


DIARY DATES – AUTUMN HALF TERM
September-October 2018

Monday	22 nd October	2.30pm-3.20pm approx	KS2 Harvest Festival
Tuesday	23 rd October	3.40pm-6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday	25 th October	9.15am-10.00am approx	Reception/KS1 Harvest Festival

STAFFING

We would like to say a fond farewell and a big thank you to Miss Bouttell in Year 1 who will be joining Crowle Primary (a member of our Rose Learning Trust of schools) from September.

Also a heartfelt goodbye to Ms Buchanan who is embarking on a new career – we wish her the very best in her new endeavour.

Mrs Dugdale is now on maternity leave through to January – we are pleased to announce the arrival earlier this week of a beautiful little girl.

Mrs Cousins and Miss Knott will also be taking maternity leave returning in April 2019. We look forward to meeting their new additions.

NEW APPOINTMENTS/CHANGES

Y1 – Mrs Elmore (formerly Miss Weilant) begins her teaching career at Richmond Hill in September

Y4 – Mrs Taylor – we welcome the return of Mrs Taylor to cover maternity leave

Y2 - Miss Faley is moving from her teaching assistant role in school to ITT Student Teacher

F2 - Mrs Ogden joins us as ITT Student Teacher

Ms Gorman – appointed as Business Manager

The following staff have new additional responsibilities in school

Y5 – Mrs Millar – Phase Leader for Upper Key Stage 2

Y6 – Mr Lodge – Director of English Y2-Y6

F2 – Miss Johnson – Director of Early Reading FS/Y1

Y2 – Mrs Dutton – Director of Teacher Development

SUMMER BREAK

We would like to thank all of you for your continued support throughout this last academic year and hope everyone has a happy and safe summer.

Best wishes and Bon Voyage to our Year 6 pupils who are moving onto secondary school.

Friday 20th July at 3.30pm - School closes for the summer

Monday 23rd July – disaggregated Training Day – school closed

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September – Training Days – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 5th September – School re-opens to pupils

(Nursery & Reception Pupils – staggered start dates between 5th-10th September)

Non-Validated Outcomes 2018

Richmond Hill's non-validated outcomes for 2018 in EYFS, Y1 Phonics, KS1 SATs and KS2 SATs will shortly be available on our website. We are delighted that our outcomes across the school are positive and reflect the pupils' hard work and the dedication of all the staff across the year.

Well done Richmond Hill!

Pupil Attendance and Punctuality Policy

We are pleased to inform you that our whole school percentage attendance for this academic year is currently 96.5%. Working in collaboration with Ridgewood school and all other primary schools in the Ridgewood pyramid, we have launched a joint attendance strategy. This will include a shared attendance policy. We want to continue to improve the attendance of all pupils who attend Richmond Hill and need your help in doing so. A letter about the policy and individual pupil attendance information was distributed yesterday in named envelopes. A copy of the Pupil Attendance and Punctuality Policy is available on our website/app.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Our summer reading challenge has been launched this week to encourage pupils to read during the summer holidays. Information was distributed earlier this week to pupils.

LOST PROPERTY

All named lost property will be returned to their owners by the end of today. Please call in to the Academy Office during the first week back in September to look through any unnamed unclaimed items before they are sent for recycling on 7th September.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are aware that social media is a useful tool that parents use to communicate. However, social media is not a vehicle to discuss negatively school policy or staff. If you have concerns with any aspect of your child's education or learning, you should contact the class teacher/Academy through methods recognised as appropriate.

INCREASE IN COST OF SCHOOL LUNCH

We would like to inform parents that the cost of a school lunch will be increasing to £2.30 daily from 1st September 2018. A number of primary schools in our area have made the decision to increase the cost of their lunches to £2.50 daily.

Please remember that new Y3 pupils in September are not eligible for UFSM (Universal Free School Meals) which they were entitled to during their time in KS1.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Confirmation of places for after school clubs starting in September 2018 will be sent out by 27th July. Payments should be made by 24th August.

SCHOOL UNIFORM/EXTREMES OF HAIR/EARRINGS

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Academy's policy on the dress code. This prepares pupils for the expectations of formal uniform in secondary phase.

General Dress

Black or Grey Trousers or Skirt/Pinafore Dress

Blue Sweatshirt or Blue Cardigan

White Blouse or White Polo Top

Plain Black Shoes/Plain Black Trainers/Black Sandals – **all footwear should be black, flat, sensible and safe.**

Extremes of Fashion/Hair

At the discretion of the Principal/Senior Leadership Team, extremes of hair style/colour are not allowed. (Lines/shapes or patterns cut into hair and extreme hair colours are classed as 'extremes' as are braids/corn rows).

Earrings/Jewellery

Earrings and other jewellery (except a simple watch) are not to be worn at school. If pupils come to school wearing jewellery we ask them to remove it themselves which may lead to accidental loss. For this reason it is much simpler if jewellery is not worn to school. If ears are newly pierced, pupils will be monitored and then we will ask them to remove earrings after six weeks. Earrings must be covered with tape during this six week period for health and safety reasons.

(Note:- please ensure any ear piercing is carried out during the long summer break to ensure earrings can be removed in September. Parents may be interested to note that Ridgewood School currently operates a zero tolerance policy on earrings which states that no earrings at any time are permitted.)

Make-up and Nail Varnish/Nail Art/Children's Temporary Tattoos

Make-up/nail varnish/nail art/children's temporary tattoos – must not be worn in school.

Thank you in advance for your continued support for ensuring our pupils are smart and ready for learning.