



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

Friday 7th February Go Orange for Muscular Dystrophy UK

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 28th February PTFA School Disco, 5.30-7pm

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 9.15am

Friday 27th March - Year 4 Parent Assembly 2.45pm

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

Go Orange for Muscular Dystrophy UK

On the **Friday 7th February**, Richard Clarke will be raising money for Muscular Dystrophy UK. This is an extremely important and personal charity for the school.

As a school we would like to raise money and awareness to support pupils who live with muscle-wasting conditions. In order to do this, children are encouraged to come to school wearing an orange item of clothing on Friday 7th February and bring a £1 donation towards this important cause.

There will also be a cake sale after school at 3:30 in the courtyard. Please bring any donations for the cake sale to the office on Friday morning, this will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks, Miss Wain

Help the Koalas Appeal

Some concerned Y2 pupils are also organising a cake stall to run alongside the above event to help raise some money to send to Australia to help rescue the injured Koala bears in the recent fire disaster. We fully support this caring attitude towards the environment and our wildlife.



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

PTFA News—Our Richard Clarke First School Cookbook

This term we are putting together a fun fundraising cookbook which will be professionally printed and sold to raise money. So if you have a favourite family recipe we would love to add it to our book. You can contribute a recipe by filling out the form attached. Feel free to add a drawing or photo of your dish too. This would make a great gift for Mothers Day!!!!

Please return the form to school by Tuesday **25th February** by hand or by email

Disco Friday 28th February

A date was also set for the school disco. The disco will start at 5.30pm on Friday 28th February and finish at 7pm. Entrance to the disco £4 per child and this entrance fee includes a hot dog, a bag of crisps and unlimited squash. There will be some extra items that children can purchase at the disco (e.g. glo sticks-20p, sweets -20p, extra crisps-20p). We will be asking for helpers to sign up nearer the time.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Natasha Lindsay will be coming to the end of her time as Parent Governor in February. She has served a full term of office as Parent Governor and has made many valuable contributions to our school over this time. She has been instrumental in improving teaching and learning and our curriculum and has made many wise contributions to Governors meetings, as well as visiting the school and working with staff to monitor subjects and make improvements. Her support has made a valuable difference to pupil outcomes and is greatly appreciated. As a school community and member of the Governing body, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the dedication and passion Natasha has given to this role over the 4 years she has served.

This does however leave us with a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please see the attached letter regarding this role and how to apply or feel free to come and talk to me if you feel you have skills to offer our strong team of Governors and the ability to help the school continue to strive for excellence! Areas of expertise we ideally require are in Early Years although we are happy to consider any skills you feel you can bring.

Many thanks.
Mrs Hanson
Headteacher

Follow this link to the website to meet the other Governors and find out more....

<https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/about-us/governing-body/>

Clubs next half term:

Tuesday: Dance club YR/1/2 with Miss Cooper (No maximum)

3.30-4.30pm, Starting 25th February, 6 weeks, last week 31st March for show at 4.15pm for parents and carers. £3.00 per session.

Gardening club Y3/4 with Mrs C. Farrington

Starting 25th February, 6 weeks, £3 per session.

Wednesday: Dance club Y3/4 with Mrs Hanson (No maximum)

3.30-4.30pm, Starting 26th February, 6 weeks, last week 1st April for show at 4.15pm for parents and carers. £3.00 per session. **PLEASE NOTE NO CLUB WEDNESDAY 25.3.20 AS PARENTS EVENING SO CLUB WILL BE ON FRIDAY 27.3.20 THAT WEEK ONLY**

Thursday:

Choir with Mr Welsh and Mr Hindhaugh. All Year groups welcome. (No maximum, the more the merrier!) £3.00 per session. 6 weeks starting on 27th February with a performance at the Spring Sing. **PLEASE NOTE NO CLUB THURSDAY 26.3.20 AS PARENTS EVENING SO CLUB WILL BE ON TUESDAY 24.3.20 THAT WEEK ONLY**

Please email the school office to reserve a place in any of these clubs

office@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk

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:

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