



22/03/2024

## Headteacher's Hello

Dear parents and carers,

We had an incredible response for the School Association EGM last night. Thank you to everyone who attended either in person or online, the support from the parent body was clearly evident. The new constitution was passed and the committee voted in. Thank you to the SA and Fr David for all the work that has gone on behind the scenes to get us to this point.

Following consultation with our pupils, parents, staff and governors, we have recently reviewed our school uniform policy. Thank you for your comments; we have taken them all into consideration. Whilst we are not able to accommodate all suggestions, you will see a number of changes based on the feedback we have received. You can find the updated version of the policy on our website by clicking [here](#).

This half term, the School Council have led a review of the names of our school houses. This week children, staff and parents have been voting for their preferred names. Thank you to everyone who voted. The results of the vote were: local parks: 18%, gemstones: 61%, space shuttles: 21%. This means that as of the start of next term, our houses will be named after gemstones and the new house names will be:

- **Ruby House (previously Red House)**
- **Sapphire House (previously Blue House)**
- **Emerald House (previously Green House)**

Talking of houses, our winning house for the highest number of rewards this term is Red House. As a reward, all the children in Red House can wear their own clothes to school on Thursday 28th March (please no dressing-up outfits). Well done everyone in Red House!

A big well done to the children in Year 3 who performed a super class assembly for us yesterday morning. They kept us entertained and informed about all the learning that they have been doing this half-term about the Ancient Egyptians. They looked wonderful in their Ancient Egyptian outfits and the Ancient Egyptian death masks they have created in their art lessons looked sensational. Thank you to Miss Lawrence, Mrs Kelly and Miss Poole, for all their hard work behind the scenes in helping the children to prepare for their assembly.

Next week is the last week of term. We hope you will be able to join us for our Easter Service led by Fr John, which will be held at St. Augustine's Church on Wednesday 27th March at 10.30am.

And finally, today we say goodbye to Mrs Chawla as she begins her maternity leave. We send all good wishes to her and her family at this special time, and we look forward to hearing of the arrival of their new little bundle of joy in the weeks to come.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Macklearn





# Newsletter

## School News & Attendance

### Attendance

Next week is our last week of term, however it is still important that the children are in school every day that they are well enough to be during next week. We have a number of fun and important activities taking place, including our end of term Easter service and it would be a shame for them to miss out.

Friendship, 97.33%, Endurance 100%, Peace 99.33%  
Forgiveness 97.00%, Reverence 94.00%, Service 98.00 %  
and Justice 89.66%.

### Curriculum information for next half term

You can find out what your child will be learning about next half term by visiting the curriculum page on our [website](#).



### Class texts

For next term, the key texts for classes are listed below. We do have a supply of these books in school for use in class, but it is very helpful if your child is able to have their own copy. If your child has had their own copy of a class text during the autumn or spring term and no longer has a use for it, please consider donating it to our school supplies for future classes to use – thank you.

	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 2	The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl
Year 3	The Iron Man – Ted Hughes	Planet Omar: Unexpected Super Spy – Zanib Mian
Year 4	Tom’s Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce	Who Let the Gods Out? – Maz Evans
Year 5	Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo	Children of the Benin Kingdom - Dinah Orji
Year 6	Holes – Louis Sachar	Coming to England – Floella Benjamin

Year R and Year 1 will read a range of picture books over the course of the term. There is not a need for them to have their own copy of the book, but they are welcome to bring one in if they have it.

## School Trips

Unless otherwise stated, children should wear school uniform for school visits (this includes school shoes). Children should bring a bag (school bag or other) to carry their packed lunch and water bottle in. If details vary to this they will be provided below within the specific trip section.

### Years 2 - 6

Year 2 – 6 will be going to Turing House School to watch Shrek the Musical on Tuesday 26th March 1.15pm – 3pm. **We need some parent volunteers to help accompany the classes; please contact the office if you are able to help.** Many thanks, Miss Sweeney

### Easter Service at St Augustine’s Church

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March we will hold our end of term Easter Service at St Augustine’s Church, led by Father John. The service will start promptly at 10:30am if you would like to join. **We will need some adult volunteers to help us walk to and from the church (approx. 09:45 – 11:30am). If you’re available that morning please get in touch with the school office.**

### Year 3

Visiting British Museum on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Payment and permission will be live on the SCOPAY system from the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, please ensure your payment and permission is complete by the 5<sup>th</sup> April. Children will need a packed lunch.

### Year 1

Y1 will be visiting Heathfield Rec on **Friday 26th April** from 9:30-11:00 as part of their curriculum observing seasonal change. **We require some adult volunteers for this trip. Please email the school office ASAP if you can help, thank you.**

### Year 5 and 6 Residential Trips 2024 – 25, and beyond

At our recent parent forum, the issue of the increasing costs for children attending both the Isle of Wight residential visit in Year 5 and the Bowles Rocks residential visit in Year 6 visits was raised. Whilst the prices of these visits are dictated to us by the companies that run them, there are some things we can do to limit the costs by changing the extent to which we engage in these visits.

