



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

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 Disability awareness day + cake sale (see below)

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 led by Mr Welsh, 6pm

3.12.19 Maths workshop for parents led 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

Tuesday 7.1.20 Pupils back in for Spring term

FINAL REMINDER—THIS WEEKEND

OPEN MORNING Sunday 13th October 2019 10 AM - 12.00 PM
Spread the word please.....

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.

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.

Disability Awareness Day—reminder!

On **Friday 18th October** we are having a 'Disability Awareness Day' in school. This is to raise awareness that both children and adults can have disabilities but overcome them in a positive way. The children will be learning about some types of disability and doing some of their work on it on this day. In addition, we are holding a cake sale straight after school in the Courtyard to raise money. This money will go towards equipment to help all children in school. If you're able to bake some cakes (or cheat and bring some from the supermarket!) we'd be very grateful. Please bring them in on the morning of the 18th and put them in the medical room. Paula Tomlinson will be running the stall, but if you're available to help sell the cakes, please e-mail Miss Cooper. Thank you, everyone.



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.

PTFA FUNDRAISER—SQUARE CHALLENGE RAFFLE

The PTFA are running a fundraiser that has been kindly organised by one of our new parents. Your child will come home with a grid of squares for you to raffle off. Once you have filled the grid, return it with the money raised to the PTFA who will draw your raffle for a guaranteed prize winner of a Body Shop Home gift set worth £20. On top of this the children who take part will receive a thank you gift. We would be grateful if you could get involved with this fundraiser! As ever, all the money raised will be spent on your children in school.

Many thanks!

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.

Community

PARKING UPDATE

Thank you again all the parents, who either walk or who have agreed to support the pledge of park and stride, and are parking elsewhere in the village and walking the rest of the way. If more parents would kindly put themselves out a little to do this it would make a massive difference.

Thanks again for all those trying to make a difference, things have improved this week.

Afters school Clubs to begin next half term

Tuesday

Multi Skills with BACT

£3 per child per week totalling £18 for the course. Continuing for 6 weeks for Years 2, 3, 4. All existing and new children welcome.

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Board Games with Miss Wain for Y2, Y3 & 4. £3 per week for 6 weeks totalling £18 for the course.

Thursday

Choir with Mr Welsh & Miss Cooper for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4. Unlimited spaces – £20 for 6 sessions inclusive of a drink and snack until 4.30pm.

Please email the school office to register your interest for any of our clubs - Thank You

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As the weather has turned significantly colder, please make sure your child has a coat in school every day. Thank you

REMINDER LAST DANCE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER (for now!)

Mrs Hanson and Y4, Y3 and Y2 dancers would like to invite all parents, siblings, carers and friends to our performance of 3 fabulous routines learned during this term's dance club.

Our Performance starts at 4.15pm

It's like being at the front row of Strictly!!! We look forward to seeing you.

Keeeeeeep dancing!