



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

Monday 3rd May—school closed for May Day
Friday 28th May—Break up for the half term holiday
Monday 7th June—Back to school for all pupils
Friday 9th July—Annual written reports home
Tuesday 20th July—Break up for the Summer holiday

Welcome back

Welcome back all! We hope you've all had a lovely Easter break. The children have come back ready and raring to go and we are really pleased with how quickly they have settled back into the routine and enjoyed working hard.

We are hopeful for a lovely term and we are trying to make plans for all number of things as guidance allows. We hoping to have an online parent meet, some clubs are starting, we may trial a trip if we can and we are hoping to do some sort of staggered sports day followed by an online results show for parents. We are also in discussion with both Tom Thumb nursery and Oldfields Hall Middle School as to plans for a successful transition both for the pupils coming into school and the ones leaving us at the end of this term.

We will of course let you know once we can firm up our plans so keep an eye on the weekly newsletter.

Mrs Hanson

SPONSORED SPELL FUNDRAISING EVENT!

We hope you all managed to collect your sponsored money over the Easter break.

If you prefer to pay via PayPal:

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

Thank you to those who have already brought in your money or paid online! Deadline for money is TODAY 23rd April. We look forward to totting it up and letting you know how we are going to spend it, we're hopeful it may be over £1000!!!

Thank you so much!!!



SOME CLUBS ARE BACK! HOORAY!

MONDAY:

Wildcats Girls Football After School Club

The Wildcats girls football club is in partnership with Burton Albion Ladies. Sessions begin Monday 26th April and will run until end of academic year in July. Commitment can be per half term. £3 per session. Letters home to all girls. Once slip returned places will be allocated and then payment made via parent pay to confirm. Please return slip to school office ASAP as there are a maximum of 16 spaces available.

FULL—5 spaces for next half term (If you've already applied and weren't successful this term you are already on the list!)

TUESDAY:

Dance Club for Year's 3 and 4 with Mrs Hanson

Beginning 18th May for 6 weeks (Letter to follow with how to sign up) 3.30-4.30pm, £3 per session.

THURSDAY:

Tag Rugby for Year's 3 and 4 with Mr Tolley

Beginning 22nd April for 6 weeks until 27th May. **A few spaces left!**

Menu

Monday:	Cheese & tomato pizza/Chinese veggie noodles
Tuesday:	Sausage, mash & gravy/Quorn bolognese
Wednesday:	Roast chicken/Roast Quorn, roast potatoes & gravy
Thursday:	Beef lasagne with garlic bread/Mild bean chilli with rice
Friday:	Fish fingers/vegetable burger & chips

Corona virus update

Staffordshire County Council have launched their 'Don't Give Up Now!' campaign. They report rates of infection in Staffordshire have dropped to lower than both national and regional averages. This is fantastic news and although we're enjoying more freedoms as lockdown is lifted, we are urged to keep going with the good work to help keep the virus under control to enable hospitals to cope.

The plea to communities is to not give up! To help keep school open to all we need to follow the guidelines, get tested twice a week and book a vaccination when we're offered one.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

See our website for up to date information and links:

<https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/news-events/corona-virus-covid-19-information-page/>

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.

ATTENDANCE

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please see link to a revised copy of the Attendance Policy <https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/parents/attendance-absence/> for The Richard Clarke First School. Governors have made some amendments to this policy so we would kindly ask that you read the new policy to familiarise yourself with your responsibilities and the responsibilities of the school.

Achieving good attendance has been such a challenge with the ongoing pandemic, lockdowns, periods of isolation, over cautiousness with minor illnesses etc. Having said that, for some pupils, attendance has improved with the absence of holiday requests! Also because of the staggered start times lateness has become more of an issue. Nonetheless, good attendance and good punctuality for all is what we aspire to.

The changes to the attendance policy have been made in order to make the procedures more robust to ensure that the school can work closely with all parents / carers and their children in order to attain high levels of attendance and maximise each child's potential. It will also help to embed a positive approach to school attendance which will be of benefit when your child / children move to their middle and secondary schools. Sometimes poor attendance in the early stages can lead to further poor attendance and even school refusal as children get older. Good habits start young.

Changes to the policy have also been made to enable it to be used as a safeguarding tool and an indicator that a child and their family may need extra support during challenging times. These specific amendments have been informed by learning from regional safeguarding reviews that have been conducted as a result of children suffering neglect and / or harm.

The safety of our children is paramount and if you require any support or advice or you have concerns about any child, we would encourage you to contact the school at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,

Mr N. Lowther - Safeguarding Link Governor and
Mrs K. Hanson - Headteacher

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Music

Please look out for letter from Mr Hindhaugh about FREE instrument music lessons on a trial basis for the Summer Term!!



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