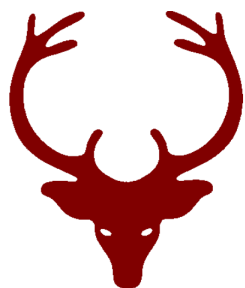


The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter

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Last half term

Welcome back, we hope you had a great half term holiday. Get ready for the busy last half term! It can be an anxious time for the children (and parents! and teachers!). Our advice is to be positive about upcoming changes for the children so they do not pick up on your worries. We will all be incredibly busy preparing the children for the transition to the next year group and completing all our end of year reports and assessments. Please support the children, each other and us so things can run as smoothly as possible and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries.

What's on...

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 - Parent Support Group meeting 9.10am

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 - Y Reception 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)

Tuesday 16th July - Reception and Year 1 to Goat Lodge (see letter)

Wednesday 17th July - Year 2,3 and 4 visit to Goat Lodge (see letter)

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

Annual visit to Goat Lodge
Please see separate letter in bags.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

PTFA—great news!

A massive thankyou for the turn out for this morning's PTFA meeting. We now have a full committee and many extra helpers which is fantastic news! We have elected:

Chair - Natalie Stewart and Georgina Hine

Vice Chair - Susie Gray

Treasurer - Sarah Jassal and Rachel Gavin

Secretary - Charlotte Farrington and Michelle Cashmore

We have also elected a shopping/stock taking committee - Vicky Edwards, Jane Rushton, Claire Reed.

All other parents attending are now our elected PTFA magic fairies who will help make all the events happen!

This is brilliant news and we look forward to their first event; the Summer fair.

The PTFA's next meeting is Monday 1st July, 2.30pm, here at school. This will be to finalise arrangements for the fair and The Richards. Y3 parents are traditionally expected to help at the Richards as it will be your turn next year to enjoy this spectacular event.

Once again, thank you to the outgoing committee for their work and thorough hand over.

Parent Support Group - Final Meeting of the year on Friday 28th June, 9.10am

Paula Tomlinson will be running the final meeting of the academic year and will hope to sum up this year's achievements and make plans for moving forward. Please come along and support this group, it is in danger of not continuing after dwindling support , which would be a shame. Thank You.

SPONSORED COMPUTING EVENT

A **huge** thank you to everyone who took part in the computing challenge sponsored event. We hope you enjoyed the challenges and we are really grateful for all the money you have helped raise. The money was due in on Friday 7th but we are still happy to accept any late collections. We will add up how much we have raised and let you know asap how close we are to our target for our 15 laptops, it's looking like over £2000 which is amazing!!! Many, many thanks again, you are all brilliant!

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.**

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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.

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.

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Community Notices

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.....

**Thomas Alleyne's High School ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION-
SAVE THE DATE 20th JUNE 5:30-7:30**

The Annual TAHS Art exhibition is on **Thursday 20th June 5:30-7:30pm**. This is a chance for the Art department to showcase a selection of the fantastic work that the Students have been doing over the past year. We invite parents and children from the pyramid to help celebrate creativity, determination and hard work! It may also inspire future artists!

The Year 13s have much of their recent work out up on display in the studio, and the other art rooms are awash with drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles, fashion, illustration and much more.

In addition we will welcome the Uttoxeter Rotary Club to present the local Young Photographer awards to participating first, middle and secondary school winners. **(RCFS has a winning photograph that will be on display!!)**

please note: photographs are not permitted of students work at this event.

**Abbots Bromley CFR - Heart start - CPR / Defib free training
Saturday 29th June - 1-3pm - The Crown**

TRAFFIC ALERT: Ironman Staffordshire - Sunday 9 June

A reminder that the Ironman is taking place this Sunday 9 June and certain areas will be affected as well as traffic expected.

As part of the event there will be temporary road closures in place to ensure the safety of the competitors and spectators. Find out more and plan ahead if need be by visiting the website

- <http://bit.ly/IronmanStaffordshireOfficial> ...

If you have any questions then please email -

email staffordshire70.3@ironmanroadaccess.com

Good luck to all taking part.

"Danny Champion of the World"

WJProductions presents another of David Wood's award-winning adaptations of
Roald Dahl's children's classics

Rugeley Rose Theatre

Friday 28th June 2019

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