



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

11.11.19 Viking day for Year 4 pupils  
11.11.19 Visitor from the RAF to help us raise the flag for Remembrance day  
13.11.19 or 14.11.19 Parent/Teacher Meetings  
14.11.19 Y1 Freshwater Toy Museum visitor  
15.11.19 Children in Need (see below)  
15.11.19 Some Y3/4 pupils to Handball competition at Windsor Park  
20.11.19 Reading workshop for parents led by Mr Welsh, 6pm  
22.11.19 Y4 first transition day to Oldfields Hall Middle School (details to follow)  
28.11.19 Y3 visit to Space centre (details to follow)  
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)  
Sunday 15.12.19 Christmas tree festival and choir performance, 2pm, St. Nicholas Church  
Monday 16.12.19 Christmas Parties in school  
Wednesday 18.12.19 Whole school trip to theatre, Stoke, to see Sleeping Beauty  
Thursday 19.12.19 Rock Steady Concert  
Friday 20.12.19 Break up for Christmas, no uniform day  
Monday 6.1.20 SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

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

You should have received slips informing you of your appointment times. Please ask your children or the class teacher if you have not received these. We will do our best to keep to timings but as you all know this is not easy, we would appreciate your help in keeping to the 10 minute appointment and would encourage you to make a new appointment if you feel you need longer. Many thanks.

**Poppy Appeal**

We are again supporting the 'poppy appeal' in school and the Y4 pupils have been taking the poppies around each class every day to sell them for a donation. These will be on sale up until 11th November. Some Y4 pupils will be laying a wreath on Sunday at the village parade. All welcome to watch and support.



**Children in Need Friday 15th November**

**Wear your pyjamas or onesies to school for £1 donation**

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This year we are holding a colour Pudsey competition. It is £1 per entry and all proceeds go to children in need. Use any materials to create your design and be in with a chance to win a prize. Please return your entries no later than the morning of Friday 15th November. Happy designing! (see sheet brought home by children)



## **New topics for a new half term**

If you would like to know what topics each year group is learning about each half term follow the Teaching & Learning tab, Curriculum and Assessment and then year group tabs for up to date information on our school website:

<https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/teaching-learning/curriculum-assessment/>

Reception - Once upon a time

Year 1 - Granny's Toys

Year 2 - London's Burning

Year 3 - To boldly go!

Year 4 - Invader and Settlers

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

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET—COME AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT TO MAKE IT WORTH THE HARD WORK AND EXTRA TIME PUT IN BY STAFF TO PROVIDE THIS OPPORTUNITY**

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!



Mr. H here! I am delighted to reveal that we have registered all of our children in Year 3 and Year 4 for a massive Times Tables ROCK OUT event starting on Monday as part of Maths Week England 2019! This exciting event is designed to promote maths skills in a fun and exciting way and pits our children against up to 2,000 nationally including other schools!

Using our school subscription to [Times Tables Rock Stars via the website or the app](#), children can play using **all game modes** between **7.30am and 7.30pm each day**. Make sure you have the app installed and are ready to play! To check your child's password, please speak to their teacher.

**Points mean prizes!** There are limited edition trophies, certificates and even a pizza party up for grabs! So log-on, play away and see how well you do!

WE CAN DO IT!

## After school Clubs—last chance to join!

### **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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## 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.*

## PTFA NEWS

Enormous thanks to everyone who helped out at the Halloween disco and made donations towards the disco and harvest raffle prizes! These two events raised a brilliant £752, so a huge thank you to all parents, grandparents, teachers and friends for your support.

We are using the money raised to cover the cost of coaches for the whole school to travel to Stoke for the pantomime treat on 18th December.

If anyone has grids to return for the Body Shop square challenge fundraiser, please hand these in together with cash/cheques (payable to Richard Clarke First School PTFA) by **Monday 11th November at the latest**. There is a guaranteed prize winner for each completed grid, and squares from part completed grids will be in with a chance of winning a gift set. Prizes will be drawn and distributed to children over the next few weeks. Children also get a small thank you gift for taking part. Again, many thanks to everyone who has supported this fundraising initiative.

## Christmas Cards

The children will be bringing their complimentary sample Christmas card home with them tonight, which contains details of how to order cards or gifts printed with your child's design. Please note the order deadline is **28th November**.

# British Roast Dinner Theme Day

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Healthy eating has never been more important, and we hope to maximise this priority by encouraging all children to eat Chartwells healthy school meals.

With National School Meals week running from 11th–15th November we would like to offer the following on Wednesday 13th November:

*Main meal ...*

Roast Beef or Quorn Roast  
with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

*On the side ...*

Roast and mashed potatoes  
Fresh carrots and sweetcorn

*For dessert ...*

Chocolate sponge cake  
with custard  
Fresh fruit  
Strawberry yoghurt