



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

Friday 10th January Swimming starts for KS2 for 6 weeks

Wednesday 22nd January—PTFA meeting 9.10am—all welcome

Thursday 13th February GANAS share event, 3pm, all parents, grandparents, friends invited

Friday 14th February Mid Year Reports out

Friday 14th February BREAK UP HALF TERM

Monday 24th February BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March Parent Consultation meetings

Friday 28th February - Year 2 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 13th March - Reception Class Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Thursday 19th March - Year 3 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 20th March - Year 1 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 27th March - Year 4 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 3rd April Spring Sing 2pm and break up for Easter

Parent Assemblies

This term we are inviting you to our class assemblies. They will form part of our celebration assemblies on Friday. Each class will have their turn and parents/carers and grandparents can attend for their child's class. It is an opportunity for you to share in our celebration of learning. The dates are as follows:

Friday 28th February - Year 2 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 13th March - Reception Class Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Thursday 19th March - Year 3 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 20th March - Year 1 Parent Assembly **9.15pm PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT TIME**

Friday 27th March - Year 4 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

PTFA News

Great fundraising achievements last term due to the fantastic PTFA team and brilliant community and parent support. Thank you to everyone! We look forward to making spending decisions at our next meeting after raising from our Christmas fair and raffle.

So onwards into Spring...

The next PTFA meeting will be Wednesday 22nd January, 9.10am, at school.

Please spread the word. Everyone is welcome and the more we have, the more ideas we have.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE NEW YEAR

NOTE: Some of the below clubs are not full so children from Year 3 and 4 if you want to attend please speak to the office to see if there are places free...

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 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th January and 6th, 13th 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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POLITE MESSAGE FROM CHARTWELLS STAFF, OUR KITCHEN PROVIDER

We have been asked to politely remind parents that all children who have a packed lunch need to have their own drink, their own cutlery and take their own rubbish/left over food home. The Chartwells staff are paid to wash up/clear up etc after the school dinner children only. It appears they have been lending teaspoons to home sandwich children for yoghurts and things and then these have inadvertently gone home in lunch boxes meaning they are now needing to replenish stocks.

Many thanks for your support in these times of tight margins!

Deadline for new starters - spread the word.

As many are aware, applications for children to start school in September are done on-line through Staffordshire County Council. The deadline for applications was **15th January**. We have been informed that we still have places left, so if you know anyone who may still be unsure as to where the best start for their child's education should be, then suggest they apply to The Richard Clarke First School. **We can't afford financially to manage with too many small classes so please help spread the word to keep Richard Clarke financially viable, thank you.**

We do take many families from out of catchment too. Please ask them to contact the school office if they have any questions.