



The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter
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Dates for the diary: (could be subject to change. Always check newsletters & website)

Friday 4.10.19 Parent Support Meeting
Monday 7.10.19 Year 4 trip to Ingenuity (details to follow)
Sunday 13.10.19 Richard Clarke Open day for prospective parents, 10-12pm
Thursday 17th October, Oldfields Hall Middle School Open 6.00 to 8.00pm
Friday 18.10.19 School disco, 5.30-7pm
Thursday 24.10.19 Harvest Festival (all parents and friends invited) 2pm, in the school hall
Break up 24.10.19
Friday 25.10.19 Staff Training Day, school closed to children.
Children return to school on Monday 4th November
13.11.19 or 14.11.19 Parent/Teacher Meetings (save the date - details to follow)
20.11.19 Reading workshop for parents lead by Mr Welsh, 6pm
3.12.19 Maths workshop for parents lead by Mr Hindhaugh, 3.45pm
Friday 6.12.19 Christmas Fair (details to follow)
Friday 13.12.19 Christmas Play Performance, St Nicholas Church, 2pm (all parents and friends invited)
Friday 20.12.19 Break up for Christmas
Monday 6.1.20 SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

Parent Support Meeting FINAL REMINDER

On **Friday the 4th October** we are holding our Autumn term Parent Support meeting. This meeting is at 9am and will be in the school staffroom. This is a great opportunity and is open to all parents (or grandparents/carers) to chat with other parents informally. It is run by Paula Tomlinson who is Year Three parent, school governor and nurse. Paula is passionate about supporting parents and families with any issues they may have such as behaviour queries, special educational needs and just general support in a non-judgemental way. Biscuits are included! Parents in the past have been able to share experiences, talk and gain advice and simply make friends. We warmly welcome those who have been before and new faces. We would love to see you there!

IMPORTANT! Census Day Thursday 3rd October IMPORTANT!

Next Thursday is our census day. It is the first of three throughout the year which gathers information that **decides our school funding**. One part of this funding is for Universal Free School Meals (applied to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2). We will be offering bar-b-que hot dogs and Quorn burgers and ice-cream/flapjack on this day as it is always a popular choice and ***we need as many children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on this day to take a school meal as possible please***. This figure will be recorded on the census data and provides a snapshot which next years funding is based on. Any surplus funding remains in our school budget to be spent for the benefit of all our children.

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Thursday 24th October 2pm
In the School Hall



You are all invited to come and hear the children sing at our Harvest Celebration.

As part of our celebration we make a collection of food to donate to the Rugeley food bank to support local children and families in need.

Donations of foodstuffs would be greatly appreciated. If you feel that you would like to contribute, then please deliver your donation to your child's class teacher before the event.

Please use the list on the right as a guide. We have also been advised that packets of chocolate biscuits are nice as treats for children.

Thank you very much.

Milk (UHT or powdered)
Sugar (500g)
Fruit juice (carton)
Soup
Pasta sauces
Sponge pudding (tinned)
Tomatoes (tinned)
Cereals
Rice pudding (tinned)
Tea bags/instant coffee
Instant mash potato
Rice/pasta
Tinned meat/fish
Tinned vegetables
Tinned fruit
Jam
Biscuits or snack bar

OPEN MORNING Sunday 13th October 2019 10 AM - 12.00 PM

We will be holding an Open Morning for all parents/carers who are considering sending their children to our school. Parents will be able to have a complete tour of the school, talk to staff, meet some pupils and see all that we have on offer at Richard Clarke.

Please could you all help us in advertising this event. Either by word of mouth if you know people who may be interested or if you have means to put up posters or give out flyers then please get some from the school office.

Your help will be very much appreciated as the future of our school funding depends on healthy numbers to keep 5 separate year groups. Many, many thanks.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

We have joined in with Aldi's **Get Set to Eat Fresh** campaign, which is committed to improving the healthy eating habits of 1.2 million children by 2020. You can help us by shopping in Aldi. Each time you spend £30 in store you will receive a special Team GB athlete sticker.

If we can collect 300 stickers, we have the chance to win £20,000!
Simply pop your stickers into the post box by the office—happy shopping!

PTFA NEWS



SCHOOL DISCO Friday 18th October 5.30pm – 7pm

£4 Entry includes hotdog, crisps,
and unlimited squash!!!

Former Richard Clarke pupils (up to Y6) are also welcome!
Sweets are 20p each, Extra crisps 20p each, glo sticks 20p each



We need volunteers to help on the night so please sign up on the PTFA board in the main corridor by the front door.

Time to get those dancing shoes on for our first school disco this school year. The school disco will start at 5.30pm on Friday 18th October and finish at 7pm. Entrance to the disco £4 per child and this entrance fee includes a hot dog (thanks to Wilsons butchers for providing local sausages!), a bag of crisps and unlimited squash. There will be some extra items that children can purchase at the disco (e.g. glo sticks-20p, sweets -20p, extra crisps-20p). Together, all the money we can raise at this disco, will go towards subsidising school trips this academic year and some music resources needed.

This was on the newsletter this time last year:

PARKING

I have received yet another complaint regarding our parents parking on the pavement along Schoolhouse Lane forcing parents and children to walk on the road. I have continually urged parents to walk, where possible, or to park and stride from other car parks in the village yet the problem continues to occur. Please could you discuss these issues with your friends and see if you can come up with any practicable ideas of how to incentivise parents to leave more time in the mornings to park and stride, or indeed walk. Surely working together to relieve parking congestion and associated traffic hazards whilst also promoting clean air and health and wellbeing of children and parents as they walk the short distance from the alternative car parks is the solution? We see it as a win, win, how can we get the community to engage with these principles?

Please remember the Crown car park does not belong to school and is not a community car park. Their goodwill will run out if you continue to park uncourteously and a complete ban may be inevitable.

Please email your suggestions to school for Governors to consider, but be mindful the behaviour of members of the public and parents off school premises is not the responsibility of school staff. We are interested in keeping our children safe and will do anything we can to help but we are not law enforcement and we can only make suggestions and pleas. We look forward to your ideas.

No ideas came forward in 2018 yet the complaints still come in regularly, we cannot solve this problem alone. Governors will be meeting later this term to further discuss this issue and an action plan put together. We're disappointed that the same parents continue to be inconsiderate in helping the community with this issue and would urge all of you to take responsibility and take collective action. Thank you.



PREVENT STRATEGY



What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy. These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils.

Different schools will carry out the Prevent duty in different ways, depending on the age of the children and the needs of the community.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How does Prevent relate to British values?

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy. British values include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty and mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved.

Is extremism really a risk in our area?

Extremism can take many forms, including political, religious and misogynistic extremism. Some of these may be a bigger threat in our area than others.

KEY TERMS: **Extremism** – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs; **Ideology** – a set of beliefs; **Terrorism** – a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause;

Radicalisation – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism.

Where to go for more information

Contact the school if you have any concerns or queries **or See our policies.** You will find more details about radicalisation in our Safeguarding Policy. We also have information about spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and British values.

External sources:

Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales, HM Government

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417943/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_England_Wales.pdf

Frequently asked questions, Prevent For Schools

http://www.preventforschools.org/?category_id=38

What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It

<http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/>