

# RICHMOND NEWS

Goodbye and Goodluck \* Charity \* Exciting Steps!

## Important Dates

### December 2023

- **Friday 1st** – Christmas Fayre 3:15pm
- **Thursday 7th** – PFA Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation
- **Thursday 7th** – PFA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop 3:30pm
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 Nativity – 2pm
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Dinner Day – wear a Christmas jumper for free!
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** – EYFS Nativity 2pm
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Production - 6pm
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Production – 6pm
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** - Party Day – please update the office with allergies.
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Last day of Term

### January 2023

- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Back to School
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Swimming starts

### February 2023

- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Safer Internet Day
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Halfterm
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Year 3 Swimming starts
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** - Netball Tournament

### March 2023

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** – World Book Day
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Class Photos
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Term Ends



## Dear Children, Parents, Carers & Friends,

The Autumn term is racing by. It doesn't seem a second since October half term and we are already sprinting towards the last few weeks.

The focus in school for this half term has been on our value of 'Wisdom'. Children are being encouraged to work hard (as always!) and to make wise choices to build friendships.

The playground changes introduced at the beginning of term have been very successful with the children reporting that they feel happier on the playground. They are enjoying their own space and their toy bucket immensely.

Since October, we have had a lot of visitors in school from the David Ross Trust (DRET), in preparation for the upcoming transfer to becoming an academy. I have been to visit DRET schools and have been very impressed by them. I am excited about the opportunities that joining the trust will provide for the children of The Richmond school - More about that in the New Year.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ross

## 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  
Friday 9th February 2024

### Term 4:

Monday 19th February 2024  
to  
Thursday 28th March 2024

### Term 5:

Monday 15th April 2024  
to  
Friday 24th May 2024

### Term 6:

Monday 3rd June 2024  
to  
Friday 19th July 2024

## Reading is Fun! Reading makes you clever!

This term, we have had a number of opportunities to share our love of reading with children and adults. We loved having the parents in for our Reception 'Read Together' workshop – and we ran out of chairs for the number of parents who attended our phonics workshops.

The most recent event was our book swap – organised by Mrs Lake. The children were so excited by the choice of books! Thank you to all the parents and staff for contributing to this.



## Our Amazing PFA!

Our PFA are just amazing! This term they have been hard at work organizing events to support in raising funds for us. The epic Halloween disco (raising £1663), Choose a Change Day, and the Christmas Fayre have all been amazingly successful. They are so generous – the Christmas tree that was donated was so huge, it didn't fit in the hall at first! We are looking forward to the Christmas Wreath making workshop!



In the new year, the PFA are funding an exciting new addition for the playground – we can't wait! Thanks to all!!!

## Attendance By Class this term

RL	– 92%
RW	– 94%
1K	– 93%
1R	– 90%
2S	– 95%
2W	– 90%
3D	– 93%
3J	– 94%
4H	– 96%
4L	– 97%
5B	– 90%
5O	– 92%
6G	– 94%
6S	– 94%

## Staffing Changes

This term, we have said goodbye to Mrs Winson who has worked as a 1:1 teaching assistant and given so much to the child that she has supported.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Dowling and Mrs Smith. Mrs Dowling has been a teaching assistant in the school and has also delivered Speech and Language Therapy to countless children. She has made a real difference to the children at The Richmond School; she will be a big loss to us.

Mrs Smith, also a teaching assistant has been working with our older children. She has also been a 1:1 teaching assistant and an ELSA (emotional literacy support assistant). Her work with the children, to help them regulate and understand their emotions has been outstanding. She will be joining one of our, soon to be, family schools.

Mrs Johnson our Bursar has decided, after her long period of illness to not return. She has been pivotal in the administrative side of the school!

Mrs Moore is also taking early retirement. She has supported so many children and families throughout her many years at The Richmond

We thank them all and wish them all good luck!

## Meet Sam!

This term, we are delighted to be able to welcome Sam McMillan to the Team.

With a substantial background in supporting families, she has taken on the role of Parent Support Advisor.

In this role, she will be the first point of contact for families – look out for her outside the front of the school on Monday-Wednesday. Sam will also be monitoring and supporting the children's attendance.

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%	







## Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to the parents who have completed the Ofsted Parent view questionnaire – unfortunately only 26 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:

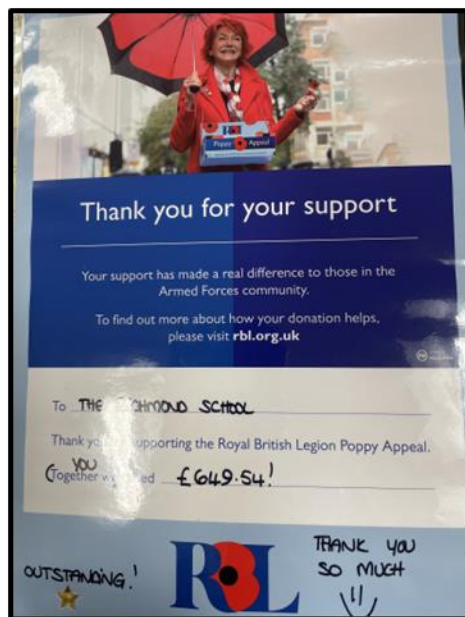
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views/survey/167913>

Please log in to leave your opinion.

## Remembrance

As usual, the team captains and myself were invited to represent the school at the Skegness Remembrance Service. Joseph also joined us and they made us extremely proud with the way they represented the school.

In school, the children purchased Remembrance merchandise; raising an amazing £649.



## Amazing Art

Lots of lovely art work this term – here are a few examples.





