



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

Friday 8th July, 9am PTFA AGM, in school

Friday 8th July, 2.45pm, Rec parent assembly

Monday 11th July, Change up morning

Thursday 14th July, Rock Steady Concert (see below)

Friday 15th July, 9.30am, Y4 Leavers Assembly and the Richards (evening)

Tuesday 19th July, BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

Back to school Tuesday 6th September

Rock Steady

On Thursday 14th July, we will have our end of year Rock Steady Summer concert! It will begin at 9.30am in the hall. Holly, our band leader, will meet the children before the concert in the hall. All grown-ups are welcome to watch even if you just want to come along to see what Rock Steady is all about. We hope to see you there to cheer the children on and rock out!

PTFA end of year raffle

The PTFA will be holding an **end of year raffle on Friday 15th July**. The money raised will go towards subsidising the cost of transport for next year's extra curricular activities and trips, including swimming. The cost of coaches has trebled in the last 12 months.

Prizes include:

- ◆ Mini Photo Shoot courtesy of Georgina Hine Photography
- ◆ Sunday Lunch for Two at The Coach and Horses
- ◆ Clip and Climb Voucher in Stoke

Plus a number of other prizes donated by local businesses.

Tickets will be available to purchase on the courtyard on Friday morning at school drop off, again at school pick up and for Year 4 parents at The Richards. £1 per ticket or 6 for £5.

The draw will take place at The Richards and prizes will be available to collect from the school office on Monday/Tuesday.

Many thanks to the local businesses for donating prizes.

Parentpay

All outstanding dinner money balances must be cleared by Friday 15th July.

Staffing News

Mrs Burgess, one of our much loved and valued Teaching Assistants, has decided to pursue a new training course in September so won't be in school as much as she is now.

Mrs Burgess has been with us since 2013 and she has taken the brave decision, now her children are growing up, to pursue some studies to train to be a children's nurse. We think she will be brilliant at this and although we will miss her dearly, we think she will be fantastic in this new career and we wish her all the luck in the world.

Mrs Burgess is not finishing all together initially, so hopefully, she will be able to still help us out from time to time, as her studies permit.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and dedication to Richard Clarke and all the children she has supported and cared for through her time here. She is a truly special person and we will miss her greatly.

Book Amnesty

Over the summer holiday we will be sorting our reading scheme and library and buying replacement books in readiness to relaunch the library. Therefore it is VITAL that we have all library and reading scheme books returned to school before we break up. Please have a good search and return all school books.

It is really important that you keep reading over the summer break and we encourage you to use your local library for books. If you need books from us please talk to your class teachers and they will find you reading material. We really appreciate your support with this.

Uniform for September 2022

Thank you to parents and carers for making sure your children are dressed smartly for school. Our Richard Clarke identity is important. For anyone who is unsure of our school uniform please see the link on the school website. School Trends link is on the website for logo'd uniform, but plain uniform is fine if you prefer. May we also take this opportunity to ask that all accessories are kept to a minimum and that hair bobbles and bows are small and are in school colours. Keep fashion items for wearing at home.

PE Kits

We intend to keep asking children to wear PE kits on PE days as we have found this beneficial for a number of reasons. It extends the lesson by saving on changing time and eases congestion in cloakrooms. However, as this is now a permanent arrangement we would ask that the PE kit is in school colours and not an assortment of fashion/Football team tees or hoodies. We have asked School Trends to add a red hoodie with logo and black trackpants to our PE kits for the winter months and we have added a skort to the summer PE kit. As the children are in the kit all day, it is important that they still look smart and uniformed because of the benefits this brings.

If you have any financial hardship or your children are in receipt of pupil premium, please ask the school office as we may be able to help with the cost of uniform.

Thank you for your co-operation.

End of year reports

IMPORTANT

WRITTEN ANNUAL REPORTS went out last Friday.

Thank you to all parents who have signed the return slip and for all your lovely comments. Please send your slip in, if you haven't already. Many thanks.

Menu w/c 11th July

Monday	Veggie burrito /Macaroni cheese
Tuesday	BBQ chicken burger with potato wedges/Broccoli and cauliflower cheese pie
Wednesday	Roast chicken/Sweet potato and chickpea roast with roast potatoes & gravy
Thursday	Beef Bolognese/Butternut squash and tomato bake with rice
Friday	Fish fingers/Quorn nuggets & chips

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Reminder, deadline for ordering class photos is Monday 1th July.

Thank you, thank you... to 1st Abbots Bromley Rainbows for their generous donation to school from the sale of the fire pits used for Jubilee Beacons.

Get reading for the Summer Reading Challenge!

This year's theme for Staffordshire Libraries Reading Challenge is Gadgeteers! Does your child love baking, music, tech? Do they love being creative, dancing, drawing, reading? Then Gadgeteers is a must!

Signing up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge will not only keep reading levels high over the summer, but will also encourage children to discover and explore science and innovation all around them!

Here is a link to a video to learn more - The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 - [Staffordshire Libraries - Gadgeteers - YouTube](#)

CHANGE OF TIME FOR THE SCHOOL DAY

We have decided to go back to our original, pre-pandemic, timings for the school day. From September 2022, our school day will be 9am to 3.30pm, for all pupils.

Gates will open, as normal at 8.50am, and children will go straight into class, ready to start lessons at 9am.

Many thanks for your patience, throughout the pandemic, with the constant changes to timings. Hopefully, we will not have to change this again now.

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