



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

Week beginning 8th February—Parent consultation meetings on Google Meet

Whole school assembly on Google Meet **FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 1.30PM**

Friday 12th February BREAK UP HALF TERM—SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS OVER HALF TERM

Monday 22nd February BACK TO SCHOOL FOR KEY WORKER/VULNERABLE PUPILS

Save the date - GANAS homelearning project share - FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Monday 8th March—possible reopening, watch this space!

Thursday 1st April BREAK UP FOR EASTER

Monday 19th April SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

Tuesday 20th April school open for pupils

For Parents Wellbeing Session

Google Meet (use the whole school assembly meet and your child's Google classroom log in)

Monday 8th February, 6.30pm

Mrs Hanson will be hosting the meet and it will include a wellbeing talk with Jane Rushton (parent with background in Nursing and wellbeing)

This will be an opportunity to listen to some tips to help each other through these difficult times. You can share suggestions/ideas with each other on what's working well, and it is an opportunity to ask questions or share problems and solutions. This is intended to be a very informal 'get together' so feel free to join in and help us support each other.

Parent consultation meeting via Google meet in the Google Classroom

Please see letter you received last week regarding parent consultation meetings. You were asked to book an appointment directly with class teachers. Please do so as soon as possible in readiness for those meetings next week.

We ask kindly that you stick strictly to the 10 minute slot so we don't have parents overlapping in the google meet. This is our first time remotely, so please bear with us as we learn together. If you have any issues please contact us and we will sort an alternative.

I wish us all luck and have everything crossed that this works as well as we hope! I would urge you to not use valuable meeting time to ask what will be happening after half term in terms of reopening, as we really don't know any more at this point. We appreciate your on going patience.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

We are pleased with signs of improvement nationally and talk of school reopening. We have no firm guidance yet, but will let you know as soon as we can. So please just keep up the good work by following all the guidelines so we can keep safe and get back to normal as soon as possible.

Thank you for all your efforts, it's all about the teamwork!

Stay safe!

Whole School Assembly

Thank you to all those who joined the whole school assembly this week, we had about 35 families join. If you missed it, all parents and carers were star of the week and your certificate is on display in my window, at the front of school! Well done!

Next week's assembly will be the last one of this half term and is on **Friday 12th February, 1.30pm.**

I will also post a recorded assembly for you to listen to at a convenient time.

Many thanks for joining in when you can. Don't worry if your child is unable to attend - it is not compulsory.
Mrs Hanson

Instructions for how to join if you missed them:

At the moment, your child should have a Google log-in for the classroom space. In order for all children to be able to access the assemblies, you need to join a new 'Whole School Assembly' class. Please follow these instructions to do this:

Log in to Google Classroom as usual via <https://classroom.google.com>

1. When logged in, rather than clicking on their usual class, they should instead click on the + symbol in the top right-hand corner
2. Click 'join class'
3. To join the "Whole School Assembly" class, type in the private class code **2iwsihh**

You should then become part of the "Whole School Assembly" class, and can access it easily when you log in to Google Classroom

Please log-in just before and click on the 'meet link' on the page header inside the whole school assembly class, similar to how you would access your usual class meet. . Younger children may need additional support to ensure they are muted from the start.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Remote learning

Remote learning is going well for most. Understandably, children and parents will be finding it tough going as time goes on. In most cases, it won't be as much fun nor as effective as the real thing, and quite rightly so otherwise this is how we would do it! You're not on your own if you are having tough days with it. Please remember we only ask you do your best, please don't get stressed if it's not always possible to do everything. There's always tomorrow! We completely understand all circumstances are different, and busy working parents or parents with young children, aren't able to give as much time to helping with the remote learning. We simply applaud and admire all your efforts and all outcomes. As we ask the children not to compare themselves, we ask you to not compare yourselves. Getting up and keeping going is an achievement for some of us at the moment, so be proud and don't be hard on yourself. We urge you to all take time off at half term to just have fun and I strongly advocate some device free days and lots of fresh air!!

WHOLE SCHOOL WELL BEING CHALLENGE!

How far do you think we can all walk in month collectively?? The length of the country? Let's add it up. When you go for a family walk, scoot or cycle, log how many kilometres you go on your phone or fit bit, and submit these to your child's class teacher.

Starting from now until we hopefully reopen school on the 8th March, let's see how far we can go together. We'll top up the class totals as we go and see if we can get a graph going to show our progress!!

So get your boots on and get walking!!!!

Challenge on!



Parents Wellbeing

Why not try live on line Zumba via Zoom (Zoomba) with local teacher Gill Hughes! See website for details:

www.ActiveAllStars.co.uk

Monday 8th Feb
6pm Zumba

Tuesday 9th Feb
10am body sculpt

Wednesday 10th Feb
6pm Zumba

Friday 12th Feb
10am Zumba

Saturday 13th Feb
11am Pilates

It's £5 a session. Or join 4 classes in the week for the price of 3.

Or call Gill for details of how to book a class:
07770 570780

I've been joining in for a couple of weeks now and feel enormously better for it! Mrs Hanson