

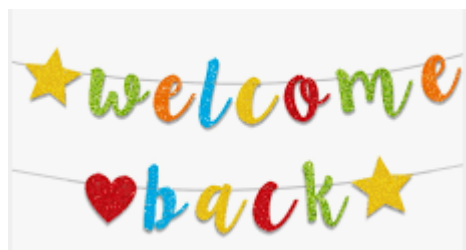
Luke 24:13-35 On the Road to Emmaus

Two travellers are transformed and enriched by sharing their journey with a guide. We view our work to be similar in making a difference to future lives. We travel together on our journey of transformation and commit our school to always being supportive, nurturing and challenging.

Richmond Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. The days are getting shorter, and the weather is becoming cooler which can only mean one thing...Christmas will soon be here! I love this term in school. It is always a busy term with all our fantastic learning opportunities as well as our Nativity performance and all things Christmas!



I wanted to take the opportunity to share some important information with yourselves, including information about the learning which will be happening as well as important information you need to know about daily life at school.

After Dark!



This term our topic is called 'After Dark'. In English we will be looking at fantastic texts such as 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' and 'A Peek Inside Night'. We will use these texts to provide high quality learning opportunities to support your child's reading and writing skills. Children in Year 1 will be refining their use of capital letters and full stops in their sentences and reception children will begin segmenting and writing CVC words. In Science we will be learning about how we can group different animals based on their features and characteristics. We will also be exploring the diets of different

animals and carrying out experiments to decide whether they are carnivores, omnivores, or herbivores. In History we will be exploring why we celebrate bonfire night, who Guy Fawkes is and how we celebrate bonfire night. In Art we will be exploring the artist Van Gogh and exploring his 'Starry Night' artwork. We will be using oil pastels to create our own version of his art. In PE we will be learning how to create a sequence of movements to create a short dance with a partner. We will be looking at different ways to travel and balance to make our dance more appealing to an audience. We will also be learning about why we celebrate Christmas and learn to tell the story through our Nativity.



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Drop off and Pick up



I just wanted to say how proud I am of the new reception children last term with drop off times. They soon settled into routines and have shown an increase in their independence when putting their things away and getting them ready for the end of the day. A polite reminder to wait for your child to be released to yourselves at the end of the day so that the adults know every child has gone home with an adult safely.

Drop off - gate opens at 8.35am for an 8.40am start.

Pick up - gate opens at 3.10pm for a 3.15pm home time.

Personal Belongings

The weather is starting to get much cooler. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cooler weather (hats, gloves, scarves etc). As always, we ask that everything is clearly labelled with your child's name so we are able to return any lost items to the correct child. Any unnamed items found within school will be placed in our school lost property box.



P.E.



Your child will have a P.E. session **every** week. Year 1 children will have their P.E. sessions on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** and Reception children will have their P.E. session on a **Tuesday**. Your child should bring their P.E. kit into school, where they will get changed into it for our P.E. sessions. We will keep your child's P.E. kit in school for the half term. If your child wears earrings, could I please ask that they are removed before school to keep your child safe within P.E. lessons. Please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school for our first P.E. session on **Tuesday 4th November.**

Homework

Each week your child will be set homework. They will come home with a yellow homework folder on a **Friday** and this needs to be returned to school by the following **Friday**. 2 dojo points will be given for all homework returned on time. Reception children will receive a phonics homework and writing homework each week. Year 1 children will receive a piece of phonics and GPS homework in their folder. Year 1 will also have maths homework set via the online app Sumdog. Log ins for your child's Sumdog account can be found in their homework folders. We will be participating in the school wide contests again. We have already participated in the whole school Sumdog competition this year and have come so close to winning the trophy. Let's see if we can win it this term!



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Reading Books



A big thankyou to all parents who really engaged with reading at home last term! It was lovely to see so many children enjoying reading for pleasure, as well as engaging in their weekly phonics homework. The impact of this has truly been seen within our phonics and reading sessions in school. We will be continuing to use the 'Learning with Parents' platform to record all the amazing reading which is happening at home. Please ensure you are logging your child's reading on the platform so they can achieve their reading certificates and prizes! A big well done to those children in our class who managed 30 or more reads last term and went home smiling with one of Mrs Baker's reading buddies!

MCAS (My Child at School App)

As you are aware, this term, we have transitioned from using Class Dojo as a communication tool to using the My Child at School App (MCAS). Hopefully, this has been a smooth transition and a big thank you for your patience whilst as a school we rolled this out. If you have any urgent messages which I need to be informed of, please use the MCAS app to inform the office. Any messages will be passed on to myself, or any other relevant member of staff in school.



Nativity



Autumn 2 is always an exciting time for our EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes. Every year we host a Nativity production which all EYFS and KS1 classes are part of. Our planning is well underway and further information, including parts and tickets, will follow in due course. Please keep your eyes peeled!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Walton



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