



The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter  
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### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a great half term break. We are hoping for a more normal half term and hope to be able to begin to invite you in a bit more. We are planning some lovely events as we near Christmas, so fingers crossed everyone!! We ask for a sensible approach to the ongoing covid situation and ongoing support and kindness to each other. Thank you TEAM!

### **Open Morning Saturday 13th November 2021**

We are planning an Open Morning for all parents/carers who are considering sending their children to our school next year. To help us be covid secure we are asking families to telephone school by Friday 5th November to book a slot for the tour.

Please help us to advertise this event and all the great things about Richard Clarke by recommending us to family and friends. Particularly if you live further afield and can advertise to those families who may not see our newsletter or who do not go to Tom Thumb Nursery, that would be fantastic.

Many thanks for your continued support.

### **Dates for the diary: (could be subject to change. Always check newsletters & website)**

Monday 8th November Viking day for Y4  
Thursday 11.11.21 Special Remembrance Assembly in school  
Saturday 13.11.21 Open morning for prospective parents (phone for details)  
Week beginning 15.11.21 Parent/Teacher Meetings (see separate letter)  
Week beginning 15.11.21 Anti Bullying Week (activities in school)  
Wednesday 17.11.21 PTFA meeting 9am in school - all welcome (see page 2)  
Friday 19.11.21 Children in Need (note change of date, not the 12.11.21-this was an error)  
Tuesday 23.11.21 PTFA Disco 3-4.30pm (see page 2)  
Thursday 25.11.21 Parent Workshop for Reception Class parents

### **Parent Workshop For Reception Parents 25th November, 6pm**

Mrs Read will be delivering a workshop aimed at Reception parents. We are aware we were unable to do the 2nd induction evening so this workshop will cover some of those key messages and will focus on how you can support your child with their early reading, phonics and numbers as they move through the Reception year. Please come along, we promise it will be informative and fun!

This workshop will be socially distanced in the school hall and if you are unable to make it please let Mrs Read know and she will send you the information in another way. If you are able to come then please let Mrs Read know so we know how many parents we are expecting.

## **PTFA MEETING**

The PTFA are holding a short meeting on **Wednesday 17th November at 9am** in school to discuss plans for Christmas activity and fundraising.

We would love as many volunteers as possible as this is our busiest time of year. Our aim is to provide some magical and festive fun for our children, with all hands on deck needed.

Our PTFA are a friendly bunch and we would be delighted to welcome some new faces to the gang. Our mission is to provide much needed funding for the school to enhance the children's learning environment as well as organising events and activities. Our hope is that the children hold wonderful memories of their time at the school, particularly as we make Christmas time extra special for them.

If you can attend our meeting please put your name on the PTFA noticeboard in the corridor or speak to a member of staff on the playground.  
Many Thanks.

The non uniform ghost trail event raised £178.86 and this will go towards funding Christmas activities this term.

## **THE LONG AWAITED PTFA DISCO**

We are pleased to be able to announce our School Disco will take place indoors in the hall on **Tuesday 23rd November 3pm - 4.30pm.**

This day will be a non uniform day (so the children do not need to change for the disco later). However if your child usually has PE on a Tuesday please ensure you send in suitable footwear and clothing if necessary. Please collect your children at 4.30pm via the normal courtyard entrance and from their normal classrooms.

The cost to attend the disco is **£3.50 per child.** This price includes snacks and squash. We will not be providing hot food on this occasion. The non uniform day is included in the cost.

If your child would not like to attend the disco but would like to take part in the non uniform day we just ask for the usual £1 contribution and then collect them from the school front door at normal home time.

We will need to know in advance if your child would like to attend the disco so that we can compile a register as the event is after school hours. To do this simply bring the £3.50 in an envelope to school or you can pay via PayPal (friends and family option please otherwise we lose money to PayPal!!) to [RCFS.ws15.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:RCFS.ws15.ptfa@gmail.com). Please make sure you put in the notes section your child's name and class so we can add them to the register.

If you paid for the disco that we had to cancel then there is no need to pay again as we have these payments logged.

Thank you as always for your continued support.



## Children in Need Friday 19th November

(Note we got the date wrong on previous newsletter)



We will be supporting the national Children in Need campaign. Charities need our help more than ever in these challenging times.

