



The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter
Friday 6th December 2019
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Dates for the diary: (could be subject to change. Always check newsletters & website)

Friday 6.12.19 Christmas Fair, 3-5pm
Thursday 12.12.19 Flu immunisations
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

Christmas Countdown

From now - There will be a **Christmas Post Box** for children to post their Christmas cards into located by the front door. They will be delivered by Year 4 children. Please ensure full names and year group are on the envelope to help with distribution.

Monday 9th - Christmas play rehearsal. Please could **all costumes** be brought into school on Monday. It goes without saying that we do not expect parents to buy costumes, homemade creations are wonderful. If anyone needs help with a costume for their child then please see a member of staff (class teacher will tell you what they need to dress as!)

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Play dress rehearsal (am).

Friday 13th December - Christmas Play 2pm. Performance at St Nicholas Church, everyone invited

Sunday 15.12.19 Christmas tree festival and choir performance, 2pm, St. Nicholas Church

Monday 16th December - Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon. Children normally bring party clothes into school to change into after lunch. Please spread the word.

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December Break up - **no uniform**

Back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020



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

Please see letter that came out in school bags last week. Reply slip needed.

Request from School Kitchen

In order to assist the school kitchen with their planning for this years Christmas lunch, **we are assuming that all children will have the Christmas dinner on 19th December.**

Please email the school office by no later than 11th December if your **child does not wish to have Christmas dinner** and will bring a packed lunch from home **or to confirm that the vegetarian option for Christmas dinner is required.** Thank You.

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 DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS 12.00pm on Thursday 12th December.

ROCK STEADY!

On Thursday 19th December, we will have our end of term Rock Steady concert! It will begin at 9.15am in the hall. Holly, our band leader, will meet the children before the concert in the hall. All grown-ups are welcome to watch even if you just want to come along to see what Rock Steady is all about. We hope to see you there to cheer the children on and rock out!

E-Safety Update

We have been advised by West Midlands Police of an App called "UNICO LIVE". The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc.; it has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated. If you are aware that your child is or has used this app, may we suggest you remove it immediately to ensure their online safety. May we also take this opportunity to remind you to keep e-safety as high profile at home and that we hold regular age-appropriate e-safety discussions in school. Thank you.

Christmas Fair - thank you!!!

Thank you for all your kind support in making our fair happen today. Without your generosity it simply wouldn't go ahead so a huge thank you. Thank you all the PTFA for their hard work and help. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term so there is still time to buy your tickets from the office/PTFA if you missed out. We are grateful to all those who donated the fantastic prizes including **Experience Days** who have kindly donated a £50 voucher for the Christmas raffle - their website is www.experiencedays.co.uk. Experience Days is dedicated to providing a wide selection of the very best experiences and activity days that the UK has to offer, from the most blissfully relaxing spa days to the most high-octane extreme experiences.

We will let you know how much we raised and how we will be spending the money in the new year.

Thank you all once again, your generosity overwhelms us! *The RCFS PTFA*

Due to the outbreak of winter flu across the West Midlands we have been sent the following letter by public health England to give out to parents:

This letter is to advise you that diarrhoea and vomiting illness, which is present in the community at this time of the year, is also circulating at school.

School is following advice from Public Health England (PHE) West Midlands on managing the outbreak, including increasing cleaning throughout the school.

We would be very grateful for the support of parents in helping us reduce the spread of the infection. If your child has symptoms of diarrhoea and or vomiting, please keep them at home until 48 hours after they are symptom free. During this time, they should not mix with other children outside the home or visit local venues.

Norovirus is commonly known as Winter Vomiting Disease and often occurs in the community and in schools and nurseries at this time of the year. If your child is ill, you may find the following information useful:

ADVICE FOR PARENTS ABOUT NOROVIRUS

What are the symptoms?

- diarrhoea and vomiting usually lasting 1 -2 days
- What should you do if your child is unwell?
- Make sure they get lots of rest.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids, taking sips rather than gulps to avoid vomiting.
- Give infant Paracetamol or Ibuprofen, according to product instructions, to help keep their temperature down.
- If your child is unusually sleepy, won't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as blood in their diarrhoea, an unusual rash, headache, neck stiffness or difficulty breathing, ring NHS Direct (0845 4647), contact your GP or take your child to hospital.
- Please ring your child's nursery/ school and let them know that your child is ill and what symptoms they have.
- Keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. However, if your child has been suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting keep them at home until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours.

Please see advice leaflet attached.

Please keep your child away from other children and people that are particularly vulnerable, eg the elderly and those with chronic illnesses.

Taken from the Bromley Bulletin:

Do we need a new pedestrian crossing near the village centre? There is no longer a 'lollipop' person and some students have to cross the main road to catch school buses at the Buttercross, whilst Richard Clarke pupils/nursery pupils are being encouraged to walk to school and are having to cross the main street at peak times. A pedestrian crossing might also act as a traffic-calming measure. The cost of a pedestrian crossing might, of course, be prohibitive but if there is significant support from the community then the parish council can make enquiries. Again, where should one be sited?

If you have an opinion on the above email the Parish Council @ parish.council@abbotsbromley.com