



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

Friday 25.10.19 Staff Training Day, school closed to children.
Children return to school on Monday 4th November

Friday 8.11.19 Individual and sibling photographs

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

Poppy Appeal

We are again supporting the 'poppy appeal' in school and the Y4 pupils will be taking the poppies around each class every day to sell them for a donation. These will be on sale first week back up until 15th November.



Parent Consultation Meetings - Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November

A separate letter with more details of how to arrange an appointment went out earlier in the week. Please return slips immediately so that appointments can be made. Thank you.

Individual and Sibling Photos with Georgina Hine
Friday 8th November



Georgina Hine will be taking our individual/sibling photographs this year on **Friday 8th November.**

Individual photos and photos of children with their brothers and/or sisters will be taken during the school morning.

If your children have pre-school siblings that you would like to be in the photographs then please take them all to the hall from 8.30am.

CHRISTMAS TREAT Wednesday 18th December—Theatre trip for whole school

Every year we organise a Christmas treat in school supported by the PTFA.

This year we have decided to go to the theatre to watch 'Sleeping Beauty' in Stoke. This event will be subsidised by the PTFA and of course by your wonderful support throughout the year. The PTFA will pay for the coaches to get us to the theatre. We will be asking parents for a kind voluntary donation payable via Parentpay closer to the time to pay for the ticket and a snack.

Going to the theatre is so magical and such an enriching experience that not all children will have had so we hope you can support this event at what I know is an already expensive time of year.
Many thanks.

Parent Workshop Early Reading and Phonics 20th November, 6pm

Mr Welsh will be delivering a phonics workshop aimed at Reception, Year one and two, or indeed children in year 3 and 4 who find word reading difficult. This will be an interactive opportunity for parents/carers to find out more about how phonics works and how you can best support your child to achieve their potential in reading and spelling. Mr Welsh and the team will go through the expectations for reception and year one as well as the strategies that can be used at home to support your children in becoming secure in phonics. Please come along, we promise it will be fun!

Reading Army

Would you like to get involved in school life? Would you like to support young readers across the year groups? Would you like to make a difference? If you said yes to those questions and have a spare afternoon why not become a volunteer for 'The Reading Army'? The Reading Army are a group of volunteers who listen to carefully selected readers that teachers feel would benefit from a reading boost. Reading regularly makes a huge difference to the children's confidence and has been proven to increase fluency in word reading as well as language and comprehension skills. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office who will then get the reading ball rolling! All volunteering positions are subject to a criminal records check and induction process. We look forward to hearing from you!

BONFIRE LUNCH Tuesday 5th November

Guy Fawkes Port sausages
King James 1st Veggie sausages
Sides of mash, BBQ beans and peas
Bonfire Sticky Toffee Pudding and custard



PTFA FUNDRAISER—SQUARE CHALLENGE RAFFLE

The PTFA are running a fundraiser that has been kindly organised by one of our new parents. Your child came home with a grid of squares for you to raffle off last week. 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!**

REMINDER DEADLINE TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

After 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 Reception, Years 1 and 2. All existing and new children welcome.

Tuesday

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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DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

Thank you everyone for supporting our cake sale on Friday. We raised over £90 to buy valuable school resources to support children with various learning needs. We also had an interesting time learning about a variety of disabilities and build children's understanding and empathy for all.

SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you to all who supported and helped at the disco. It was a great success raising over £600 and we all had a good time. The behaviour of the children was excellent and it was lovely to see our ex pupils.

Happy half term

Thank you to all our community for your positivity and support in helping us to do the best we can for your children's education. Your love and kindness really helps, so thank you!

We hope you all have a happy and safe half term and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 4th November!

Please try to do some reading, writing and maths over the break so that children don't forget basic skills. Reading to your child is so important to support their progress in everything!

REMEMBER TO STAY SAFE ON HALLOWEEN AND AT BONFIRE EVENTS!

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Halloween Safety Tips

Always walk with an adult.

Make sure you look both ways before crossing the street.

Wear a costume with visible colors, or stick reflective tape on your costume.

Stay on the sidewalk.

Respect other people's properties.

Don't forget to say "Thank You"!

Ask your parents to check your candy before you eat it.

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Stay Safe on Bonfire Night

-  Never touch fireworks.
-  Stand well back from the bonfire.
-  Never go near a firework after it has been lit.
-  1 Only hold one sparkler at a time.
-  Wear gloves when holding a sparkler.
-  Keep pets indoors.

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