



DIARY – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018

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| Monday 19 th February | 3.45-4.30pm Y6 SATs Parents' Meeting |
| w/c 19 th February | X Factor Class Auditions |
| Thursday 22 nd February | 3.45-4.30pm Y2 SATs Parents' Meeting |
| Friday 23 rd February | Choir Performance – Early Years' Conference at Cast Theatre (lunchtime) |
| Monday 26 th February | 3.45-4.30pm Y1 Phonics Parents' Meeting |
| Monday 26 th February | X Factor 2 nd Round of Auditions |
| Wednesday 28 th February | Nursery only – World Book Day |
| Thursday 1 st March | World Book Day – Reception/KS1/KS2 |
| Friday 2 nd March | KS2 Richmond Hill Spelling Bee Final |
| Monday 5 th March | Y6 Visit to Crucial Crew |
| Friday 9 th March | Y4 Visit to Doncaster Museum |
| Tuesday 13 th March | Reception Visit to Hill House School |
| Tuesday 13 th March | Y6 Visit to Grimm & Co (1 st group) |
| Wednesday 14 th March | Y6 Visit to Grimm & Co (2 nd group) |
| Friday 16 th March | X Factor Live Final |
| Friday 16 th March | Choir Competition – Don Valley Festival (early evening) |
| Monday 19 th March | 2.30-3.15pm KS2 Easter Performance including X Factor winning acts – parents invited |
| Tuesday 20 th March | Toffee Music |
| Wednesday 21 st March | 11.45am-12.00 noon Nursery Easter Songs in the nursery classroom – parents invited |
| Wednesday 21 st March | 3.05pm-3.20pm Nursery Easter Songs in the nursery classroom – parents invited |
| Thursday 22 nd March | KS2 pupils to bring their entries in to school for the Easter Egg Competition |
| Thursday 22 nd March | 3.40-4.00pm Parents' Viewing of Easter Egg competition entries – parents invited |
| Thursday 22 nd March | KS2 Inter-School Spelling Bee Final at Stocksbridge Junior School |
| Thursday 22 nd March | KS1 Richmond Hill Spelling Bee Final |
| Friday 23 rd March | 9.00am-9.15am Parents' Viewing of Easter Egg competition entries – parents invited |
| Friday 23 rd March | 9.15am-9.45am Reception/KS1 Easter Hat Parade including X Factor winning acts – parents invited |
| Friday 23 rd March | Y6 Magic Theatre Co perform The Hobbit (2.00pm-3.30pm) |
| Friday 23 rd March | KS2 Easter Egg competition judging and results |

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Easter Chocolate Raffle

Raffle tickets at 50p for 5 tickets will be available at the Easter Performances. Wonderful chocolate prizes to be won. If you would like to donate a chocolate prize please send it to the Academy Office before the draw on Friday 23rd March.

KS2 Easter Performance and X Factor Winners' Performance

Parents are invited to the KS2 Easter Performance and X Factor Winners' Performance in the main school hall on **Monday 19th March 2.30pm-3.15pm (approx.)**

Nursery Easter Songs

Nursery pupils are invited to make an Easter Hat for Wednesday 21st March. Parents are invited to the Nursery classroom to listen to our Easter songs at the following times:-

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| Beginning of Week Nursery | Wednesday 21st March at 11.45am-12.00noon |
| End of Week Nursery/All Day | Wednesday 21st March at 3.05pm-3.20pm |

Easter Egg Competition for Key Stage 2 Pupils (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)

Thursday 22nd March - KS2 pupils are invited to enter the KS2 Easter Egg Competition and bring their decorated Easter Eggs into school for displaying ready for the competition which takes place the following day.

Thursday 22nd March between 3.40pm-4.00pm AND Friday 23rd March between 9.00am-9.15am - Parents' Viewing of the KS2 Easter Egg Competition. Parents are invited to come into school to look at all the fabulous entries before judging takes place. **Friday 23rd March** - Judging of the KS2 Easter Egg Competition will take place during the day.

Easter Hat Parade for Reception and KS1 (Y1&Y2) Pupils and X Factor Winners' Performance

Pupils are invited to make an Easter Hat to bring into school on Friday 23rd March. Parents are invited to the Parade in the main school hall which takes place on **Friday 23rd March - 9.15am-9.45am. (approx.)**

WORLD BOOK DAY – NON-UNIFORM DAY

World Book Day is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the wonders of reading to all our pupils.

We look forward to another exciting World Book Day 2018 at Richmond Hill and would like our pupils to come to school on that day dressed as their favourite book character – or in non-uniform.

