



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-postponed due to staffing issues  
Thursday 2.12.21 Reception class trip to Conkers  
Friday 3.12.21 Christmas Pantomime in school—The Snow Queen £3.50 contribution (see below)  
Thursday 9.12.21 10AM, CHRISTMAS PLAY IN CHURCH FOR REC/Y1/Y2  
Friday 10.12.21 2PM, CHRISTMAS PLAY IN CHURCH  
—ALL TO BE CONFIRMED DEPENDING ON C19 SITUATION —SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS  
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 below  
Thursday 16.12.21 Christmas parties in school—no uniform day (no charge)  
Friday 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 SNOW QUEEN CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

The PTFA have organised a Christmas treat for the children on Friday 3rd December. They will enjoy Quantum travelling theatre's presentation of a festive pantomime, The Snow Queen. It is the same company that delivered the fabulous 'Night before Christmas' play last year which was excellent. We are asking for a kind, voluntary donation of £3.50 to support this event and the PTFA will fund the shortfall.

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 tick them off as paid. Many thanks for your support.

**FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER Y3/4 DANCE CLUB PERFORMACE**

Can parents/carers of Y3/4 dance club arrive at 4.15pm on Friday 3rd December and we will show you our dances. If we could limit to max of 2 visitors per child to aid distancing and would ask you to only come if you are symptom free. Thanks.

**Wednesday 15th December Christmas Outdoor market**

We are asking for kind donations of bottles, raffle prizes, cakes etc. Please send your offerings to the school by Monday 13th December, fresh goods on the day. Many thanks for your support. Looking forward to feeling Christmassy!!!

## CHRISTMAS WITH THE ALIENS

All being well, we are planning to do two performances of our Christmas nativity play, 'Christmas with the Aliens', in St. Nicholas Church. We normally only do one, but we are going to do two so we can limit the numbers in church and aid social distancing. It may not create the same atmosphere, but will, fingers crossed, be better than no play at all!

We are asking for a limit of 2 adults per family, and only attend one performance. To help with an even split can we ask parents/carers of children in **Reception class, Y1 and Y2 attend the Thursday 9th December, 10am performance**, and parents/carers of children in **Y3 and Y4 attend the Friday 10th December, 2pm performance**. Parents with children in more than one year group please choose which one you attend. Younger siblings can come if no alternative. Rev Davis is happy with 120 capacity in church as a safe limit, which is why we are limiting to two adults per family.

We would ask parents/carers to consider their own safety precautions: are you double jabbed, please take a lateral flow test in the morning, only attend if that is clear and you are not experiencing any symptoms. We would ask that you wear a face covering to move around the church, but would like it if you take it off for the performance, so your smiling faces will encourage the children. We will provide sanitizer and spare masks.

We are hoping and praying this event can proceed, and we are practising hard to make it happen. However, if we do have a further outbreak of C19, we reserve the right to cancel this event, but will only do so if absolutely necessary,

Teachers will be in touch with costume requests and details for collecting children on the Friday.

We have everything crossed and appreciate your support and understanding.

## THE LONG AWAITED PTFA DISCO

Thank you to all who came to the disco, lots of fun was had by all. Thank you to the PTFA and RCFS staff for organising and running this event which raised £418.70. Fantastic!

### MENU W/C 29th NOVEMBER

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

### CHRISTMAS DINNER TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Mrs Aston is happy to be able to offer a Christmas dinner for the whole school, however this means that other hot meal choices will not be available on that day. If you would NOT like your child to be included in the numbers, do please let the School Office know. Thank you