



Richmond News



NEWSLETTER 1
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Our school gates are closed for vehicles between 8.30am-8.55am and 3.05pm-3.35pm

WELCOME

Welcome to our first Newsletter for this school year. Newsletters will be issued every Tuesday via School Jotter. A copy can also be found on our website. If you would like to receive a copy of our newsletter by email please let us know by emailing office@richmond.leics.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 1JQ, 3MD and 4HO who achieved 100% attendance last week. Whole school attendance was 97.1%



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This is a reminder to contact the school office on the first day of your child's absence.

Attendance will be monitored closely this year for children falling below 96%. After consulting with our Attendance Officer, consideration will be given to issuing Penalty Notices for children whose attendance is 90% or below. If your child's attendance falls below an acceptable learning percentage, parents will be contacted. Our school target is 97%.

By way of example 97% attendance equates to 5 days absent from school.

Schools do have an obligation to inform you of this. Classroom doors will be open at 8.40am for registration at 8.50am. Any children that arrive after this time **must** report to the school office. Failure to do so may result in a missed attendance mark which results in the school office contacting you to check on attendance.

YEAR 2/3 PLAYGROUND

At the end of the day could we please ask that parents allow plenty of space to allow children in Years 2 and 3 to enter the playground.

END OF DAY COLLECTION

If your child is being collected by anyone other than a contact you have previously agreed with the school, can you please inform the school office. Children will not be released to friends/other parents without prior consent.

PARKING ON TOWERS DRIVE

Can we please remind parents that Towers Drive and roads leading off Towers Drive should not be used to park cars whilst using the school site.

EARLY YEARS

We have been really pleased with the way that the children have settled into school. They are working together and making new friends. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us and ask to speak to the class teacher.

SCHOOL MENU

A new school menu has recently been issued via School Jotter, a copy of which is also on our website.

For Week 3, Thursday's option has been changed slightly from Sweetcorn Pizza to Margarita Pizza and the Sweetcorn will be included in the vegetarian option.



SCHOOL MEALS

Just a reminder that all KS1/Early Years children are entitled to universal free school meals. This is not compulsory but we do encourage you to take up this offer.

A reminder for KS2 (Yrs 3-6); dinner money has increased to £2.40. Please pay via the Parent Pay website with your unique password. Separate letters have been issued to children in Year 3 giving details of activation codes for Parent Pay.

If you have a child in Early Years or KS1 and you think that you are entitled to free school meals (i.e. entitled to Universal Credit), we encourage you to apply. School receives additional funds for children on free school meals in addition to the cost of the meal. To check eligibility please contact the LA on 0116 305 5417

2023/24 EARLY YEARS INTAKE

Starting school in August 2023?

We are holding open afternoons everyday from Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September. If you would like to book a place on our tour, please contact the school office.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Our parents evening will take place during the week commencing 24th October. Details will be issued nearer the time.

PHONICS FOR FAMILIES

Parents of children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to our Phonics for Families sessions. This is a chance for parents to see how we teach Phonics, reading and spelling in school to enable you to support your children at home. The sessions are:

- Tuesday 27th September 9am-9.30am
- Thursday 17th November 9am-9.30am
- Wednesday 25th January 9am-9.30am
- Friday 17th March 9am-9.30am
- Thursday 4th May 9am-9.30am

YEAR 6 TRANSFERS

If your child is due to transfer to Secondary School in Autumn 2023, the **closing date for applications is 31st October 2022**. All parents **MUST** apply for a school place as places will not be offered without an application.

Applications can be made at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Following separately via School Jotter is a copy of our termly Online Safety Newsletter. Please check for important updates regarding your child's online safety when using Instagram and other social media platforms. In addition, there are links to a range of useful resources.

PRE LOVED UNIFORM

Our pre-loved uniform shop will be held this Thursday, 8th September, in the main KS2 hall from 3.20pm.

MEDICATION

If your child has a medical condition that requires medication in school, please check expiry dates. If your child has asthma but does not require an inhaler, please inform us of this in writing.

MEET THE TEACHER

Parents are invited to meet their teachers on the following dates. The purpose of the sessions will be to meet the year group staff and gain an overview of the year ahead. Copies of the presentation can be sent out to those who cannot attend:

- Monday 12th September:
Year 4 - 3.30pm-4.00pm
Year 3 - 4.15pm-4.45pm
- Tuesday 13th September:
Year 6 - 3.30pm-4.00pm
Year 2 - 4.15pm-4.45pm
- Wednesday 14th September:
Year 1 - 3.30pm-4.00pm
- Thursday 15th September:
Year 5 - 3.30pm-4.00pm

CLEANER VACANCY

We currently have vacancies for cleaners. Further details can be found under the Vacancies tab on our website.

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to what has been a very busy first few days back at school! We have been incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into their new classes. I have visited all of the classrooms and have been extremely impressed by how well the children have adapted to their new classrooms and adults. Our new Early Years children have started their full days this week and have had lots of fun exploring their new learning areas. We are very excited to see how all of our children continue to grow and develop this year, academically and as young people. Thank you, too, for your support this week returning to pre-pandemic start times of 8:40am. This will enable us to resume interventions from 8:30am. If your child is invited to these, you should be receiving a letter within the next few days.

In assemblies this week we have revisited our Richmond mission statement of 'Building Leadership and Character, Together We Will LEARN', with LEARN standing for Learn, Enjoy, Achieve, Respect and Nurture. These are values which we all share at Richmond. We also focused on the importance of working together as a team, celebrating differences and valuing everyone. You may hear your child begin to use the phrase 'Everyone different, everyone welcome' as it something we will be sharing in school regularly this year.

We have already had lots of exciting learning in school since the beginning of term. Many of the year groups have started their first Connected Learning theme and have had their Memorable Experience day. Hedgehog bread baking, Victorian prison punishments, mummification (of tomatoes!) and a very messy 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' day to name a few. This year, we have developed our Connected Curriculum theses to begin with a 'big question' to explore. This will support the development of children's enquiry skills, encouraging them to ask and answer questions and providing a purpose for learning. At the end of every theme, we will be celebrating with a community focused event. Watch this space for art galleries, charity fund raisers, links with the local care homes and many more. If you feel you have any skills to support our learning themes, please get in touch. Our Curriculum website page will be updated shortly to provide you with further information on the themes;

Autumn i -

EY - Me and My Community

Y1 - Memory Box

Y2 - Muck, Mess and Mixtures

Y3 - Scrumdiddlyumptious

Y4 - I am Warrior (Romans)

Y5 - Pharaohs (Egyptians)

Y6 - Revolution (Victorians)



We are really excited about the year ahead and look forward to being able to invite you to lots of different events. Some during the school day, so that you can see all of our incredible learning. Next week, we have our 'Meet the Teacher' events after school and look forward to sharing our year group plans with you. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's year group to request a copy of the Powerpoint which will be shared.

Many thanks for your continued support. It has been lovely to see so many of you on the gate in the morning and at the end of the day.

Emma Clark
Headteacher