



The Richard Whittington Primary School

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March

- Tuesday 21st —
year 3/4 produc-
tion 1:45
- Thursday 23rd—
Year 3/4 produc-
tion—6.30pm
- Friday 24th—PFA
Disco—KS1 6.20pm
-7.20pm & KS2
7.30pm—8.45pm
- Tuesday 28th—SEN
parents' forum—
2.15pm
- Thursday 30th—
Parents forum
9.15am school hall
- Friday 31st—Last
day of term 3.15 pm
finish

April

- Tuesday 18th
April—First day of
Summer term

Marathon Mile: Friday 21st April

The NSPCC helpline responded to almost 55,000 contacts from adults concerned about the welfare of a child last year. Their counsellors are available 24 hours a day, to help parents, professionals and anyone worried about a child in the UK. They will listen to your concerns, offer advice and support and can take action if a child is in danger.

As a school we decided we wanted to help raise money for this incredible charity. The school council, with the support of Miss Marshall-Spence, asked their classes how we could raise money for the NSPCC and our school and the votes are in! After the success of last year's event, the children decided they wanted to organise another marathon mile.

On **Friday 21st April**, Richard Whittington primary school will be taking part in the 'Marathon Mile'. Each class will set off within intervals of each other to run a mile in and around the school grounds, meaning each class will have run a marathon. The event will start at 1.15pm.

Children are invited to wear Superhero fancy dress if they wish so, otherwise we would ask that children wear their house coloured t-shirt and suitable footwear.

Fox	Black t-shirt
Squirrel	Red t-shirt
Badger	Green t-shirt
Hedgehog	Blue t-shirt

We encourage parents to come along and support our event. Additionally, we will need volunteers to marshal the event at checkpoints along the route. If you are able to offer your time, please write it on the orange slips at the school office. We really appreciate any support you can offer.



Last year's 'Marathon Mile' raised an astounding amount of money. Miss Marshall-Spence and the school council have worked tirelessly to ensure this money was spent on something the children really wanted. The money has been used to buy trim trail equipment for the field, which we are expecting to be installed within the coming months. This year we are looking to fund a competitive sports kit to represent our school.



Your child's sponsorship form has been sent home with them today so please check book bags. We do not need the forms back until the money has been collected. We ask that all sponsor money be handed in to your child's class teacher by **Friday 5th May.**

As always, we really appreciate your continued support and hope that you will have fun helping our school raise lots of money for a very good cause!

NSPCC  TM
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Staffing

We are really pleased to say that Mrs. Steer and her husband are expecting their first child in September. We have advertised for a teacher to cover Mrs. Steer's maternity leave. Mrs. Steer will still be co-ordinating the Year six residential trip and will still be going as the lead teacher. She has assured us, however, that she will not be completing the leap of faith this year.

We have decided to create an additional post in school to support children who are making less than expected progress. This will be a Higher Level Teaching Assistant role and will include some class teacher cover time.

Unfortunately Mrs. Jameson has had to resign her post due to commitments outside the school. We are sorry to see her leave us and wish to say thank you for her hard work. We have advertised for a Learning Support Assistant role.

There continue to be midday assistant vacancies.

All these posts are advertised on the Teach in Herts website.

Parents Forum

We would like to invite you to an open forum held jointly by school staff and governors on Thursday 30th March at 9.15am in the school hall. As part of the school's ongoing development we would like to be able to pass on some information about the projects the school is currently undertaking both in terms of teaching and learning, behaviour and safety and the school environment and to identify some further developments that parents would like to see. As you know the OFSTED inspection last year recognised the improvement the school had made in the previous eighteen months but we are very clear that we want this improvement to continue so that the school can provide the best possible opportunities and highest standards for all our children.

There is also an opportunity to ask questions or indicate items you would like to have added to the discussion. Please write these on the orange slips and post them in the box at

the office by Friday 24th March. It will not be possible to include them all but we will endeavour to cover as much as possible.

Agenda items

- What does age related mean? - Information
- Homework - Discussion
- Website – Discussion (how can we make this work for parents)?
- Governing Body – 5 year vision. Who they are. What is the function?
- PFA – How to support.
- Heating project update – Information
- Gates and Fencing - Information
- Outdoor Learning - Information
- Whiteboards - Information

We look forward to seeing you.