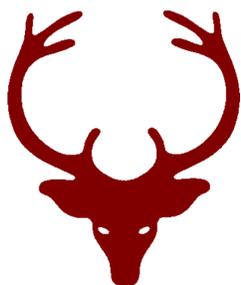


The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2019

Issue: Summer 1: 4



Contact us: Phone: 01283 840206

Email:

Mrs Kennedy or Mrs Lowther: office@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk

Mrs Hanson: headteacher@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk

Website: www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk

Happy half term

WOW! That was a quick half term! Can we wish everyone a happy and safe half term holiday. We look forward to seeing you afterwards for the final half term! Next half term is always very busy with transition and end of year activities. Please see the following list for lots of dates to get onto your calendar.

What's on...

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 - see posters in school

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

Wednesday 26th June (Reserve Sports day)

Thursday 27th June - Year 3 and 4 language festival

Friday 28th June - Y1 End of year assembly, 2.45pm

Friday 28th June - End of year written reports out

Tuesday 2nd July - Open Parents Meeting after school (please note change of date to previously advertised)

Thursday 4th July - YR End of year assembly, 2.45pm

Friday 5th July - Y3 End of year assembly, 9.15am

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

Sunday 7th July - Open garden (details to follow)

Wednesday 10th July - All change over morning

Wednesday 10th July - Y2 End of year assembly, 2.45pm

Thursday 11th July - Rock Steady Concert, 10am

Thursday 11th July - Induction evening for new parents, 6pm

Friday 12th July Scooter day (details to follow)

W/B 15th July - Whole school visit to Goat Lodge (dates to be confirmed)

Thursday 18th July - Y4 Leavers Assembly, 9.30am

Thursday 18th July - Y4 The Richards, evening (details to follow)

Friday 19th July - No uniform, games day, break up for Summer holiday

End of year class assemblies

Please see dates and times above for your child's end of year assembly. All parents and carers are invited. The children will sing songs and share learning from the year. Bring your tissues!

PTFA devastating news :(

The Annual General Meeting was held yesterday. We would like to express our huge thanks for the present committee who stood down yesterday. Collectively, Sarah Stevenson (Chair), Sian Nicolls (Treasurer), Natasha Lindsay (Secretary) and Susan Mayman and Claire Collier have given over 20 years between them to help fund raise over £25,000 over the last five years. As a school community we have benefitted from this in so many ways. The new school furniture, new reading books, outdoor playground equipment, Reception resources, RE resources and all the subsidised school trips are just some of the vital resources that would not have happened without the PTFA. The disco's and fairs are such fun events for the children and add enormously to our community ethos.

Thank you so much to Natalie Stewart and Sarah Jassal who came forward for Chair and treasurer for the new PTFA committee. Unfortunately, as a charitable organisation, we need two more elected members (secretary and vice-chair). No other parents came to the meeting yesterday to put themselves forward. It is with great regret, that the Richard Clarke PTFA will have to cease and all associated events (school discos, Christmas, summer fair and The Richards) will not take place next academic year.

UPDATE

Since sending this parent mail earlier some new parents have come forwards today, thank you to all of those people. We will look to resolving this next term. Thank you everyone.

Clubs for next half term - reminder

Monday: [Parent & Child Cookery School continuing](#) 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.

Tuesday: [Are you a budding performer? New performing Arts Club for year 3&4 pupils continuing](#)

Tuesday: [Basketball with Stedroy Baker, \(STEDY\) 3.30-4.30pm Y2, 3 and 4. NEW](#)
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June and 2nd & 9th July. (6weeks, £3 per pupil, per session)

Tuesday: [Gardening Club](#) With Mrs C. Farrington, Year's 1, 2, 3, 4 . Continuing for 6 weeks, £3 per session.

Wednesday: [Girls Football continuing](#) Wednesday 1st May, 8th May, 22nd May, 5th June, 12th June, 26th June

Thursday: [Cricket with Mr Tolley, 3.30-4.30pm Y2, 3 and 4 continuing](#) Thursday's 2nd, 9th and 16th May, followed by 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June and 4th & 11th July.

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.

SPONSORED COMPUTING EVENT

Thank you to all who have taken part in the sponsored computing challenge event. Your challenges have been checked by the class teachers and it's now time to collect the money from your kind sponsors. Please return the sponsorship money by Friday 7th June.

Well done and thank you to all who have taken part! We can't wait to order the new laptop suite and get computing! (If you didn't have time to do the challenge please feel free to have a go over half term and bring your challenges in first week back to school, it's not too late to take part!)

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH

Mrs Gibson and her team will be cooking a special Father's Day Big Breakfast for lunch on Thursday 13th June 2019. Daddy's, Grandads and other special 'uncles' are invited to eat with their children. We will not be sending out letters this time but would ask you to reserve a place by sending £3.00 per adult in a clearly labelled/named envelope. **All bookings to be received by no later than Thursday 6th June 2019.**

Staff structure for September 2019

Our intended class structure for September is as follows (subject to any unforeseen changes):

Year Group:	Class Teacher (full time)	Support Staff (part-time)
Reception	Mrs Read	PPA Cover Mrs Farrington
Year 1	Miss Cooper	Mrs Burgess PPA Cover Mrs Farrington and Mrs Care
Year 2	Mr Welsh	Mrs Johnson + Mrs Lane + Mrs Robins PPA Cover Mrs Farrington and Mrs Care
Year 3	Miss Wain	Mrs Murray + Mrs Farrington + Mrs Johnson + Mrs Burgess PPA Cover Mrs Care and Mrs Hanson
Year 4	Mr Hindhaugh	Mrs Speake PPA Cover Mrs Care and Mrs Hanson

Next half term we will begin our programme of transition to prepare children for their move to the new year group. This involves visits from new class teachers, visits to new classes and other activities as appropriate to each year group. The official change over morning will be 10th July and Y4 will spend the time with Mrs Hanson as their visits to OHMS are earlier. You will also have an opportunity to briefly meet your child's new teacher at 3.30pm on the 10th. If you have any concerns about transition please do not hesitate in discussing these with your child's class teacher.

