St. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

2023-2024 Term 6

To our Year 6 Parents

Walk your child to school one last time this week. Even if they don't want you to. Laugh about the sticks they used to collect or the paintings they so carefully carried. Reminisce about their sports days and how funny they were in their nativity.
Tell them how proud you are of them and how you are excited to see them grow.
Remember how little their hand was when you held it on their first day of reception.
Hold that hand again as you walk with them one last time.
You've done a great job!

We will miss you!

Year 6 are sadly leaving our St Richard's family and moving on to their secondary schools in September.

We are all incredibly proud of them and everything they have achieved over their time here. We wish them all the best of luck in their new schools - and know they will all be amazing.

We're sending them off with this message from Dr Seuss:

You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So…. get on your way!

Go be brilliant Year 6!

ParentPay Workshops

Last year we invited our families to ParentPay User Workshops, to familiarise them with our booking and payment system.

We are a cashless school and use ParentPay to collect our trip funds and book clubs, lunches and wrap around care. It is vital that you activate your account and are familiar with using the system.

We will be looking at repeating the workshops during the first term of the next school year. Please keep an eye on the school app for dates.

ParentPay
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Uniform

When we return to school in September, we are hoping we will still be enjoying some lovely weather. Therefore, the children can return to school in September wearing their summer uniform.

Our summer uniform is a red polo shirt to be worn with either shorts or trousers for the boys, and the usual school kilt for the girls. T-shirts can be purchased from Channel Uniforms or the children can wear a plain red-collared t-shirt.

Please remember to adhere to the uniform guidance on our website. Recently we have noticed lots of jewellery and branded t-shirts. Comments are often made about how smart our children look and we want to keep this positive reputation.

Please note that from 1st October we will change from summer uniform to full school uniform.

Price Increase

We have received confirmation from Chartwells that School meal prices are increasing from September.
School dinners will now be £2.95 per day and bookable as normal on ParentPay.

After School Club fees are also increasing from September by 50p.
Prices will be updated on ParentPay ready for the new school year as follows:

- 3.15 – 4.00 £4.00
- 3.15 – 4.15 £5.75
- 3.15 – 5.00 £7.50

Please remember that you must pre-book After School Club so we know how many children are attending. We need to ensure we have the correct provisions for the number attending.

Chartwells Newsletter

Our catering company, Chartwells have sent us a Parent Newsletter for us to share with you.

Please find attached to this link:
PRI SS24 - July Newsletter 08.07.24.pdf

Chartwells
Schools

Summer reading challenge

Last Friday, we were lucky enough to have our district librarian, Heidi, come to talk to us about the Summer Reading Challenge which launched on Saturday 6th July. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to choose anything they enjoy to read or listen to! It's free to take part and children can sign up at their local library or online.

The challenge, aimed at children aged 4 - 11 years, is to read six or more library books over the summer. Children earn rewards for every book they read and receive a medal and certificate if they complete the challenge.

This year children will join the **Marvellous Makers** who are busy getting creative for a big festival…but the objects they need have mysteriously disappeared. Children will help the Marvellous Makers find the objects they need to complete their creations.

For the last 2 years, St Richard's families have been fantastic at participating - and we have been one of the top schools in Dover for the number of children who have taken part.

Let's keep reading over the summer, and see whether we can top the leader board again!

St Paul's Beavers

13th Dover (St Paul's) Beavers group is looking for new members. Beavers are a part of the Scouting Association. They are young people, aged 6 to 8, who:

- Master new skills and try new things
- Have fun and go on adventures
- Make friends
- Are curious about the world around them
- Help others and make a difference, on their own doorsteps and beyond

Meetings are on Monday evenings at St Paul's Church hall. If you are interested in signing your child up for a start in September, please email Dave McRoberts - the group leader - at davymcr@googlemail.com

Frampton Farm

This year we have been working with Frampton Farm supporting some of our SEN children.
They are a lovely family run farm, and if you are looking for a fun day out in the holidays, we definitely suggest you give them a visit.

Please look them up on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/FramptonFarmKent

Teaching Structure

The staff for next year are as follows:

- *Year R Mrs O'Callaghan with Miss Holder*
- *Year 1 Miss Seager with Mrs Williams, Mrs Reidy and Mrs Barnes*
- *Year 2 Miss Dobbins with Mrs Gavin*
- *Year 3 Miss Bates and Mrs Quansah-Brown with Mrs Walker and Miss Metsapelto*
- *Year 4 Mr Kinnear with Miss Lydon and Miss Metsapelto*
- *Year 5 Mrs Ciantar with Mrs Graham*
- *Year 6 Miss Drage and Mrs Quansah-Brown with Mrs Spencer and Mrs Jacobson*

Term Dates 2024/2025

Term 1

Tues 3rd Sept – Thurs 24th Oct

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov – Thurs 19th Dec

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan – Fri 14th Feb

Term 4

Tues 25th Feb – Fri 4th April

Term 5

Tues 22nd April – Fri 23rd May

Term 6

Mon 2nd June – Mon 21st July

Staff Development Days 24/25 – School closed to all pupils.