We are asking parents of children who may partake in these visits at some point over the new few years to give us their views as to what (if any) changes we could make, that could help to reduce costs. Please click [here](#) to complete the survey by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any questions about this, please see Miss Macklearn.



# Newsletter

## School uniform

Our new school uniform policy will be implemented from the start of next term. We encourage you to read it before purchasing any new items over the holidays. We very much appreciate your support in helping your child adhere to the policy. A few reminders that can help:

- No trainers please, unless it's a PE day
- No jewellery except for a wrist watch and single stud earrings (unless for religious reasons)
- Smart watches are not permitted
- Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted and children will be asked to remove it if they are wearing it to school
- Outdoor coats to be of a dark colour; hats and scarves to be plain and dark colour
- For health and safety reasons, long hair must always be tied back and hair accessories kept to a minimum and of school colours
- For safety reasons, children are not permitted to have key rings, bag tags or other accessories attached to their school bag other than reflective safety tags

Thank you for your support with this.

## Safeguarding, Wellbeing & Inclusion

### Mental Health Support Team Networking Coffee Mornings

The next MHST Wellbeing Coffee Morning will be on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March 08:45 – 09:30am in the school library. Please sign up [here](#) and come along to share experiences and ideas. All are welcome. Miss McAvoy (Inclusion Leader and SENCo), Mrs Rogerson (Wellbeing Officer and Arleta (Children's Wellbeing Practitioner)

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March 08:45 – 09:30am in the school library.



## Celebrations and Achievements

Celebration certificates:

CLASS	
Friendship	Ari
Endurance	Noah
Peace	Anthony
Forgiveness	Elodie
Reverence	Sienna
Service	Isabella
Justice	Oliver

## And finally...

### Extra-curricular clubs

As mentioned in our email earlier on this week, extra-curricular clubs will go live on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at midday.

Within the documents the JA Sports Summer Sports Club had incorrectly mentioned football, this club will consist of: cricket, rounders and athletics and run for 11 sessions.

### End of term school closes early

Next Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> March) is the last day of term. School closes at 1.30pm.

# Measles cases are rising

## Are you fully protected?

You need two doses of the MMR vaccine to be fully vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella.

**To book an appointment,  
call 020 3691 1019**



**Search HRCH Children's  
Immunisations for more information**

# Easter Rugby Camp

Contact, non-contact & touch rugby games  
All abilities and strengths catered for  
Boys and girls both welcome

**2<sup>nd</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**9<sup>th</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> April**



Richmond  
Rugby

Children Aged 5-16

From 9:00 to 15:00 each day

Members and non-members welcome

Strength and conditioning for u13+



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book your child a  
spot!



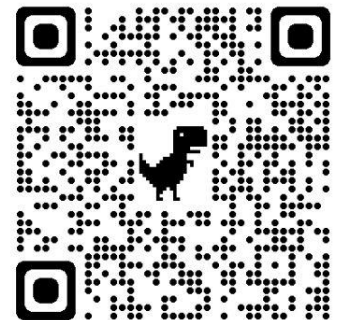
Richmond Rugby, Richmond Athletic Ground, Twickenham Road, Richmond TW9 2SF

Email: [communityteam@richmondfc.co.uk](mailto:communityteam@richmondfc.co.uk) Phone: 07436 542895

# actfirst drama



**Drama classes for 7-14 year olds**  
**St James's Church Hall, Hampton Hill TW12 1DQ**  
**Wednesday evenings**  
**school years 3-6, 3.45pm - 5pm**  
**school year 7 plus 5pm - 6.15pm**  
**email [sarah@actfirstdrama.co.uk](mailto:sarah@actfirstdrama.co.uk)**  
**visit [www.actfirstdrama.co.uk](http://www.actfirstdrama.co.uk)**  
**or scan the QR code**





# JOIN HOME-START'S VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Do you have parenting experience and a few hours spare each week? Local charity Home-Start is offering a free volunteer training course to provide emotional and practical support to parents with pre-school children facing challenging times.

**Interested?** Contact Erin Laybourne  
erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161.

Registered charity no: 1108975.



## HAMPTON WICK



**THURSDAYS, 9TH MAY - 20TH JUNE**  
(NOT HALF TERM 30TH MAY)



**9:45AM - 2:30PM**

# *Easter Holiday Cooking Classes*

**BREAD BAKING, COOKIE & CAKE BAKING,  
FOODY GAMES. PRIZES, GOODY BAGS**

**TUESDAY 9 APRIL 10.30AM - 2.30PM ESHER  
WED 10 APRIL 10.30 - 2.30PM TEDDINGTON**

**5-12 YEARS.**

**BOOK AT [WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/SASSYSTIRRERS](http://WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/SASSYSTIRRERS)  
PH 07789 792 676 FOR MORE DETAILS**



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