

# RICHMOND NEWS

**Brand New Year! \* Welcome Back! \* Exciting Steps!**

## Important Dates This Term

### September

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Meet the Teacher

### October 2023

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Individual Photos
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Bookfair 3:20pm in the hall
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** – 2024 Reception Open Morning – 9.30am
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** - Netball Tournament
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Girls Football Development Day
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** - Football Tournament
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Girls Football Tournament
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Meet the SLT Coffee Morning – 9-9.30am in the mobile
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** – 6pm – 2024 Reception Open Evening
- **PFA Disco** – Time TBC

### November 2023

- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Y6 Swimming starts
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Anti-Bullying Week
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** Children in Need

### December 2023

- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Christmas Fayre 3:15pm
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** – PFA Christmas Jumper Day
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 Nativity - TBC
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** – EYFS Nativity 2pm - TBC



## Dear Children, Parents, Carers & Friends,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023-24. We have had a lovely start to the year!

This year plans to be full of exciting developments which will continue to drive the aspirations and achievements of our children.

As you will have seen, earlier in the week, we have finally been appointed our Multi-Academy Trust sponsor – The David Ross Education Trust or DRET for short. We have already had meetings with the team at DRET and are really looking forward to becoming part of the family – hopefully this will happen at the beginning of 2024.

I'm sure the children will have been talking about the changes to lunchtimes and playtimes. Every class now has a brand-new box of equipment, which they are responsible for, and can use at breaktimes. We have also introduced zones to support the children in accessing the equipment fairly and to improve playtime safety. This has seen a massive reduction on the number of first aid incidents, and the children are having happier playtimes.

The Parent Friends Association (PFA) – our constant, supportive parents have met and have organised a number of events for this term. I believe we have a Halloween disco, an own clothes day, Christmas jumper day and a Christmas fair to look forward to. The dates are in the key date section below.

## Term Dates 2023-2024

### Term 1:

Monday 4th September 2023  
to  
Friday 20th October 2023

### Term 2:

Monday 6th November 2023  
to  
Wednesday 20th December 2023

### Term 3:

Tuesday 2nd January 2024  
to  
Thursday 8th February 2024

### Term 4:

Monday 19th February 2024  
to  
Wednesday 27th March 2024

### Term 5:

Tuesday 16th April 2024  
to  
Friday 24th May 2024

### Term 6:

Monday 3rd June 2024  
to  
Thursday 18th July 2024

Most importantly, the children have been learning. Our curriculum has been improved, and will continue to improve over the upcoming months. We are working with The Lincolnshire English Hub to develop our Phonics provision – we saw a 20% increase in our phonics results last year and we look forward to an even higher score this year. With the support of the new trust, we expect year on year improvements in all areas of the school.

Thank you to the parents who have completed the Ofsted Parent view questionnaire – unfortunately only 22 parents have completed this to date – we really want to have the views of all of our parents, so plead with you to complete this. You need to register at this link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views/survey/167913>

Please log in to leave your opinion.

Finally – a plea from the office – please make sure that all your details are up-to-date – if your address, email, mobile number has changed – we need to know. Also, if your child has had any changes in medical needs or food intolerances/allergies, please ensure that the office knows. We will be reviewing pupil update forms with you over parents' evening as well.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Ross**

### Harvest Donations

This term, we are collecting donations for The Storehouse food bank. We will be having a special service on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you can, we are asking families to donate something to go towards this collection. Please bring donations to the office or on the day to classrooms.

### Medical Tracker

You will now be receiving all first aid notifications via our Medical Tracker. This means an email will be sent to notify you that your child has seen a first aider during the day. We will still contact you by phone if we think that you need to be notified in person (e.g. head bumps).

### Staffing Changes

This term, we have said goodbye to Mrs Bedford who has been a Teaching assistant since 2012. We wish her the best for the future and thank her for her contributions to school

And good news – finally after a long period of illness, Mrs Leetham has finally returned. She will be teaching in 1K while Mrs King takes maternity

leave. Good luck to Mrs king and we look forward to seeing pictures soon.



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## Year 6: Secondary School Transition

Remember that applications for secondary school must be completed by **31st October 2023**. The following link will take you to the application page. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/3>

## SLT Coffee Morning Drop-in

If you have any questions or just want to have an informal chat, join us for an SLT coffee morning: Wednesday **18th October 2023** at 9:00am-9.30 am in the mobile classroom



## Attendance Monitoring

This year, more than ever, the Local Authority will be expecting close monitoring of attendance. Due to this, we will **now be informing parents when their children's attendance drops below 90% - know as 'persistent absence' - even if it is authorised as in the case of illness.**

The letters are written by the Local Authority, and will state the number of absences. If the child's attendance then improves, no further action will take place. If the absence stays low the school will be requesting an attendance meeting and could result in a Local Authority issued fine.

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

## Attendance By Class this term

RL	– 98%
RW	– 99%
1K	– 96%
1R	– 98%
2S	– 98%
2W	– 95%
3D	– 93%
3J	– 95%
4H	– 97%
4L	– 95%
5B	– 95%
5O	– 93%
6G	– 96%
6S	– 99%



## House Captains

The children have spoken – This year's House Captains have been chosen



Holland – Emma and Finley

Chapman – Charlotte and Charlie

Irving – Jack and Darcey

Martin – William and Bella



## Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

### PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Free Interactive workshop on Zoom with a behavioural Specialist

BOOK NOW ►

LPCF have invited Chris from Aspens to explore the topic of behaviour .

BOOK NOW ►

**Wednesday 4th October**  
**7pm—9pm**

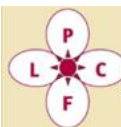
Free to parents & professionals on the LPCF membership.  
(if you are a parent of a child with SEND or a professional you can join the membership via the website).

Book your place on the events page of the LPCF website

See over for more details



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COUNTY COUNCIL  
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Specialist Teaching Team  
Special Educational Needs & Disability Service (SENDS)  
Dyslexia Outreach

**STUDY SKILLS & REVISION STRATEGIES**  
**MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER**  
**7pm -8pm**

A free online workshop for secondary-aged students with SEND and their parents, who are registered with LPCF.

Siblings WITH OR WITHOUT SEND are also welcome to attend.



Aimed at young people with SEND preparing for GCSEs or A-Level as well as secondary students who would like ideas on how to better retain and organise learning.

Sign up to LPCF on the sign up page of the website.  
Book on the Events page.  
[www.lincspcf.org.uk](http://www.lincspcf.org.uk)