Monday 2nd Sept
Friday 25th Oct
Friday 20th Dec
Monday 24th Feb
Tuesday 22nd July

What our children say

Pupil voice Date 17/07/2024

What's going well:

As part of a Head Teacher's role I have to talk to the children about what they have learnt each term. As a school we thought it would be nice to share with families so you can read the summary of what your children have been learning.

The question is what have you been learning about this term?

Year 6 Brody and Tulisa

This term we have been practising our Production, it is called The School O Vision song contest. There are lots of songs, lots of jokes and lots of jobs such as the PTA or the cleaners and all across the school community. Learning lines has been hard but we have been practising them and the songs. It is really good actually.
In PE, we have enjoyed playing dodgeball it was fun. We learnt the rules and I feel it really helped my catching skills. We have just finished Odysseus in English. We have really enjoyed it. It was fill of drama and you couldn't go near the Sirens. It was full of great description. I loved how Miss Drage did the voices it always so much better when she does that, it made it come alive.

Year 5 Noah and Hollie

In Maths, we have been learning about decimals, multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. We have learnt about subtracting decimals from other decimals or normal numbers. In English, we have been writing a suspense story, we have been able to make it up on any topic. As part of the suspense stories we had to focus on how a character might feel. Usually we might write a character was feeling scared but this time we tried to say it in a different way such as say their hair stood up on end! We also wrote 5 diary entries based on the Sound of Music and we wrote to the Captain about how he should be treating the children.
In Geography, we learnt about the Alps, we made maps as well. We made the Alps in class. We were taught how to create the structure of the Alps using a straw and then building it up with paper mache. This was built up around the structure. Afterwards we researched interesting facts about the Alps.

Year 4 Bonnie and Oliver

In Maths, we have been learning about decimals, fractions and money. We also looked at time such as days, years and weeks. With a decimal you can't have more than 10 tenths otherwise that becomes greater than 1 whole. A fraction is part of a whole number…I must admit that is the first thing that sprung to mind.
In English, we have been diary planning, creating recounts and we looked at South and North

America. We have been learning about 'The Boy Who Biked The World. I enjoyed learning about the USA. I learnt about how America obtained Alaska from Russia and all about the Louisiana purchase that was really interesting and Louisiana was gifted by France.
We created Father day cards in the style of Lichtenstein. We learnt about Machu Picchu and the different climates that can be found in the Americas as well as biomes. We made display boxes so we could compare the USA to the UK. We worked as a team with one of us researching and one of us making the display. In RE, we had an interesting day learning about Islam as well as building bridges between people.

Year 3 Amelia and Roksanna

In Maths, we have been learning about bar charts, pictograms and tally charts. Pictograms have a key this has a picture on it which represents a number. A bar chart has a title and a chart and you draw a bar to represent the values. A tally chart is a line which represents 1 person, 2 lines represent 2 people and 5 people are represented by 4 lines and 1 diagonal line through them making 5.
In English, we have been thinking about the ending of our story Oliver and the Seawigs. We have written our own ending, we don't know the real ending yet as we have not finished the book. We have made notes using a comic strip and we used that to make sentences and paragraphs.

Year 2 Noah and Penny

We have been learning about turns in Maths as well as multiplication. The turns are a half turn, full turn and we have used North, South, East and West. We have also learnt about this in Geography. In DT, we have been making aboriginal masks using paper mache. It was such fun but very sticky, we have used PVA glue. My tissue paper got stuck on my nails. I was so happy and proud of what I made. We have learnt more about cursive handwriting and we have been practising our descenders. We have been writing a diary entry on Australian animals as well as writing letters to persuade people to get a pet Kangaroo. I want the pet as we could keep it in a cage in the school and look after it… I don't want the Kangaroo as it is a wild animal and that shouldn't be kept as a pet but allowed to live in the wild. In Geography, we have been learning about a place called Yaloo, we have learnt about where it is, what is there and there is a museum full of Aboriginal art and it is beautiful.

Year 1 Olivia and Jude

We have been learning about money in Maths especially notes. In Geography, we have been learning about the Caribbean islands. We have been researching all about them. I know a lot about Cuba. This is because we had a worksheet, which was really hard, but we used a Primary Atlas to find out all the information. We went to London to the Aquarium, we wrote about animals. I wanted to write about Gill Sharks but we couldn't find enough information so we researched other sharks instead. I learnt about Jelly fish, they are not carnivores but omnivores they have no brain but their bodies act like a sail. There are holes in their bodies which allow them to breath. Turtles eat jelly fish, they have to close their eyes to eat a jelly fish to stop them from being stung, the rest of their bodies can't be stung as it has a lot of protection. In PE, we have been doing throwing and catching or playing different games with Marc. In Science, we have been learning about animals and how they move.

Year R Florence and Elijah

We have been learning about Africa. We have learnt about the animals such as cheetahs and parrots. The parrots fly very high and the cheetahs are really good at running. I remember it is really hot there, so hot, but there are trees and deserts as well… so it is very different.
In Science, we have been learning about sinking and floating. We learnt which different things sink like a shell or floats like a wooden block. In Maths, we have been subitising, that's when you take things away. I like adding, times tables and I now know my tens and fives.
In Writing, we have been learning about sea creatures and writing about Africa.