If your child is coming to school dressed as a book character please remember to avoid anything which may hinder their ability to enjoy the day and not forgetting sensible shoes and a suitable coat.

A Book Token will be given to all pupils for a free World Book Day book, or £1 off any book worth £2.99 or more, to be redeemed from bookshops supporting the promotion.

RECEPTION/KS1/KS2 - WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 1ST MARCH 2018

- ❖ This year's theme is 'Share a Story'. Children will have the opportunity to read to their class or to a child in a younger year group. They can bring in their favourite story to share (please ensure their name is written inside the book) or use a book from school.
- ❖ We will also be having a Sponsored Read. We would like to encourage our pupils to read for a full hour on World Book Day (this will be in a number of slots for our younger children) and to collect as many sponsors as they can. We are aiming to raise money to go towards class sets of reading books.

A sponsor form has been distributed to pupils and we would really appreciate it if any sponsorship money collected could be sent to the Academy Office by Friday 9th March 2018.

We have Kindles as prizes for the top fundraiser in Reception/KS1 and also in KS2 - so please ensure any money collected is returned with the sponsor form in an envelope

NURSERY - WORLD BOOK DAY – WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2018

Our Nursery World Book Day will be held on **Wednesday 28th February 2018**.

- ❖ We would like to invite our Nursery pupils to come to school on that day dressed as their favourite book character, or in non-uniform.

X FACTOR

Auditions will start after half term for our annual X Factor competition. Pupils from Reception to Y6 with a special talent for dancing, singing, magic tricks, telling jokes etc are welcome to enter.

- The class rounds of auditions will take place during w/c 19th February in front of their teacher and the rest of their class.
- The acts going through to the second round of auditions will perform in front of a small panel of judges at lunch time on Monday 26th February.
- The acts then proceeding to the live finals will take to the stage in front of the judges and an audience of pupils in the hall on Friday 16th March 2018.
- The top 3 X Factor winning acts will then be showcased to parents at our Easter celebrations.

SPORT RELIEF 2018

Pupils will be involved in various sporting activities during w/c 19th March as part of their PE sessions.

We will be co-ordinating any donations pupils may wish to make to the Sport Relief charity.

KS2 SPELLING BEE 2018

Since September, pupils in KS2 have been working incredibly hard each week to learn spellings for their weekly tests. To celebrate this fantastic effort, we are holding Richmond Hill's fourth annual Spelling Bee!

Your child was given an age appropriate list of words to learn. Several of these words have been selected from the National Curriculum's list of key spellings, many are from spelling patterns that children have been learning this year and others are slightly more tricky words. Children in KS2 have received the spellings appropriate to their year in addition to the spelling list from each year before them. Although this might seem like a lot of words (especially for children in upper KS2), the words from the preceding years will be familiar to your child.

In January, children were tested on 100 of these words at random in class. Every child will be awarded a special certificate for their participation and there will be medals awarded to the highest scoring children from each class. The four highest scoring children from each year group have progressed to the semi-final.

On Thursday 8th February the Y3/Y4 semi-final and the Y5/Y6 semi-final will take place in the main school hall in front of a school audience. Again, the five highest scorers from each event will qualify for the Richmond Hill final to be held on Friday 2nd March 2018 and awarded medals. The top three winners from this event will then go forward to the South Yorkshire Spelling Bee Grand Final.

The South Yorkshire Spelling Bee Grand Final against other schools in the South Yorkshire area will take place at Stocksbridge Junior School on Thursday 22nd March 2018 during which we will crown the South Yorkshire Spelling Bee Champion 2018!

KS1 SPELLING BEE 2018

Since September, pupils in KS1 have been working incredibly hard each week to learn spellings for their weekly tests. To celebrate this fantastic effort, we are holding Richmond Hill's fourth annual Spelling Bee!

Your child was given an age appropriate list of words to learn. Several of these words have been selected from the National Curriculum's list of key spellings, many are from spelling patterns that children have been learning this year and others are slightly more tricky words.

In January, children were tested on 100 of these words at random in class. Every child will be awarded a special certificate for their participation and there will be medals awarded to the highest scoring children from each class. The four highest scoring children from each year group have progressed to the semi-final.

The semi-final will take place on Thursday 8th February. The four highest scorers will then qualify for the Richmond Hill KS1 Spelling Bee Final and awarded medals.

The KS1 final will take place in the hall on Thursday 22nd March during which we will crown the KS1 Richmond Hill Spelling Bee Champion 2018!