



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

Tuesday 23.11.21 Flu Immunisation Clinic in school
Tuesday 23.11.21 PTFA Disco 3-4.30pm (see page 2)
Thursday 25.11.21 Parent Workshop for Reception Class parents
Thursday 2.12.21 Reception class trip to Conkers
Friday 10.12.21 PROVISIONAL DATE FOR CHRISTMAS PLAY IN CHURCH—ALL TO BE CONFIRMED DEPENDING ON C19 SITUATION –WATCH THIS SPACE
Tuesday 14.12.21 CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SCHOOL
Wednesday 15.12.21 Billy from Burton Albion to visit YR/1 for Christmas story (no charge)
Wednesday 15.12.21 CHRISTMAS OUTDOOR MARKET –to be confirmed see page 3
Thursday 16.12.21 Christmas parties in school—no uniform day (no charge)
Thursday 17.12.21 BREAK UP—Christmas jumper day (no charge)
Tuesday 4.1.21 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS INSET DAY
Wednesday 5.1.21 School reopens for pupils for the Spring term

THE LONG AWAITED PTFA DISCO NEXT WEEK—HAVE YOU BOOKED?

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. Please make sure you put in the notes section your child's name and class so we can add them to the register.

Parent Workshop For Reception Parents NEXT WEEK 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.

MENU W/C 22nd NOVEMBER

Monday	Vegetable supreme pizza/Burrito wrap filled with lightly spiced veggies & rice
Tuesday	Garlicky chicken & Spanishy spuds/Macaroni cheese
Wednesday	Roast turkey/Quorn roast, fluffy roasties & gravy
Thursday	Beef meatballs/Veggie balls in tomato sauce with pasta
Friday	Fish fingers/Quorn dippers & chips

Children in Need Friday 19th November

Thank you we raised..... **£202.55**



Parent Consultation Meetings

Thank you for all who attended the parent consultation meetings. It seems the hybrid approach worked as some parents preferred face-to-face, whilst online worked for others. We welcome your continued feedback but intend to keep this format moving forwards. Your feedback during the meetings was so positive, thank you for all your lovely comments, all the teachers were very pleased with how the meetings went and were thrilled with the supportive manner with which they were conducted, great team work.

We did however have a few no shows and a few parents who missed the communications regarding the meetings and requests to rearrange alternative times. We are more than happy to be flexible to help ensure all parents can meet with teachers and want to be as helpful and accommodating as possible and value working together, but I would urge you to respect teacher's precious time as they have set aside these sessions and made preparations for the meetings, so to cancel or not show last minute has a detrimental effect on their workload. Of course we are understanding in exceptional circumstances. This also shows how important it is to read the weekly newsletter. I would thank you for your kind consideration moving forwards.

Mr Hindhaugh has arranged an additional short Parents Evening face-to-face for Y4 parents on **Thursday, 2nd December from 3.30-4.30pm** for those parents who missed or were unable to make appointments. Please email if you still need an appointment.

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**PTFA news...please parent
volunteers STEP UP, or we won't be
able to run events!**



On Wednesday 17th November the PTFA held their latest meeting to discuss all things festive. We were extremely disappointed that only four people came to the meeting, three of which were committee members. We received apologies from four others. We did advertise this in advance in the parent newsletter and do appreciate how fast paced life can be, but we really do need you.

We would like to organise, as in previous years, a number of festive activities to make December a memorable experience for the children. (NB We will of course have to respond to the C19 situation and events will have to meet with appropriate risk assessments and may be scaled back in the event of local/school outbreaks)

We would like to have Christmas class parties with a visit from Santa. We would love to organise and deliver a Christmas Fair/outdoor market at school. Due to the preparation and help needed however, at the moment we are unable to commit to these events.

The PTFA are asking once again if you have a pocket of time that you could help us please. Do you have an hour to help wrap presents for us?

We are hoping to have the fair /Christmas market on Wednesday 15th December 3pm - 4.30pm. Do you have a spare hour to help us set up? Can you help serve refreshments or help with our simple craft activities at the fair?

Not only do these events raise much needed funds for the school, they provide experiences and create memories of the children's time at school.

In recent times we have coped with delivering some experiences for Halloween and Easter as these only required a couple of people from the committee. To do anything bigger really does need more people.

If you can please help in any way even as a one off please let a teacher or the school office know (through usual channels) or talk to a member of the PTFA.

Come on team! Many thanks in anticipation!

The Parish Council is to hold a competition in 2022 for those of school age on the theme of "Wildlife Conservation". Judging will take place in May/June next year. Anything will be considered - from the creation of a wildlife habitat to the making of a small pond to the decorating of bird boxes. Prizes of £25, £15 and £10 are to be awarded. Entry forms will be available in the New Year. Keep a lookout on the village website, noticeboards and in the village shops.