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'Developing the whole child'

Newsletter Friday 28th September 2018 Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

Year 1/2 Multiskills Festival Well done to our Year 1 and 2 children who had an excellent morning at Richmond School this week taking part in a variety of sporting activities and working with other schools.



What can I do to support my child's learning in school ? At our Parent Teacher consultations in October and November we will discuss further your child's progress and targets with you. There is no doubt that the more you support your child at home with their learning the more progress they will make. You can support your child on a daily basis by:

- Listening to your child read at home as often as possible; even if they are fluent readers, discussing the meaning behind the text. Please sign their reading diaries and planners
- Taking time to support their homework activities
- For children in Y1 upwards, learning their times tables so that by the end of Y4 they know all their tables to x12. We recite tables saying: '1 times 2 is 2; 2 times 2 is 4; 3 times 2 is 6. In our maths lessons we explore the meaning behind this but the ability to recall times tables rapidly is an important skill. You can also login to Times Tables Rock Stars.

Our Olympian visit on Monday afternoon 1st October we welcome Craig Heap to school. This visit is to celebrate our Yorkshire PE and Sport Premium award win last term.

Whole School Performance of 'The Secret Garden' Tuesday 2nd October We are all looking forward to our whole school theatre performance during the afternoon. Following the performance, as we do each year, our Year 5/6 children will take part in a stagecraft workshop led by the actors. **Thank you to Friends of the School for funding this event.**

Book Fair will be open before and after school starting after school on Friday 5th until after school on Thursday 11th October. Commission from sales of books support the restocking of our class and school libraries.

Class 3 Bolton Castle Tudor visit Monday 8th October Children in Class 3 have received letters about their exciting day living in a Tudor Castle. Please complete the consent forms and return to school. Payment can be made by ParentPay.

Class 1 Parental Assembly reminder Parents and carers of children in Class 1 are invited into school on Thursday 11th October at 9.30am to share in this with us.

Hockey Club at Richmond School This is held on a Thursday evening commencing 4th October for Y3-Y6 from 6.00-7.00pm. £3.00 per session. For more details please contact: apotter@richmondschool.net

Enjoying our outdoor environment This week we have really enjoyed beautiful autumn weather. Children have been working hard in our gardening areas; collecting conkers, seeds and leaves; and having fun on the tyres and trim trail. We have tidied our Peace Garden following the high winds.



Fundraising with Bags2School Bags should be returned by 9.00am on Thursday 4th October.

Friends of the School AGM Tuesday 16th October 7pm in school Please make this a priority for attending; there are refreshments and it is very sociable and a great way for new parents of Reception children to meet others. The strength of Friends of the School is a real indication of the commitment and strength of our school community. We need parents to join the committee so that planning of events can be shared and manageable; it is great that others will come on board and help 'on the day' but without a committee there will be no events to support.

In a typical year Friends of the School provide wonderfully sociable events and a range of activities which our children really value and enjoy. Last year these included: refreshments after Harvest; coffee for new Reception parents; school discos, refreshments and raffle at our Christmas and Summer school productions; presents for Santa to deliver; an Easter egg tombola at our egg rolling and prizes for our Easter activities; Christmas cards designed by your child and a fantastic Summer Fair.

In addition to planning social events, Friends of the School also raise about £4,000 each year to support our children. This is used to fund more IT equipment for school and the theatre production of 'The Secret Garden'.

Please see the attached nomination form and consider standing for a post on the committee.

Diary Dates for the term can be found on our website under School Information/Calendar.

Term dates for the year can be found on our school website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

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Your sincerely,
Nicola Dobson