SPORTS DAY INFORMATION 19th June

Pupils will need to arrive at school in their PE kits which will be worn the whole day. If possible, please could you ensure your child wears a **T-shirt in their team colour**, as this helps us identify which house team your child is in. Please ensure they have their water bottles and sun hats/cream at school so that they are prepared for the weather conditions on the day.

Children will work in small house groups during the morning with other team members from across the age-range of the school. This encourages our school core values of teamwork, honesty, determination and other non-competitive elements that balance out the values within P.E. Our morning activities run like a 'carousel', where they take part in all 12 activities, testing fine and gross motor skills.

Family and friends are invited to attend for the afternoon to watch the competitive Sports Day, track & field events. We will begin at 1.30pm and should finish by 3.30pm.

We will endeavour to continue as planned in light showers, but in the event of extreme weather leading to slippery conditions, you will receive a parentmail email or text message by 12.00pm on the day to inform you if it is cancelled. **Back up date, 26th June 2019.**

If you don't hear anything, please assume that the show will go on! **Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on - and maybe a brolly!**

PTFA Refreshments

The PTFA will be running an honesty box for soft drinks at Sports Day. Fruit shoots, water 50p per bottle and cans £1. These are for **spectators only** as the children will have their own drinks.

Community Notices



Good morning, I hope you're having a nice day.

I wanted to give you this personal message because I'm becoming increasingly aware of the impact of car emissions on our children.

A recent study found that over 127,000 children die each year due to poor air quality across the planet. Another study found that children exposed to high levels of poor air quality suffered a 10 percent reduction in their lung capacity. Other factors include risks of asthma, poor lung development, impaired brain development and cognitive functioning and increased risk of obesity and diabetes (air pollution lowers levels of insulin sensitivity).

Public Health England have identified that car idling outside schools is one of the biggest risk factors to children.

We are lucky that our children go to school in a green village away from busy roads, so the risk to them is small. They do though walk through a busy car park each morning and afternoon with lots of diesel engines running idle. Who knows what the long term impact to their health is?

The photo of the lovely smiley girl is of nine year old Ella Kissi-Debrah. Ella suffered from asthma and sadly died 6 years ago. A subsequent inquest has found that her death was due to high levels of diesel emissions.

Let's try to help improve the health of our children by just switching off our engines when we're not driving!

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Have a lovely, healthy day J

Mark Lindsay

(Dad to Marianne and Alyssa who walk through the car park each morning and afternoon).

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Community Notices

Abbots Bromley CFR - Heart start - CPR / Defib free training
Wednesday 29th May, 7-9pm - The Bagot
Saturday 29th June - 1-3pm - The Crown

Abbots Bromley Surgery – Patient Participation Group (AB PPG) – Invitation to join us

The Abbots Bromley PPG is looking for new members and this is an invitation for you to join us. You will no doubt be wondering who we are and what we do. For starters, the NHS requires all practices to have a PPG. We are a small group of people associated with the AB Surgery who want to help it work as well as possible for patients, doctors, staff and the AB community. If you have ever visited the AB surgery, as a patient, parent, carer or friend, your experiences matter to us. You can bring different ideas to our group which could, in some way, help us to improve what we do. You will also gain a better understanding of the NHS and will be able to gather and analyse anonymous feed-back from other patients.

What commitment is likely to be involved? Our role is interesting but not intensive. We meet at the surgery a few times per year, usually at 6:30 pm. These meetings last between one and a half and two hours and involve discussion of ideas and issues proposed by the PPG and the surgery. It is also our intention to invite the occasional guest speaker to talk on NHS topics. Our next meeting is scheduled for **6:30 pm on Tuesday June 11th at the AB Surgery**. We hope to have, as guest speaker, Ian Leech - Community Engagement & Supportive Care Manager for St Giles Hospice.

If you would like to be a part of our PPG, or simply attend the meetings, please give your contact details to Tanya (tanya.howson@nhs.net) at the Abbots Bromley Surgery or to Reception at The Richard Clarke First School or e-mail me on johnhough42@msn.com and someone will be in touch with you. If you would prefer to be a 'virtual member' of the PPG this is also a possibility. In this case you would not need to attend meetings and all information (e.g. newsletters, minutes, surveys, reports etc) would be shared electronically. We have not yet fully developed this idea, but please consider it.

I hope to see you at our meetings or, at least, to share e-mails with you.

John Hough – Chair, Abbots Bromley Patient Participation Group

Edinburgh Marathon for MND

Neil Lowther, Governor and friend of the school is running the Edinburgh Marathon on Sunday 26th May 2019.

He is running for the My Name's Daddie Foundation who fund research and raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease and anyone touched by MND.

If you would like to support Neil, please take a minute to visit his JustGiving page.

Thank You

We wish him all the best for his run!

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/neillowtherrunsformnd