



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

Obviously lots of the normal dates for the diary are not going to be allowed under the current restrictions but we are working hard on what we can do, and possible alternatives for things, so watch this space.

- 14.12.20 Theatre company in school (£3 contribution)
- 17.12.20 Class Christmas Parties in their bubbles (£1 contribution)
- 18.12.20 BREAK UP—NO uniform day (no charge)
- 4.1.21 SCHOOL CLOSED—STAFF INSET DAY
- TUESDAY 5.1.21 School open for all pupils

Christmas Countdown

From **Monday 14th December** please see website for our Christmas films for each class. Not quite our fabulous live performance in the church, but hopefully a fun alternative! Enjoy! (we'll send the links next week)

Thursday 17th December - Christmas craft gift in the morning (£1 donation) and Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon. Children normally bring party clothes into school to change into after lunch. Please spread the word.

Friday 18th December Break up - **no uniform**

Back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021



Have you bought your raffle tickets yet?

Don't miss out.... see page 3 for details.

CHRISTMAS TREAT Monday 14th December—Mini Christmas plays from travelling theatre

£3 donation towards paying for this event, thank you.

We have a travelling theatre company coming, they will be performing separate mini Christmas plays for each class and all the necessary restrictions and precautions are in place to ensure this is a covid safe event.

TOGETHER **E**VERYONE **A**CHIEVES **M**ORE

Covid update NEW IMPORANT PLEASE READ

Again, thank you everyone for helping keep us safe, I am hoping that we will all make it to the end of term without having any further isolations. Fingers crossed!

We wish you a safe and healthy Christmas break, but should you have any positive cases in your family, we ask that you email headteacher@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk as soon as possible so that we can follow our track and trace procedures.

Next term, we intend to keep all of our coronavirus risk assessment in place and continue to operate in the way we have been this term. We desperately hope that the national picture will improve as the vaccination programme gets underway and will continue to review our plans. As soon as it is safe to change our plans we will do so.

In January we will continue with the same staggered timings, one-way system, separate class bubbles, limited visitors in school, social distancing and hand washing, staggered breaks and staggered lunchtimes. If you would like to revisit the detail of our risk assessment then please see the school website.

<https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/RCFS-reopening-RA-v8.pdf>

When we return to school for the Spring term, remember:

If your child has a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back, a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal, you **MUST NOT** send them to school and **MUST** follow the guidance.

Lunches update

A big thank you to our lunchtime staff for Christmas dinner this week, it was fab!

Next week's menu

Monday: Cheese & tomato pizza/Chinese veggie noodles
Tuesday: Sausage, mash & gravy/Quorn bolognese
Wednesday: Roast chicken/roast Quorn, roast potatoes & gravy
Thursday: Beef burgers/Quorn hot dogs, potato wedges & beans
Friday: Fish fingers/Incredible burger & chips

Attendance

98.9%
(excluding those
in isolation)

Academisation update

As you are aware, at the beginning of term, we sent out a consultation letter regarding our potential Academisation with the Uttoxeter Learning Trust. Following this an application has been made to convert to an academy and this will be considered by the regional school's commission next week. We will, of course, let you know how things are proceeding next term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Poppy Appeal

Just to let you know we had a card from The Royal British Legion thanking us for our poppy appeal donation of £91.83. Well done all.

PTFA Events

PTFA Christmas Raffle - we haven't sold many tickets so your odds of winning a decent prize are good odds currently!!!! Please get your raffle tickets....

Prizes include:

- Cadbury Hamper
- Cadbury House
- Body Shop Hamper x 2
- Afternoon tea for 2 - The Deer Park
- Voucher from Squitch Wick Candles
- Prosecco magnum
- Waitrose biscuit selection
- £25 Voucher from Russell's butchers
- £25 Lesser Spotted Voucher
- Bottle of champagne
- 5 X Restaurant vouchers (£25 each)
- Plus more



**From 4th December raffle tickets on sale until Wednesday 16th December, £1 per strip
DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER AND PRIZES SENT HOME ON
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

Other events:

14th December - Theatre company in school delivering Covid safe mini Christmas plays for the children (£3 contribution required)

**17th December - £1 donation for craft activity and Class Christmas Parties in bubbles
Christmas films on website—last week of term! (no charge)**

(Pay on the day of the event or £5 total in one go!)

For raffle tickets and the above events please either send cash, in a sealed, labelled envelope, into your child's class teacher, or pay via the PTFA paypal, details below.

The PTFA now have a PayPal account should you wish to use this as a payment option.

RCFS.ws15.ptfa@gmail.com is our PTFA PayPal address you need to use.

IMPORTANT: Please can we ask that you choose the "friends and family" option so that we don't get charged fees by PayPal as we are a charity.

Please also state in the "add a note" section that your payment is for "Raffle" and include your child's name and class too, otherwise we are unable to log your payment against a ticket number.

School has come under increased financial pressure since lock down due to increased costs such as staffing, IT equipment, cleaning, hand sanitizer dispensers, extra bins, paper towels, disinfectant, etc etc. plus loss of income from clubs and lettings and PTFA events. Hence any support you can give us will be much appreciated. We are also mindful that many of you have also experienced your own financial pressures due to the pandemic so we equally understand if you can't help at this time.

This week we have received a generous donation from a kind parent in response to this comment in last week's newsletter, and we are overwhelmed by this kind gesture, many thanks for this wonderful support.