



16th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

CHRISTMAS 2022 AT RICHMOND HILL

We know at Richmond Hill, Christmas is a time where the whole of our community comes together to celebrate and we are busy planning lots of Christmas activities, treats and fun for our children and community. Therefore, below you'll find an outline of events and activities the children will be involved in, along with dates to enable you to prepare in advance. We are so excited that our performances in person will be returning and our children can't wait to see family and friends in school.

Christmas Wonderland (Shhhh) Thursday 1st December - Our fantastic light switch on is scheduled for 1st December where Richmond Hill will burst into the Christmas spirit. There may be a number of special visitors on the KS1 and KS2 yards.

From **Thursday 1st December** - We will be holding a daily 10 minute zoom advent opening for our children which will outline the festive activities they will be involved in. These will be revealed on a daily basis, as if opening an advent calendar – so again we don't want to spoil all the surprises that await, but there are some you need to be aware of in advance.

Thursday 1st December

Richmond Hill Primary Academy **Choir Christmas Performance** at the Dome.

Friday 2nd December

We will be holding a **Chocolate Raffle**, tickets cost 50p each, proceeds towards school funds. There will be draws in each year group, if your child would like to buy raffle tickets then money can be sent to classes in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and amount on any time up to the 2nd.

Christmas Performances

All performances will be held in the hall accessed via the main school entrance - doors open 15 minutes before performance time. As performances are in year groups there will be adequate space if you want to bring along other family members. On entry any prams/pushchairs will be directed to a storage area near to the office. If any adults attending any of the performances require disabled access to the hall please contact a member of the Academy Office no later than the day before. All performances will be 45 mins approx.

Important notice:- Photographs may be taken for personal use only. At the end of each performance there will be a photo opportunity which can be posted to social

media. Pupils without consent will be removed from the stage. If you have not already done so, please ensure you access your Arbor Parent Portal to confirm your photograph permissions.

Monday 5th December

Christmas Performances

9.00am Christmas Performance – Year 3
10.30am Christmas Performance - Reception
1.00pm Christmas Performance – Year 4
2.15pm Christmas Performance – Year 6

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Name the Reindeer, tickets cost 50p each, proceeds towards school funds. If your child would like to buy a ticket then money can be sent to classes in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and amount on any time up to the 5th.

Tuesday 6th December

Christmas Performances

9.00am Christmas Performance – Year 2
10.30am Christmas Performance – Year 1
2.15pm Christmas Performance – Year 5

Wednesday 7th December

Nursery Christmas Performance

11.00am Christmas Performance for **ALL** nursery children with a final rehearsal taking place during the morning session.

Beginning of week nursery children should come into school for 8.35am as normal.

Parents are invited to join us at 11.00am for the performance in the hall. At the end of the performance the beginning of week children will leave with their parents via the main school entrance.

End of week nursery children should come into school for 8.35am to be able to participate in the final rehearsals taking place during the morning and will stay with us for lunch on this day only, finishing at 3.00pm as usual (please remember to book your child's extra lunch on the Wednesday or send them with a packed lunch if that is their primary meal choice). Parents are invited to join us for the 11.00am performance.

30 hours nursery children – should come into school for 8.35am as normal with the usual 3.00pm finish times with lunch time arrangements unaffected. Parents are invited to join us for the 11.00am performance.

Wednesday 7th December

Year 1 and Year 2 visit to the Cast Theatre to watch an exciting performance of **Sleeping Beauty**.

Friday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day – All children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers/t-shirts or non-uniform and make a donation to the NSPCC **via Parentpay** and we will send on our Richmond Hill total direct to the charity.

Santa Dash - Weather permitting, Mr Burke and Mrs Scanlon have organised a separate Santa Dash for each year group (Reception to Y6). Children will change into

their trainers from their PE kit already in school, but are also invited to wear a Santa hat or other festive headwear.

Monday 12th December

Hot/Cold Drink & Cookies Morning Break for KS1/Reception pupils – Tickets cost £1 payable **via Parentpay no later than 7th December 2022** (warm ‘hot’ chocolate or jingleberry juice).

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All aboard for the Polar Express!

We would like to invite children from KS1 (Y1-Y2) and KS2 (Y3-Y6) to our Christmas Cinema Experience to watch a screening of Polar Express, dressed snugly in their PJs/dressing gowns. Tickets costs £2.50 which includes entry to the screening plus a hot dog/popcorn and a drink bookable **via Parentpay no later than 7th December 2022**. This event will take place from 3.00pm-5.00pm, children should bring their PJs in a named bag on the morning of the 12th. At the end of the performance KS1 children will leave via Y2 classroom doors and KS2 will exit school via the KS2 gate. Children not attending this event will leave school at their usual time via their normal exit.

Please also complete the form via the following link to confirm who will be collecting your child at 5.00pm – please note Y5/Y6 children will not be allowed to walk home alone from school at this late time.

<https://forms.office.com/r/brsCfZMDEF>

Tuesday 13th December

Hot/Cold Drink & Cookies Morning Break for KS2 pupils – Tickets cost £1 payable **via Parentpay no later than 7th December 2022**. (warm ‘hot’ chocolate or jingleberry juice).

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas lunch is served to the children, this is open to **all** children even if your child normally has packed lunches you can choose to book them a Christmas lunch just for that one day **via Parentpay** as usual.

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Party Afternoon – Children can attend school in party dress **all day** to minimise changing, with lots of games and activities. We invite pupils to bring in an individualised box of party treats for their own consumption, but please remember they will have already had lunch. Please ensure your child’s name is on the container along with ‘Christmas Party’. Sensible footwear with their usual warm coat is advised as children will still be going outside for break/lunch time.

Nursery Christmas Parties - Beginning of the week children will have their party in the morning and end of the week children in the afternoon. Children attending all day (30 hrs) will join in with both parties with staff ensuring their party treats are enjoyed across the day without affecting their lunch.

Thursday 15th December

Christmas Fayre

Children from Reception to Year 6 will be invited to enjoy the wonders of our Christmas Fayre in the hall during the school day where there will be lots of amusement games and stalls like splat the rat, hoopla, hook a duck and many many

more attractions for everyone to enjoy. If your child would like to participate you may purchase tickets **via Parentpay no later than 7th December 2022** - £1 for 5 tickets or £2 for 10 tickets. Anyone with a win on any of the games will be given a winner's token to be exchanged at Santa's Shop.

Friday 16th December

Fun **Christmas Games** in classrooms in the afternoon will mark the end of our Christmas activities. Children in KS1/KS2 are allowed to bring a toy or a game to school, one which doesn't make too much noise and doesn't have too many small pieces. Please make sure items are clearly marked with your child's name on. It is advisable not to allow them to bring expensive or irreplaceable items, as the school cannot be held responsible for breakages and losses. Children in Nursery and Reception do not need to bring their own toys, as games and activities will be arranged by their class teachers.

KS2 children can bring electronic devices/games consoles but only if accompanied by permission from parents written in your child's diary – however, recharging of electronic devices/consoles is not allowed on school premises. Please note:- electronic devices/games consoles must not be used to record videos, take photos, access chat rooms/social networking sites or send messages.

Christmas Holiday

School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 16th December 2022

School Re-opens on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

We wish to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Debbie Secker
Principal

