



# Richmond News



**NEWSLETTER 11**  
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Our school gates are closed for vehicles between 8.30am-8.55am and 3.05pm-3.35pm

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to 2NH who achieved 98.4% attendance last week. Whole school attendance fell to 93.4% which is well below our target of 97%

## ATTENDANCE FAIRY

Every fortnight we celebrate all children with 100% attendance. Everyone with 100% over the two week period will be entered into our lucky dip.

This week's winners are:

Scarlett.P, Emma.P, Freya.B, Ethan.L, Leelan, Lilly-Anne.F, Lyla, Evelina, Kadan, Emily.M, Lois, Harry.H, Belle, Reece, Fraya.B, Ella.T, Mason.A, Jacob.P and Elena.



## FLU IMMUNISATION

On **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** the Childhood Immunisation Team will be coming into school to carry out their seasonal flu vaccination programme.

To register your consent please visit:

[www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk](http://www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk)

Our School Code is LE143795

## RICHMOND PTFA EVENTS

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Christmas Fair 3:30 - 6:00pm  
It will be non-uniform on this day in exchange for donations of a tombola item.

Donations of brick-a-brack are most welcome.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Disco**

**EY/Y1** - 3:30-4:15pm £2.00 per ticket (sweets & drink included)

**Y2/Y3** - 4:30-5:15pm - £1.50 per ticket (sweets & drinks can be purchased on the night)

**Y4/Y5/Y6** - 5:30-6:15pm £1.50 per ticket (sweets & drinks can be purchased on the night)

Tickets will be available from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Could we please ask that money is sent into school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Jane Stapleton, our school photographer is coming into school on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**.

Separate letters have been issued regarding this.

## PTFA CHRISTMAS SHOP

The PTFA will be running a Christmas shop **this Thursday**. Children are welcome to bring in up to £3 in a named envelope.

Children will be taken with their class during the day to buy a gift for either Mum, Dad, Granny, Grandad, or anyone in their life. Apologies for the short notice.

## LITTLE DRAGONS BOOKSHOP

We will soon be opening our own bookshop in school, full of lovely second hand and low priced new books for the children to buy. some books will be free.

If you have any old children's books that are no longer used, then please send them into school for our shop.

If you work for a local company who maybe interested in donating books or funds for books, please let us know.

We are also looking for some bookcases or cupboards suitable for keeping the books in and making it look like a real bookshop.

Please bring any books to your child's building for the attention of Mrs Crankshaw and they will be collected. More information to follow.



### FIRST TIME ADMISSIONS

If your child will be four years old before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and starting school for the first time, the closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. To apply for your child's place, please visit: [www.Leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.Leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions)

Please be aware that there is also an application form to complete for school. A copy of this can be found on our website under the Admissions tab. There is no immediate rush to complete this form, however, it is **imperative that applications are made with admissions before the deadline.**

### YEAR 1 FOODBANK COLLECTION

A letter has been issued regarding this, but as part of our ongoing links with Hinckley Area Foodbank, Year 1 are hoping to collect donations for their Christmas Stocking Appeal. There is no obligation to bring in a donation.

The foodbank is most in need of:

- Crayons
- Colouring books
- Reading books
- Sweets or chocolates
- Woolly hats, gloves and scarves
- Small games or toys (no weapon/fighting based toys)
- Children's bubble bath

If you have any of these items that are second hand and are in good condition, these will also be gratefully accepted.

Please could you bring any donations in by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

### YOUNG VOICES

The concert date has now changed to **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. All audience tickets have been ordered for this new date.

### YEAR 5 PGL TRIP

Just a reminder that the second payment was due on the **4<sup>th</sup> November**.

### SCHOOL LOTTERY

Our school lottery plays every week, even during school holidays, so you can support us all year round! You can choose to play for a month or continuously, your choice. Prizes of up to £25,000 can be won (depending on number of players).

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, with delivery in time for Christmas, one lucky supporter will win this PS5 bundle, worth over £1,000!



### UNPRESCRIBED MEDICATION

Can we please make parents aware that in line with changes to recent guidance, school is no longer able to administer unprescribed medication e.g. Calpol, Nurofen etc.

If Calpol etc. is needed throughout the school day, parents are welcome to make arrangements to come in and administer it to their child.

If a GP has prescribed Calpol etc., school can administer it.

### BIG CHRISTMAS SING

Children from Years 1 to 6 will be performing in our Big Christmas Sing as follows:

**Years 1/2/3 – 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm**

**Years 4/5/6 – 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2:50pm**

The children will be performing a selection of Christmas songs outside, weather permitting.

A separate letter will follow via School Jotter.



### EARLY YEARS NATIVITY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following events have been planned for our Early Years:

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Class EYAK nativity at 2.15pm
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Class EYLI nativity at 2.15pm

2 tickets will be available per child.

Further information will follow nearer the time.



### HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Following recent changes to statutory guidance and in line with our Trust schools, we have recently revised our Attendance Policy. A copy can be found on our website.

The main changes relate to requests for holidays and can be summarised as follows:

- All holiday requests will be unauthorised (except for exceptional circumstances).
- If a second unauthorised holiday is taken within a two year period, a penalty notice will be issued.
- In the event of a first holiday being requested but absence levels are below 90%, a penalty notice will be issued.

Penalty notices are currently £60 per parent/per child.

Request for holiday forms are available from either the school office or our website.

Dear parents and carers,



We have had another exciting week in school. Last week, year 5 welcomed Mr Dimmer, a real-life journalist and editor, into school to support our newspaper writing. He talked to the classes about his career in journalism and answered lots of questions. We are looking forward to welcoming him back into school when we have written our brilliant reports. Thank you to Mr Dimmer for supporting us with our learning. If you feel you can support one of our year groups, please get in touch. Year 5 also experienced a return visit from Miss Bagshaw's puppies last week, as they continue their development. The children enjoyed comparing them to a few weeks ago, noticing how they have changed and grown over time.

Severn Trent Water came to join us for an extra assembly this week. They talked to the children about environmental changes and how this is impacting on our water supply. Some of the children dressed up as people from different time periods – Victorian, Egyptians, Stone Age, Romans – and explained where these groups of people drank water from. We also learnt about ways of saving water such as taking shorter showers, filling the bath less and not running the tap whilst brushing our teeth. As a thank you for having them into school, Severn Trent have kindly donated a new water butt which will be arriving in the New Year.



Early Years to Year 2 hosted their second Phonics for Families session last week. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us – it was fantastic to see so many of you in school. We loved sharing our approach to phonics, including; bingo, word hunts, word matching, hidden letter treasure boxes and buried treasure alien word sorting.



Year 3 welcomed parents and relatives into school this week for their Stone Age weaving session. Thank you for your support with our first venture into weaving. The children enjoyed selecting colours for their design and practising the skills of weaving. In year 4 next year, they will further develop these skills to make a woven tribal hanging cloth.

Early Years were so excited to come to school dressed as a fairy tale character for their Once Upon a Time day this week. The children have been learning The Gingerbread Man and The Three Billy Goats Gruff as their traditional tales, making salt dough gingerbread men and 'goat's milk' fudge. The children explored new texts during Once Upon a Time day and celebrated a range of traditional tales, through book sharing and activities. We were very excited to welcome parents and relatives into school for the afternoon, too.



Roving Books also joined us in school last week. The children enjoyed visiting the book fair and looking through the wide range of books.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Emma Clark  
Headteacher

# Take5!



A free coffee morning for  
Richmond families

Tuesday morning 9am at  
The Place2B on:

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

4<sup>th</sup> July 2023