



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

28.11.19 Y3 visit to Space centre

3.12.19 Maths workshop for parents led by Mr Hindhaugh, 3.45pm (see details page 2)

4.12.19 Reception visit to Ash End Farm

Friday 6.12.19 Christmas Fair, 3-5pm

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

**Reading Workshop**

Thank you to those who attended the phonics/ early reading workshop on Wednesday. As the attendance was considerably lower than we anticipated (6 parents and 6 staff and Governors), we have created a link on the school website for you to access the workshop materials. Obviously, this will not be as informative as the actual session but should give you an insight into the mechanics behind phonics and ways to support your children at home in such a vital area of the curriculum. If you have any questions regarding reading and ways to support your child, please do not hesitate to pop in and ask your class teacher or myself as English lead.

<https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/teaching-learning/hints-tips/>

Mr S. Welsh

**PTFA News - Christmas Fayre Friday 6th December, 3-5pm**

We are looking for donations for Christmas fayre for a number of stalls. Your child may come to school on the 6th December in NO UNIFORM as a reward for bringing in a donation for the fayre in the form of a bottle or cake.

We have invited a number of local business gift stallholders to help you with some Christmas shopping. Alongside this we have an amazing crafts area, refreshments and raffle filled with wonderful prizes to be won. And obviously not forgetting our special guest, Santa. Come along to support our festive event. It's going to be fantastic.

We are in need of volunteers at the event to support the craft tables and selling of raffle tickets. A sheet will be put on the PTFA notice board. Many thanks for your continued support, we are so very grateful for your time and generous donations!!

**MASTERY MATHS WORKSHOP! Email or speak to the school office to sign up or the event will not take place**

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 3.45-5pm**

Are you worried that you are showing your child the wrong method? Need a way to make times tables more visual? Unsure how we use physical apparatus to support children's maths skills? Are you looking for ways to support at home? Say no more!

My interactive maths workshop suitable for parents and family members is taking place on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Year 4 classroom and will give you an overview of our 'Mastery' approach to teaching maths across the school together with the latest developments! The session is appropriate for parents of children in all year groups and will travel through the journey of a child from Reception to Y4 and beyond.

We will be showing a film for Richard Clarke children to watch during the session in another classroom so please don't worry about what you'll do with your children! I look forward to seeing you!

Mr. Hindhaugh

**PLEASE NOTE**

Due to the low numbers of parents taking up the reading workshop we are asking parents to sign up at the office OR email the office to say if you are intending to come and unless we have a minimum of 15 parents (only 3 per class) we will not be able to justify the amount of time and workload that is put into the preparation and implementation of these events for the benefit of parents and children.

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Christmas Cards Reminder

The children brought 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**.

**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.*

## 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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### **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