**Wear no uniform (anything goes day) to school for £1 donation to Children In Need**

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**This year we are holding a Pudsey activity sheet (design a bandana and/or colouring) competition £1.**

Please return your entries no later than the morning of Friday 19th November. (see sheet brought home by children)

### MENU W/C 8th NOVEMBER

Monday	Vegetable supreme pizza/Soft wrap filled with lightly spiced veggies & rice
Tuesday	Chicken filo pie & mashed potato/Mac n cheese
Wednesday	Roast turkey/Quorn roast with fluffy roasties & gravy
Thursday	Pasta Bolognese/Veggie balls in tomato sauce with pasta
Friday	Southern fried chicken/Quorn dippers & chips

### Chartwells News

#### Promotional Event

Children can collect one Food Super Hero playing card when they have a school dinner every day between 8th November and 12th November. Thereafter they can collect a Food Super Hero playing card each Thursday when they have a school dinner from 18th November to 9th December. The cards have fun food facts on to share and are a top trumps style game.

Please also see attached letter from Chartwells, our catering provider, that needs returning from all new pupils regarding any food allergies or dietary requirements. Any parents who have had this letter before only return if you have neglected to inform us of any changes in your child's dietary requirements or allergies.

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind all families that we are a NUT FREE school and packed lunch, birthday treats etc should not be sent into school if they contain nuts. We do have children in school with severe nut allergies and we appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

### Competition winner

We are delighted to announce that the brand new rainbow sculpture has arrived and looks glorious at the entrance to our rainbow garden. We had a special assembly this week to unveil it and the winning message revealed. **'WHATEVER THE WEATHER, WE CAN GET THROUGH IT TOGETHER!'**

We felt these words really commemorated the team spirit of the Richard Clarke community throughout the past two years, so well done to Kate from Y2, our winner. Thank you to all who entered, these will be laminated and displayed in school. Thank you to past Y4 families, whose kind donations have paid for the sculpture.

## **Clubs for after half term - Autumn 2**

**Payment for clubs is via parent pay unless otherwise stated (£24 per 6 week block)**

**PLEASE LET SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WISH TO CARRY ON AFTER HALF TERM OR JOIN AS NEW STARTER WE HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE**

### **Monday:**

**Gymnastics/Yoga** Reception/Y1/Y2 with Burton Albion, 3.10-4.10pm

### **Tuesday:**

**Gardening club** Y3/4, with Mrs Farrington, 3.20-4.20pm

**Wildcats Girls Football** Y1-4 with Burton Albion, 3.20-4.20pm

### **Wednesday:**

**Multi-Skills Circuits** for Years Rec, 1 & 2 with Burton Albion 3.10-4.10pm

**Archery Club** for Y3/4 (see separate letter for cost £39.00 for 6 weeks) 3.20-4.20pm (no spaces left)

### **Thursdays:**

**Choir** with Mrs Burgess and class teachers Open to whole school (6 weeks) starting 4.11.21, 3.20-4.20pm

### **Friday:**

**Dance club** Year 3/4 with Mrs Hanson Starting 5.11.21, last club 3.12.21 plus show (details nearer time), 3.20-4.20pm

## **Poppy Appeal**

We are again supporting the 'poppy appeal' in school and the Y4 pupils have been taking the poppies around each class every day to sell them for a donation. These will be on sale up until 11th November. Thank you to those who have already contributed to the collection. We will be holding a special assembly in school on the 11.11.21 and we will raise our remembrance flag. Some Y4 pupils will be laying a wreath at the memorial in the village on our behalf.



## **Parent Consultation Meetings - Face to face meetings Monday 15th November**

### **3.30-6.00pm and online options**

Please see attached letter for details of how to book your parent consultation meeting. We are trialling a hybrid approach of a choice of either face to face or online meetings to suit everyone's circumstances. We are not sure which will prove most popular. We will do our best to keep to timings but as you all know this is not easy, we would appreciate your help in keeping to the 10 minute appointment and would encourage you to make a new appointment if you feel you need longer. Many thanks.

**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**

## VACANCY

### **Lunchtime Supervisor 3-5 days a week, days to be negotiated**

#### **12.10-1.10pm**

We are looking to employ a Lunchtime Supervisor to join our wonderful, friendly team, days to be negotiated. The successful applicant will be required to help in the dining room over the lunchtime period, playground duties and returning pupils to class as well as other duties deemed necessary.

Applicants will uphold and work to the whole school behaviour policy and ensure the safety of all pupils at lunchtimes.

Applicants must be able to relate well to children and be sympathetic to their needs.

If semi retired persons are interested but are concerned about taking holidays in term time we would be prepared to grant up to 4 weeks unpaid leave to enable you to do this. We would also be open a job share, for example if two people sharing the role wanted to work one week on, one off, to enable more flexibility then please ask.

If our parents could get their thinking caps on and share this advert with any friends or family you think may be ideal for this role, then we would be very grateful. Good lunchtime supervisors make such a positive difference to your child's day so we need your help to find them!!!

**Richard Clarke is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS Disclosure check along with relevant employment checks.**

**If you are interested in this position please call the school office on 01283 840206 or indeed email [office@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk)**