



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

Thursday 11th April - Rock Steady end of term concert, 2.30pm
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
Monday 6th May - School closed Bank Holiday
Wednesday 15th-17th May - Y4 Residential trip to Condover Hall
Friday 24th May - Break up for May half term
Monday 3rd June - Back to school

PTFA News

Easter raffle- In the next week, we will begin to sell raffle tickets for an amazing Easter Hamper. £1 per strip of tickets. £5 for 6 strips. All proceeds the raffle will contribute to some much needed school resources.

Easter Competition – last reminder

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 be 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.

GET READY TO ROCK!

Our resident Rock Steady leader, PJ, will be in school on Thursday, 11th April for our Spring term Rock Steady Performance Concert! Parents, carers and family members of children who attend Rock Steady are welcome to arrive in school from 2.15pm ready for a 2.30pm start. We can't wait to hear what the children have been up to in their Rock lessons!

There will be no newsletter next week so.....

Happy Easter to all our families. We hope you have a great holiday and thank you again for your continued support this term. Next half term is very short, so will be another busy one! Please try to do some reading, spelling and maths homelearning over the long holiday so children don't lose key skills, thank you.

And finally I'm sure you'll join us as we say **goodbye and good luck** to Mrs Haywood next week. Again words aren't enough to express how grateful we are to Mrs Haywood for all her hard work, expertise and passion over the last 10 years. She will be sorely missed by us all.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is full of lost uniform. Please look through next week for lost items. We have been through all the items and returned the things with names on, however many items are unnamed. Left clothes will go to the recycling bank at Easter as there is no room left in the box moving forwards.

Clubs for next half term—reminder

Monday: Parent & Child Cookery School

NEW after school cookery club for parents and their children starting after the Easter break. The club will run after school on Mondays from 3.30 – 4.30, commencing on 29th April and finishing on 8th July. Maximum number of spaces will be limited to 12 families. Depending on numbers we may need to split the club to two/three sessions to accommodate everyone. Sessions cost £3 per family, per week, ingredients and equipment will be provided and will be open to all age groups.

We will be making some fun, simple recipes that will be easy to try at home for example: -

Supercrunch Pudding.

Super salmon dip and veg sticks

Tuna and tomato cous cous

I expect the spaces to fill up fast, so please register for this great club as soon as you can.

Tuesday: Are you a budding performer? New performing Arts Club for year 3&4 pupils

Join us for some fun with this one hour class which will offer all-round training in stagecraft, including singing, acting, acting for screen, dance and movement and is perfect for anyone who enjoys performing. Whilst learning performance techniques, including, vocal projection and placement, breath control, improvisation and scripted dialogue, dance styles and choreography, we will also explore TV acting and microphone technique. It's all there! And best of all the children will work on a set piece to be presented to you at the end of the term. Don't delay, sign up now!!!!

Sessions will cost £3 per pupil, per week and is open to pupils in year 3&4.

Tuesday: Gardening club

With Mrs C. Farrington, Year's 1, 2, 3, 4 . Starting 30th April, 4 weeks, £3 per session.

Wednesday: Girls Football

I am excited to say I will be running a girls football club on Wednesday's this will be open to Y2, Y3 and Y4 girls. Come and join in with an increasingly popular sport amongst girls and have fun learning skills and playing games. Don't worry if you have never played before, have fun with your friends learning a new sport! The club will be running during the whole of the summer term and dates are as followed:

Wednesday 1st May, 8th May, 22nd May, 5th June, 12th June, 26th June

The cost of the club is £18 for all six sessions. I can't wait to see you there! Miss Wain

Thursday: Cricket with Mr Tolley, 3.30-4.30pm Y2, 3 and 4

Thursday's 2nd, 9th and 16th May, followed by 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June and 4th & 11th July.

£3 per session.

For any of the above clubs please email office@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk to reserve a place and letters requesting payment will follow once names have been confirmed.

Year 2 SATS

The Year Two SATs will be taking place next half term. The SATs are a national test and are used to assess the children against the National Curriculum expectations to mark the end of a key stage. Whilst they inform our assessments of the children, teacher assessment and other day to day monitoring also inform our overall judgments. These tests will take place week beginning Monday 13th May and week beginning Monday 21st of May. Further details regarding the tests have been provided specifically for year two parents in a separate letter.