

# The Richmond School Newsletter

January 2022

I would like to start this newsletter by wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2022.

We have, once again, had a challenging start to the new year, with the absence of staff and children. Our primary aim is to keep the school fully open so that we can continue to educate and support your children. We will only close a class or a year group if it is absolutely necessary.

Our Phonic sessions have restarted. Although children from different year groups attend these sessions, they are kept in their year group 'bubbles' for the teaching. Children are assessed regularly throughout this programme and are making good progress.

We will soon be awarding 'Reader of the Week' and TTRS certificates.



## CURRICULUM LETTERS AND KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

By the time you receive this newsletter you should all have seen copies of this term's curriculum letter and knowledge organiser. Please support your child with learning the facts on their knowledge organiser and any other work they may wish to undertake which relates to the topic being studied in school.

Copies of all curriculum letters, knowledge organisers and relevant policies are available on the school's website which can be found at:

[www.therichmondschoolskegness.com](http://www.therichmondschoolskegness.com)



## PUPILS STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

I have been asked by Lincolnshire County Council to remind parents that they must apply for reception class places for children whose birthdays fall between 01:09:17 and 31:08:18. You can apply on line at:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by telephone on 01522 782030. The closing date for applications is 15 January, although late applications will be accepted up until 11 February. The Parent Portal will be open until end of January for parents to make an online application. After that it would be best to make a telephone application on 01522 782030.

## REMINDERS



Some PE lessons are still taking place outdoors so it is important that the children from Y1 and above have a tracksuit and trainers in school.

Please avoid walking on the vehicle drive at the start and end of the school day. Please use the footpath that is accessed through the small gate near the drive.

## WHAT'S NEW

We have made some changes to our Behaviour Policy.

You may have noticed some of the children wearing blue sweatshirts. The child, in each class, who is awarded the Golden Leaf during our Friday celebration assembly is now given a blue sweatshirt to wear in school for the week and then keep. This means that staff can easily identify those children who have received the leaf and can talk to them about this.

These children are also given a cushion on which to sit during the school day. At the end of the week, the cushion is passed to the new winner.

Also, each week, the names of the top Dojo winners and Golden Leaf winners are entered into a prize draw and one lucky ticket holder receives a prize. The



children were asked about the prizes they would like and some of these have been purchased. Our first prize draw winner was Grace in Y2.

Photographs of our weekly winners are shared on the schools Twitter feed @TheRichmondSch. Children who choose not to complete their work during lesson time will now complete this during playtimes and lunchtimes supervised by members of staff. Once our new Behaviour Policy has been agreed by the Governing Board, it will be shared with parents.

We look forward to working with you all again this term.

Caroline Wellsted  
Head teacher





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