



RICHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PARENTAL UPDATE LETTER 13-10-23

Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher: Miss A. Haslam

Designated Governor for Child Protection: Mrs. E. Newport

Principal: Mr. M. Hall

Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs. L. Whitford

Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Mrs. D. Kennedy

Children are made aware that there is always an adult in the school who will listen to any worries they may have.

Please remind your child of this.



The Defibrillator is located in the school staffroom.

Richmount PS is a NUT FREE school!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the February half-term break, I wish to draw your attention to the following points:

❖ **Half-term Break**

- School will close for the half-term break on **Friday 27th October at 12 noon** and will reopen on Monday 6th November.



❖ **Parental Interviews**

Parental interviews will take place on **Mon 6th – Wed 8th November** through Schoolcloud.

School will finish at 1pm for all pupils on these days.

Dinner will be served as usual before pupils go home. Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration and parents can logon using the following link: <https://richmount.schoolcloud.co.uk> in order to book an appointment with their child's teacher.

The site becomes live for bookings from 8.00 am on Monday 16th Oct and closes at 5.00 pm on Thursday 26th Oct.

Please ensure that you have booked your appointment within this time frame as appointments cannot be put on the system retrospectively.

❖ PTA Halloween Disco




The PTA Halloween Disco will be taking place on Thursday 26th October 2023 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Tickets cost £3. Those attending are encouraged to dress-up, though this is not essential.

❖ Book Week 2023 “Our Big Read!”

Reading for Pleasure - The Power of Fiction in partnership with The Open University
BOOK WEEK NI
Monday 16 October 7:00pm – 7:45pm

To explore why we love reading, we need to offer stories that entertain and recognise the power of fiction. Drawing on the research and expertise Professor Teresa Creaven from The Open University will highlight the myriad academic, social and emotional benefits of reading for young adults in terms of the key tips for engaging children in the world of books, as well as useful book recommendations. The event is suitable for teachers and parents, and anyone interested in developing a love of reading in the young.

This is an online event



Admission is free - booking essential to book, visit tinyurl.com/LN8WNI161023



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Book Week NI is an eagerly anticipated annual week-long celebration of books, reading and libraries, and the Education Authority wants our school to get involved.

This year, in addition to an exciting programme of events planned for the week, we are particularly thrilled to announce ‘Our Big Read’ as a central part of the celebrations. ‘Our Big Read’ is an opportunity for children, teachers, and parents/carers alike to immerse themselves in the joy of reading.

To join in, simply read a book of your choice and then share your reading journey with others. This can be done in various ways, such as engaging in lively discussions as a school class, older children delighting younger ones with captivating tales, or even reading as a family.


Taking just 15 minutes out of a busy schedule to read can make such a positive difference as there are many benefits to be gained from reading. That’s why our goal this week is to encourage children and adults to read for fun. Once you discover the joy of a good book, you won’t be able to put it down!

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY DAY!
Wednesday 18th October 2023
for
BOOK WEEK NI



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❖ P7 Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning Friday 20th October 2023
9.45am – 11.45am
Proceeds in aid of the Mandeville Unit at Craigavon Area Hospital
Everyone is most welcome!

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



❖ Football Festival

The school will be competing in the MUSFA autumn festival at Drumgor PS on Friday 20th October from 12.30pm – 3.00pm. The team will be announced closer to the date.



❖ Tag Rugby

Pupils in P6 & P7 will be taking part in two Tag Rugby sessions on Wednesday 18th and 25th October between 1.00pm and 1.45pm. Sessions will be taken by Mr. Alastair Toal (Portadown RFC). A team of boys and girls will then be taking part in a Tag Rugby Blitz at Portadown RFC on Friday 27th October from 10.00 am – 12 noon.



This links perfectly with the P7 WAU topic on the Rugby World Cup.

Yours sincerely,

M. Hall (Principal)