



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

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  
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  
Tuesday 7.1.20 Pupils back in for Spring term

**Poppy Appeal**

On the 11th month of the 11th day of the 11th hour Richard Clarke First School pupils took time to remember those who have sacrificed their own lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we do today. Not only that, we met two inspirational members of the RAF who visited each class and talked about their roles and experiences whilst answering many, many questions. They also kindly raised our remembrance flag which will stay up all through November to help us remember. What a wonderful yet poignant day we had! Richard Clarke First School also had the privilege of playing our part in the Abbots Bromley Remembrance Parade alongside the whole community. We felt honoured. Our children make us all so proud. Thank you to our school community for supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will be handing over our donation to The British Legion next week.



**PTFA NEWS**

The next meeting of the PTFA will be at The Crown at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 19th November**, to make plans for the Christmas fair. Everyone is welcome, so please do come along if you can!

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## Christmas Cards Reminder

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

## **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!

## **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.*



### **Job Opportunities**

**Vacancy for a Catering Assistant**  
**At The Richard Clarke First School**  
Monday to Friday working  
**6.25 hours per week**

**Call Maureen Turner on 07815 827389 for more information**

**Vacancy for a Cleaner**  
**At The Richard Clarke First School**  
Monday to Friday working  
**10 hours per week**

Pay will be discussed if interested.  
Training will be given.

**Call Lyn Hollender 07917 722799 for more information**

These positions are subject to an enhanced disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974  
Uniform & Training Provided

## VACANCY

**Lunchtime Supervisor 3-5 days a week, days to be negotiated**

**12.00-1.15pm**

We are looking to employ a Lunchtime Supervisor to join our wonderful, friendly team, days to be negotiated. The successful applicant will be required to help in the dining room over the lunchtime period, playground duties and returning pupils to class as well as other duties deemed necessary.

Applicants will uphold and work to the whole school behaviour policy and ensure the safety of all pupils at lunchtimes.

Applicants must be able to relate well to children and be sympathetic to their needs.

If semi retired persons are interested but are concerned about taking holidays in term time we would be prepared to grant up to 4 weeks unpaid leave to enable you to do this.

**Richard Clarke is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS Disclosure check along with relevant employment checks.**

**If you are interested in this position please call the school office on 01283 840206 or indeed email [office@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk)**

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Former Richard Clarke pupil Xanthe, and her friend Charlotte, would like to invite you to their Coffee Afternoon to help them raise funds to take part in the Girlguiding Midlands International Community Experience in 2020. This adventure consists of two training weekends with mini-service projects and culminates with community service in Northern Ireland next Spring.



**Saturday 16th November**

**2pm to 4pm**

**at Church House, Abbots Bromley**

**Coffee, tea and delicious  
homemade cakes**

**Cookie and sweet jars**

**Festive fudge Raffle Kid's Tombola**

**Christmas present wrapping stall—bring your own presents.**