

The Richmond School

February 2012



Tokens

We have recently received our order from the Morrison's tokens collected by parents and friends of school and these items are already in use. We chose mainly gardening and cookery equipment which we felt would benefit both class work and clubs. Thank you to those parents who supported the school in this venture.



Attendance

As you will now all know we are currently addressing the issue of attendance in a proactive and positive way this term. All the children should now have brought home a red, amber or green attendance card for last term and some of them will have been given a target for this term. Each of the pupils who had achieved 100% attendance from September - December received a raffle ticket, and following a 'draw', a prize of £30 worth of W H Smith's vouchers was won by Anna Konstantinou in year 3.

Teaching Staff



It has been decided that Mr Mills will remain as the year 4 class teacher until the end of the year. When Mrs Sylvester (formerly Miss Hill) returns she will take over Mr Mills' previous role of covering staff release time.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Pinchbeck on to our staff. He will be the teacher in year 3 who will cover Mrs Wheeler's class and groups for the remainder of this year.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Having elected school prefects earlier this academic year it was decided to extend these roles further and recently Lewis Haigh and Chloe Fordyce were appointed as Head Boy and Head Girl respectively. These pupils were selected following a ballot of all teachers.

Mrs EA Fisher Headteacher

Health And Safety

I have been asked by staff to remind parents not to walk down the vehicular drive (leading to the car park) when delivering children to school in the morning. This is a road and as such it is unsafe to use as a footpath, as staff will be driving along it into school up to 9 o'clock. Our pupils know that they must use the relevant paths but many parents, although politely asked not to use it, continue to do so. Please help us to keep your children safe.



School Fund Raising

This year the school is raising money for The Jon Egging Trust, which was set up following his death to give young people from disadvantaged backgrounds new opportunities to help them achieve their potential.



Year 6 raised £660.74 last term by holding a sponsored walk and carol singing and year 3 recently held a Quiz Day for the whole school. They raised £78.14. Thank you for all your support this year towards our fund raising.

Academy Status

As there has been much in the press recently about schools becoming academies it seems appropriate to inform you of the position of The Richmond School at this time. Whilst staff and governors have received presentations from a range of Trusts, which offer provision for academy status, at the moment no decisions have been made.

Diary Dates

Thursday 2 February	Year 5 visit - Leicester
Tuesday 7 February	Year 6 River Trip
Tuesday 7 February 2.40	Year 1 Presentation
Friday 10 February	Break up
Monday 20 February	Return to school
Tuesday 28 February	Year 6 visit to Butlins
Thurs 1 March 2.40	Year 2 Presentation
Friday 2 March 2.40	Year 6 Presentation
Thursday 8 March 2.40	Year 5 Presentation
Thursday 15 March 2.40	Year 3 Presentation
Friday 23 March 2.40	Year 4 Presentation
Fri day 30 March	Break up
Tuesday 17 April	Return to school