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St Richard's VC Academy NEWSLETTER

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At last the sun is shining – in between the rain showers – and there is hope in the air with the easing of restrictions and much longed for hugs with grandparents have happened at last. In school, your children continue to amaze us with their resilience and curiosity as well as their enthusiasm for learning. Remember the best way you can ensure your child makes up for any lost time during the pandemic is to make sure they are in school every day. If you need us to support you with this in anyway, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.



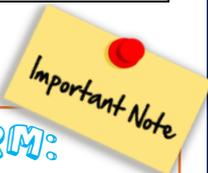
TERM DATES:



Summer term:
Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May 2021
(Half Term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June)
Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July 2021



SCHOOL UNIFORM



PE KIT:

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms
- Suitable trainers

For health and safety, (small studded) earrings should not be worn for PE.



SUMMER UNIFORM:

- Blue and white checked dress
- Shorts and White Polo Shirt
- White Socks
- Black shoes



Please ensure that children's hair is tied up in order to prevent headlice and ensure that children's hair is also kept natural and not coloured.



Fun Food Thursday!

On **Thursday 20th May** we have a very exciting lunch, which the children have chosen for themselves, which consists of **pizza, curry, chicken nuggets, flapjack and custard**. We would like to encourage all children to have a school dinner on this fun day!



Summer Term ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE
Attend every day!
10th - 28th May (15 School Days)
Ice lollies and ice cream prizes to be won!

In the HUB this week, maths has been a big focus for us, working within 5 and getting rid of the need to count on our fingers. We will soon be masters at this!



In **Year 1** we have looking at lots of wonderful stories in Guided Reading. The Everywhere Bear and The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson. As well as Dogger by Shirley Hughes which is about a boy called Dave who loses his favourite teddy. We are now moving onto Percy the Park Keeper by Nick Butterworth. It would be brilliant if you could read these stories with your child at home.



Top tips on how you can help your child.

1 Get into a routine of **talking about their day at school**. This could be on the walk home or when eating together. This will help them recall the learning which then helps embed and 'fix in' the new learning into their long-term memory. Just don't let them get away with saying nothing!

2 **Read together every day** – you could take it in turns one day your child reads their reading book to you, the next day you could read a story to them. If you need any story books for home, you could register at the library. A weekly/ fortnightly trip to the library would be a fabulous way to encourage your child to read.

3 Ask your child what their **topic** is each term. Could you enhance this by finding out more with them to share with their teachers the next day? Maybe visit a museum or library to find out more. The more interest you show in their learning the more they will want to impress you.



This term, **Year 2** have been reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We had great fun making our own disgusting sandwiches to keep those scavenging seagulls away, just like the story.

This term in **Foundation Stage** we are exploring our new story, 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have turned our classroom into each part of the story and love recreating it with our friends inside and outside! We even found some bear footprints in our classroom, we followed them into the cave but there was no sign of the bear!

At the moment, **Year 3** are learning to tell the time to 5 minute and 1 minute intervals. As this is such an important life skill, we would encourage families to practice this at home. Asking each other about the time on journeys and at mealtimes would support their learning.

It's been a very busy term in **Year 5**. We have had Bikeability – teaching us skills for life and launched our new topic Ancient Greeks. First on the list – Greek food. We can confirm that we do not like olives – Yuk!



This week **Year 4** have been continuing their training to be Egyptian Experts, learning about the importance of the River Nile and designing their own hieroglyphic cartouches!

This half term the **Year 6** have been learning all about Mayans. They have even created their own Maya temples and painted them red to represent their belief that these buildings come alive.

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