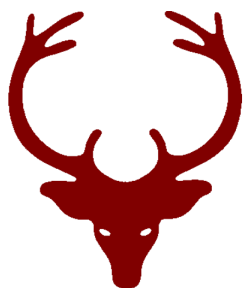


The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter

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What's on...

WB 13th May - SATS week for Y2

Tuesday 14th May - Class photos with Academy Photography

15-17th May - Conover Hall residential trip for Y4

Thursday 23rd May - Y2 trip to Tamworth Castle

Thursday 23rd May - Y3/4 Swimming Gala

Friday 24th May - Deadline for sponsored challenges to be completed and returned

Friday 24th May - Break up for half term

Monday 3rd June - Back to school

Friday 7th June - GANAS homelearning share event 3.30-4.15pm

Friday 7th June - Sponsor money due

Wednesday 12th June - Year 4 trip to Blithfield Hall and Church

Thursday 13th June - Father's day lunch (details to follow)

Wednesday 19th June - Sports Day (details to follow)

Wednesday 26th June (Reserve Sports day)

Friday 28th June - End of year written reports out

Monday 1st July - Open Parents Meeting after school

Friday 5th July - Summer Fair, 3-5pm

NSPCC

We had two lovely visitors on Thursday from the NSPCC who talked to the children in assembly about how to speak out and stay safe. They left a lovely comment in our visitors book praising the behaviour and engagement of the children. The children should have received a letter yesterday giving you more information about the event.

Uttoxeter Learning Trust Choir performance

Congratulations to the children who took part in the ULT choir performance. In total 60 children from six different schools in the ULT performed at the Uttoxeter Racecourse on Saturday - I could not have been prouder - they were amazing! Thanks to all the schools involved and to the parents for supporting this event. We were even on the TV!

TOGETHER **E**VERYONE **A**CHIEVES **M**ORE

PTFA news

Thank you for your amazing support with the Easter Raffle and this helped to raise £190.

Our next PTFA meeting will be on **Thursday 23rd May (8-9.30pm)** at the Coach and Horses. This will be a crucial AGM where the current committee will be stepping down to make way for exciting new members. Some of you have already expressed a keen interest in standing for Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. Please see a current member of the committee to find out more (Sarah Stevenson, Natasha Lindsay, Sian Nichols). If we don't get the support needed the PTFA is in danger of folding and this will have a massive impact on our ability to support the children with this valuable funding, particularly in today's climate of so many financial cuts.

Watch this space for future events including the Summer Fayre on **Friday 5th July 3.30-5pm!**

Congratulations to us! PE Centre of Excellence!!!!

Our school has recently gone through an external audit for our PE provision here at RCFS. We applied for the afPE quality mark last term and had all our evidence considered by a panel of experts, we were also visited by a team of validators who went through our plans, watched lessons, spoke to staff/children etc and their evidence was also submitted. I'm thrilled to say we have just heard back. The have said, and I quote:

*The Quality Mark Panel met last Friday and I am delighted to inform you that your school has been awarded the **afPE Quality Mark with Distinction.***

*It must be noted that your application form was deemed '**outstanding**' by the Panel!*

I have attached a copy of the Quality Mark logo which you can use on your school website etc. Your glass trophy, along with a copy of your certificate will be posted out to you shortly.

Congratulations once again on achieving the award, and at the highest level!

This is a fabulous achievement and well deserved by our hardworking team. Special thanks must go to Mrs Care for all the work she has put in to helping us all excel in this.

SPONSORED COMPUTING EVENT

To help us raise money to buy a set of lap tops for all the children to share we have decided to run a sponsored computing event. This has been launched in assembly today. We would be really grateful if everyone could take part, and it really doesn't matter if you raise £5 or £50, every little helps and it's the taking part that counts as they say!

Please see letter, sponsored form and activity leaflet for details. These were sent out last week and are on the website if you need more copies. Good luck and thanks!

Father's day lunch - Save the day - Thursday 13th June

We are hoping to invite dads, carers, grandads or special men to accompany the children for lunch to celebrate Father's Day on 16th June. Details will follow once we have confirmed menu's etc. on how to book a place. Lunch will be £3.00 per adult.