary for the charity. We are also keen to welcome any other persons who would like to help with delivering this £1m project for everyone, as well as future generations.

Please get in touch with Louise Haywood or Chris Wood directly if you are keen to help and would like to know more.

Thank you.

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