



Richard Clarke First School Newsletter
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What is happening this term....

Wednesday 6th March - Year 4 Hawkstone Park Trip (see separate letter for details)
Friday 8th March - World Book Day celebrations
Monday 11th March - Y2 visit from South Staffs Water
Wednesday 13th March - Y1 visit to Dudley Zoo
Friday 15th March **Comic relief - no uniform day for £1 donation to charity**
Friday 15 March - Year 4 Parent Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 21st March - Plastic Fantastic Fashion show 3pm start, parents and carer invited
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

World Book Day Friday 8th March REMINDER

World Book Week is next week 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! Your child will also receive a World Book Day voucher to promote the love, joy and importance of reading.

Easter Competition

Each year before our Spring Sing we traditionally hold a competition. This is completely voluntary and we are happy to receive entries completed solely by the children or entries worked on collaboratively as families. The entries will be judged by the children. They will democratically vote for their favourites and the majority votes will win.

This year the theme is '**Easter/Spring in a box**' and they should have a Spring or Easter theme.

Please bring them into your child's classroom on the morning of 12th April. The boxes will be shown as part of the Spring Sing and the winners will be announced.

Clubs this half term reminder (spaces still available):

Tuesday: Gardening club Y3/4 with Mrs C. Farrington
Starting 5th March, 6 weeks, £3 per session.

Wednesday:

Rugby with Mr Tolley. Year's 2,3 & 4 (20 max) £ 3.00 per session. Starts Wednesday 6th March for six weeks from 3.30 until 4.30pm. (see separate letter for more details)

Thursday:

Choir with Mr Welsh and Mr Hindhaugh. All Year groups welcome. (No maximum, the more the merrier!) £3.00 per session. 6 weeks starting on 7th March with a performance at the Spring Sing.

Friday: Dance club Y3/4 with Mrs Hanson (No maximum)
3.30-4.30pm, Starting 1st March, 6 weeks, last week 5th April for show at 4.15pm for parents and carers. £3.00 per session.

Please email the school office to reserve a place in any of these clubs

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Plastic-Fantastic Fashion Show, 3pm, Thursday 21st March, reminder

Thank you for all your donations of plastic. Our outfits are coming on a treat and we are having really good conversations about the importance of reducing our plastic use and recycling more. We hope you will come to our 'fashion show' each ticket will cost £2.00, with refreshments included. Payable on the door, please arrive from 2.45pm.

Water bottle reminder

Please could we politely remind you to encourage your children to drink plenty of water and have their water bottles in school everyday. They also need to go home regularly for a proper wash. Children without water bottles have been sharing or asking for cups as they are thirsty and this is not ideal, particularly as we have a lot of coughs and colds and we don't want to be spreading germs. Many thanks for your assistance.

From the School Kitchen

Pancake day - take 2, Tuesday 5th March 2019

The kitchen will be serving sausage & mash with pancakes and ice cream as desert. This was extremely popular with the children before half term. We hope they enjoy them again!