



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

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.

**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 previously. Reply slip needed.*

**Christmas Fair - thank you!!!**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us at the Christmas Fair last week, we raised a fabulous £650 and it was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves. In the new year, we will be sitting down with the teachers to work out how the proceeds from our fundraising can best be spent to benefit all the pupils at Richard Clarke.

If you haven't already returned raffle ticket stubs and monies, please do so by 9am on Monday 16th December. Mrs Hanson will be doing the draw, and we will let the lucky winners know asap! Good luck, the prizes are amazing!

**ROCK STEADY!**

*On Thursday 19th December, we will have our end of term Rock Steady Summer 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!*

## **SWIMMING PROGRAMME FOR Y3 & 4**

Our Year 3 & 4 pupils will be swimming on Friday afternoons starting on 10th January for six weeks. Could I please ask for you to remember to have their swimming kits (NB trunks/tight shorts and swim suits, no Bermuda shorts or bikinis and no jewellery) and towels available for this half term and to let either Mr Hindhaugh or Miss Wain know of any changes to medical conditions that may effect your child's participation.

## **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

**Aerobic Dancing and Meditation for Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be starting with Mrs Murray**

### **Tuesdays:**

7th January, 14th January, 21st January, 28th January, 4th February, 11th February from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

The cost for the block of clubs is £18

**Art club for Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be starting with Mrs Read**

### **Wednesdays:**

8th January, 15th January, 22nd January, 29th January, 5th February, 12th February from 3.30 to 4.30pm. We will be focusing on different art skills to produce some winter and springtime art.

The cost for the block of clubs is £18

**Mr. Hindhaugh's Boys' Football for Y2, 3 & 4**

### **Thursdays:**

I will be running a boys' football club for Y2, 3 and 4 in the spring term on Thursday evenings. We will be focussing on some skills but mainly enjoying playing some games together. It will run on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

Children wishing to take part should wear trainers (not studded football boots) and appropriate sports/football kit. Due to the time of year, it will be cold so please ensure children are appropriately covered. The price is £18.00 per child and this covers all 6 sessions. There are a maximum of 20 places for this club and it will be first come, first served. Thank you!

**If you would like your child to join one of the clubs available then please email the school office requesting a place.**

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## **This is our last newsletter of the year**

We would like to wish everyone within our school community a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Thank you to everyone for your support, generosity of spirit and commitment to the children's learning over the Autumn term. We very much look forward to working with you again in January for the new Spring term.

So... Relax, enjoy and be merry!! (please fit in some reading and maths!!!!!!)



**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**