



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

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

**MASTERY MATHS WORKSHOP! CANCELLED AS ONLY 4 PARENTS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST—WE WILL TRY AGAIN NEXT TERM**  
**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 3.45-5pm**

**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!!

Raffle ticket will be sold right up to the last week of term and the draw made/winners announced on 20th December.

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

*Please see letter that came out in school bags yesterday. Reply slip needed.*

**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**

### **High number of illnesses at the moment**

*Please note ourselves, and other local schools, seem to be having high levels of illness in school, including coughs, colds and sickness. Please help us try to reduce this by increasing your hygiene routines (eg; hand washing, washing out water bottles, lunch boxes etc.) and reminding the children to wash their hands thoroughly and discard used tissues in bins. We are doing the same in school. If children are sick may we remind you of our 48 hour rule after last bout of sickness.*

*Many thanks!!*

### **Inclement Weather**

The forecast is pointing to very cold weather so please ensure that your child is suitably equipped with a warm coat, plus hat and gloves if necessary. Staff will always try to take the children outside for fresh air regardless of the weather, so warmer clothing is a must. If children need to wear boots to walk to school please bring their school shoes to change into. Boots are not school uniform.

Snow is not forecast, *thank goodness*, but we normally give out this information this term just in case! If it does arrive and a decision to close the school is made, then we will text/email out to Priority 1 contacts in the usual way. Please can you make sure that all contact information is up to date. We will post up to date information on the school website and the SCC website. Closed signs will also be put on the school gates so please check before dropping children off.

IN ADDITION, YOU CAN LOG ON TO <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sln/schoolclosures/> TO CHECK ALL SCHOOL CLOSURES. THIS IS UPDATED FROM EARLY MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL OPENING TIMES AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

Please note a decision to close the school is never made lightly and is always a very difficult one. The safety of the children and community travelling to school is very important. Consideration must also be made to the safety of staff who travel into school from as far away as Ashbourne and Derby and the suitability of roads can vary from area to area. We need to ensure enough staff can make it in safely to manage staff to pupil ratios. We must also make sure the site is safe enough to enter, exit and move around. As you can imagine, making an early call can catch us out if the situation improves, whilst also leaving a decision too late can cause practical problems, it is a very difficult call to make. We will make every effort to open where possible and we appreciate your understanding when having to make difficult decisions that will never suit everyone's opinion and circumstances. We will also appreciate your help with communication to ensure everyone gets the message in as timely a way as is practical.

Thank you for your support and consideration in this regard should the situation arise.

## **The Richard Clarke First School—Schoolhouse Lane, Abbots Bromley**

### **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)



### **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  
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