



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

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 –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

HELP PLEASE, WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH SO FAR!

Wednesday 15th December Christmas Outdoor market 3-4.30pm

We are asking for kind donations of bottles (not just alcohol, any 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!!!

Weather permitting we intend for our Christmas fair to be a mixture of outdoor stalls and some indoor ones to enable us to spread out more. So please come wrapped up warm and help us have fun and raise funds. It will be a scaled back event due to C19.

Come at 3pm, collect your children from class and then visit the fair, then leave when you want to. If you are not coming to the fair please collect children from classrooms at 3pm.

If weather is inclement we will scale back number of stalls and ask parents to spread out around classes with maximums for each space—thank you! We would also ask you to wear face coverings and lateral flow before attending. Please don't come if you have any C19 symptoms. To help limit numbers please only two adults per family. MANY, MANY THANKS!

Note: PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY AND DON'T BLOCK IN THE NEIGHBOURS OR USERS OF CROWN CAR PARK

Thursday 16.12.21 Christmas parties in school—no uniform day

The PTFA and staff have organised Christmas parties for each class on Thursday afternoon. Children can come in their 'party clothes' for this day. There is no charge.

The children will be going out to play so please make sure they are warm enough and have appropriate footwear.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE ALIENS

Congratulations to all the children for their sensational performance in the church, they were fantastic. We feel very privileged for this event to have gone ahead. Thank you to Rev Davis for having us in your beautiful church, it was magical.

Please log in to the Google classroom 'whole school assembly' area to view the programme for this event and some images for anyone who is unable to attend.

RECEPTION CHRISTMAS NATIVITY ON FILM

Over the last few weeks, Reception have been learning about the book 'The First Christmas'. As part of our learning, we have created our own version of the nativity story which is available to watch on the whole school assembly area Google Classroom page. We hope you enjoy it!

Mrs Read

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We remind you all to continue to be vigilant in our effort to stem the transmission of the virus as we still seem to be experiencing a steady trickle of positive cases, particularly in wider families and staff. Keep up the regular lateral flow testing and watch closely for symptoms.

With the rise of concern over the new variant the **local authority** have issued new advice:

Household contacts

- Where pupils have a sibling/parent/guardian/other member in their household who is a confirmed case there is a high risk of infection.
- PCR testing strongly advised for all household contacts.
- Pupils household contacts advised to stay at home pending PCR test results – will normally take 48-72 hours – and we may need to arrange education at home.
- Schools cannot legally require isolation - although we encourage families to support settings to prevent wider transmission.

TOGETHER **E**VERYONE **A**CHIEVES **M**ORE

Christmas Countdown Reminders

From now - There will be a Christmas Post Box for children to post their Christmas cards into located by the front door. They will be delivered by Year 4 children. Please ensure full names and year group are on the envelope to help with distribution.

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Dinner.

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Market 3-4.30pm

Thursday 16th December - **Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon.** No uniform day

Friday 17th December Break up - **no uniform/Christmas jumper day**

Children back to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022 (STAFF INSET 4.1.22-closed to pupils)**

MENU W/C 13th DECEMBER

Monday	Vegetable supreme pizza/Soft burrito wrap filled with lightly spiced veggies & rice
Tuesday	SEE BELOW
Wednesday	Chicken filo pie & mashed potato/Macaroni cheese
Thursday	Pasta 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