



The Richard Whittington Primary School

Remembrance Assembly

What is it that makes us British? The Government tells us that we should be teaching you fundamental British values but understanding these is more difficult than it first appears. What do the people who serve in our forces stand for? It is easy to look back in history and identify the baddies and goodies; it is much more difficult when you are living through it. When we look at history it is clear that some of

the most brutal regimes rose to power amongst some of the things that we hear our leaders saying today. 'We must think about our own people first... we must protect what we have built as a nation... we must preserve our way of life'. None of these statements on their own are inherently bad but coupled with fear and hatred they become toxic. Leaders need to think carefully before they speak and

future leaders need to listen critically to what is being said and question it when they feel uneasy.

As children you should not be afraid to ask questions about what you see and hear. One of the poems talked about peace only being possible when the aim is co-operation and mutual benefit not seizing maximum personal gain. We teach you to be better than us. To treat eve-

ryone with care, compassion and respect. To not be afraid of the world outside your door but to embrace it and when people make mistakes or poor choices to understand it, forgive them and change their perception.

If there is one thing I want to leave behind as a Headteacher and leader, it is not the best SATs results ever, it's not the new playground equipment or the most stimulating curriculum. These things are all important but I want to leave a group of children who have true respect for each other and who will go out and change the world into a better and peaceful place.

This is the most important day of the year. It teaches us to respect the past and not repeat the mistakes but to remember and learn from them. It is what we expect from you everyday so that you are better than us.



NOVEMBER 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30 PFA Happy school bag		1	2 PFA Cake bake	3 PFA Cake bake	4	5
6 Flu immunisation YR-4	7 Parents evening	8	9 EYFS/YR drama workshop	10	11	12
13	14 Parents evening	15	16 Herons class assembly Parents evening	17 Bring chocolate	18	19
20 parents forum 09:30	21	22	23 Skylarks class assembly	24 Bring a bottle and a cracker	25 PFA set-up	26 PFA Xmas Bazaar
27	28	29 Doves class assembly	30 Penguin class assembly			

DECEMBER 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5 KS1 performance 10am	6 EYFS performance 10am KS1 performance 2pm	7 EYFS performance 10am	8	9	10
11	12 KS2 xmas rehearsal Production 5:45	13 KS2 xmas production 5:45	14 Kngfishers class assembly	15	16	17
18	19 Last day of term	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Events

Parents forum : Monday 20th at 9:30am in the school hall. We will post an agenda to the school website.

What's new?

Parents' evenings this week seem to have been positive. Just a reminder that if you have been unable to attend you will receive the attainment information for your child after the final parents' evening has been completed. We will also send out a questionnaire to all parents to gauge the effectiveness of the changes to inform future planning.

Lunchtimes

Some parents have expressed concern over lunchtime arrangements in place currently. As you know the school hall is not a large space and trying to get 300+ children through lunch in just over an hour is difficult. We have always experienced difficulties, particularly during the Autumn and Spring terms when all the children have to eat inside. Finding one possible solution usually identifies another issue. We are trying many different approaches to ensure that children have sufficient space and time to eat without it negatively affecting their learning time. Please bear with us as we find the best solution.

Reminders

Please remember to send children to school with a coat. If it is light rain we will still send children out at break and lunch time.

We have a number of items of lost property. If your child has lost something please come and have a look in Reception. Please check that all clothing is named.

School Council

Magpies—Alex B, Toby H

Robins—Oscar B, Casey S

Owls—Amber B, Poppy D

Penguins—Noah D, Evie S

Doves—Freya C, Noah B

Kingfishers—Ruby D, Daisy C

Skylarks—Misia B, Anna M

Hérons—Oliver V, Ryan L

Eagles—Bradley Q, Paige G

Congratulations to all our School Council representatives. We are sure you will have a big impact on the school with Mrs. Lacey's support.