

The Richmond School Newsletter

September 2021

Welcome back to the start of a new year. Once again, it has been a privilege to welcome all of the children back into school and to see how excited they are that things are getting 'back to normal.' Children are able to mix with other year groups and it has been so lovely to see them interacting with each other on the playground. The children have already made a positive start to their learning and we, as a staff, look forward to working with you throughout this year. Thank you for continuing to trust us with your children in these difficult and challenging times. You should all have received information about what your child is learning. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via ClassDojo.

NEW STAFF

We have welcomed Miss Tosney, Miss Sharratt and Miss Hardie to the teaching team. They are teaching in Y5, Y1 and EYFS respectively.



Mrs Manning is our new Admin Assistant. She is getting to know some parents and is settling into her role in the school office.

Mr Lill has rejoined the school as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant.

Miss Stacey will be leaving us at the end of this week to take up a position in Yorkshire. She has been intending to relocate for some time. Miss Tory will be teaching the class full time from Monday 27 September.

ATTENDANCE

We appreciate that it is difficult in the current climate to know when to keep your child at home. If your child has a common cold and is not exhibiting any of the Covid-19 symptoms they are welcome in school, if you feel they are well enough.



If your child develops any of the Covid-19 symptoms, you must seek medical advice. If the medical professionals say that your child needs a PCR test, the whole household needs to self-isolate until the test results come back. Please keep school informed at all times. If a negative result is received, your child can return to school even if another family member has tested positive.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Please remember to ring school before 9:30 a.m. on your child's first day of absence. If you leave a voicemail, it is helpful to the office staff if these are left before 8:00 a.m. please.



Only parents who have a disabled badge, or a prior arrangement with the school, are allowed to park in the layby.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Please would you ensure that all items of uniform are named as we have already had several items of lost



property this term? If you have purchased or been given items of second-hand uniform, please ensure that you remove the previous child's name and write in your own child's name. The second-hand

uniform is now available through Jodie Bradbury, based at Winthorpe Community Centre.

If your child wears earrings these should be small studs and should be removed on PE days. One or two children are wearing hooped earrings. These are not safe for school and could lead to injury.

Uniform orders will be processed on a Friday. Please order all uniform via ParentPay.

PFA

The PFA Autumn Fair is being held on Saturday 25 September at 2:00 p.m.. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible at this event. All monies raised are used to benefit the children.

Please return your raffle tickets before the day so that they can be entered into the draw. Donations of tombola prizes can be brought to the school office.

OFSTED

Thank you to those parents who expressed their opinions on ParentView. Our Ofsted inspection concluded on Wednesday 15 September. The report will be out in due course.

Whilst I know that many parents are happy with the school, I am aware that some parents expressed concerns to Ofsted. I would like to remind you that, if you have a concern, this must be discussed, in the first instance, with the class teacher. If the issue is not resolved, you can then make an appointment to see me to discuss the issues further. A copy of our Complaints Procedure can be found on the school's website.

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Head teacher

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