



Richardson Dees Primary School

Newsletter Monday 3rd April 2017

A Message from Mr Myers

Welcome back to our latest newsletter. It hasn't been too long since the last one but there are some important new and amended dates, particularly concerning our Year 6 pupils so please be sure to update your fridge door with this latest set of diarised events.

I have had sight of our draft Ofsted report which I was asked to check for any factual inaccuracies (of which there were none) and we now await the final report which will be shared with parents as soon as we have it.

It has been a busy term as ever but a hugely rewarding and enjoyable one. The Summer Term promises to be our most exciting yet – but there is the small matter of a two week Easter break to navigate in the meantime.

Please read on to find out some of the latest news from around our school. Remember to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates. You can also check our website for further information or ask in school. If you have any queries, thoughts or suggestions, you can email those to parents@richardsondeesps.org.uk

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Congratulations to all the children who took part in our wonderful performance of a much loved story, last week.

Thank you to FORD for their huge contribution and support and to staff who have either helped along the way or who came to support our children on the evening – or both!

Finally, a big thank you to all the families who came along not only to support their fantastic children but to support our school as well.

#We are Richardson Dees family

Art Week: Beginning Monday 22nd May

Mrs Lynch is busy coordinating an exciting Art inspired week for our school.

The overarching theme of it will be regenerating and inspiring our school environment.

We already have some big ideas about the areas around school which could do with some development but if you have any thoughts yourself, we would welcome your ideas in the meantime.

Feel free to contact us on our Parents Forum or you can share your ideas with staff in school.

Mathematics Open Evening: Tuesday 16th May

In May, we will be inviting families back into school to see how children learn in mathematics.

We are very proud of the way we support children of all abilities in their mathematical understanding and are excited to show you some of the ways we teach and learn in a variety of mathematical topics.

Don't be put off if maths wasn't your favourite subject at school – if you had come to our school, maybe it would be now!

Year 2 and Year 6 SATs: Weeks Beginning Monday 8th May (Y6) and Monday 15th May (Y2)

Just two weeks after the Easter Holidays (and there is a Bank Holiday in there too) our Year 6's will sit their very important tests. It is **crucial** that they attend for the entire week.

The following week, our Year 2's will embark on their tests too.

These tests are very important but we are committed to ensuring pupils' well-being throughout. All we ask is that they do their best and leave any worrying to the adults.

Whole School Important Dates For Parents (Dates & Times Subject to Change)*

Thursday 6 th April	Easter Egg Challenge: Day to submit competition entries. Year 5/6 Plan UK 10km Walk
Friday 7 th April	Congratulations to Dragonflame who can wear non-uniform. Easter Egg Challenge winners announced. Last day in school – start of the Easter Holidays
Monday 24 th April	Back to school – start of the Summer Term
Monday 1 st May	School Closed: Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Start of Y6 SATS Week – continues Tues 9th, Wed 10th & Thurs 11th.
Monday 15 th May	Start of Y2 SATs.
Tuesday 16 th May	Maths Open Evening for all Parent / Carers: School Resources
Monday 22 nd May	Art Week
Monday 5 th June	Back to school – start of second half of summer term. New Reception Pupils – Home Visits (All Week)
Monday 12 th June	Commencement of Y1 Phonics Screening Work Hard, Dream Big Week
Wednesday 14 th June	Talk 4 Writing Morning for all Parent / Carers. FORD Summer Disco 5:30pm – 7pm
Friday 16 th June	Young Dreamers Showcase Event
Thursday 22 nd June	Y5&6 Trip to Lightwater Valley
Monday 26 th June	Full Governors Meeting
Monday 3 rd July	Churchill Open Evening for Y6 Parents 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Y6 Churchill Transition Day 1
Wednesday 5 th July	Y6 Burnside Transition Day 1 Y6 Churchill Transition Day 2
Thursday 6 th July	Y6 Burnside Transition Day 2 Y6 Churchill Transition Day 3
Tuesday 11 th July	Burnside Year 6 Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 th July	Sports Day & Summer Fayre: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Morning) Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (Afternoon)
Friday 14 th July	Whole School Transition Day: Parents meet new teacher.
Monday 17 th July	Year 1 & 2 End of Year Assembly 9:30am
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 3, 4 & 5 End of Year Assembly 9:30am Year 5&6 Prom 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 19 th July	School Picnic Day <i>Morning</i> Nursery Graduation 10:30am <i>Afternoon</i> Nursery Graduation 2:30pm
Thursday 20 th July	Reception End of Year Assembly 9:30am Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1:30pm
Friday 21 st July	End of the school year; start of the Summer Holidays.