



RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

Spring Newsletter 5, 8th March 2024

Greetings from Richmond Avenue

Richmond Avenue Road—Reopened

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the community that have supported the school in the last few months whilst Richmond Avenue has been closed for the Gas Works. We appreciate that it has affected all of us in regards to entering and exiting the school and the road itself.

We would also like to say thank you to our wonderful church family, Shoburyness and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church for your ongoing support of the school; we are so grateful for your generosity and kindness.

Science week/Fair

On Friday 15th March we will be holding a science fair in and outside the school canteen from 3pm, where there will be a range of project's and experiments planned and created by students and parents working together. Please ensure all projects are safe (no fire), and you have returned the slip by Monday to confirm your space. No applications will be accepted after Monday 11th March.

Red Nose Day

For a donation of £1 per child, we would like to invite you to dress **RED** for this years Red Nose Day fundraising on Friday 15th March. There is no need to buy anything new, just put on as much red as you can, red hair, accessories and clothes !!!

Parent/Teacher consultations

Please ensure you go onto the My Child At School App to book in your parent consultations appointments. Sessions were released on Monday and are on a first come, first serve basis.

Nursery

The online application for funding for the summer term and the latest funding form must be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. The deadline for returning the applications is **29th March 2024.**

Please also be aware that if your child is due in for a session but will not be attending for whatever reason, you must contact the school office or leave a voicemail so we can amend the register accordingly.

My Child At School

Please ensure you regularly check the My Child At School App for any messages, letters or announcements as this is the best way to keep updated with any school events or contact with parents.

Easter is coming...

Our annual easter egg raffle is approaching, we would appreciate donations of eggs (none with nuts please) into the school office. Raffle tickets will be available for sale week beginning 18th March. Thank you for your ongoing support to the school and PTA.

*Be Kind, Be Safe,
Be Responsible,
Enjoy Learning*

Be an attendance
HERO!

Here 
Everyday
Ready
On time



*Well done
Grasshoppers & NP3
for having the
highest attendance
this week!!!*

*Well done for being
in school
consistently—and
well done to all
those in school in
time*



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're writing to clarify our policy on mobile phones at school following recent discussions. Whilst we understand the importance of communication, we have concerns about phones (including smart watches) being brought onto school grounds without permission.

Years R-4:

- **No mobile phones or smart watches on school premises.** This includes the paths, fields and playground. We believe this fosters a distraction-free learning environment and promotes social interaction.

Year 5&6 students:

- **May bring a phone to hand in to their teacher upon arrival, only if walking home alone.** This requires written parental permission.
- **Phones must be turned off during school hours** as soon as pupils step through the gates and not turned on again until pupils have left the school site (ie *not* on the playground).
- **As a reminder**, children under 13 should not have Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp or Tiktok.
- **School is not responsible for lost or damaged devices.**

Please note:

- Phones brought without permission will be confiscated and returned later, with possible additional consequences.
- Consider if your child truly needs a phone at school. Other arrangements, like being picked up, might be more effective.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring a safe and focused learning environment for all students. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further clarification.



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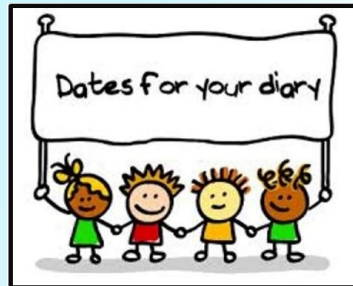
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Dates for the Diary

- **WB 11th March**—Science Week
- **Friday 15th March**—Science Fair (Parents and children work together to create and present, please return your application to the school office as soon as possible if you have not already done so and would like to take part)
 - Red Nose Day—**Go Red** for Comic Relief!
- **WB 18th March**—Parent teacher consultation meetings
- **Wednesday 20th March**—After school parent teacher consultations meetings
- **Tuesday 26th March**—Year 2 Trip to Scotts Garden Centre
- **Thursday 28th March**—
 - Easter Bonnet Parade— get creating and make your own bonnet to wear at the parade.
 - Easter Egg Raffle
 - Year 2 Trip to Scotts Garden Centre
 - Last day of term (Normal finish time for all pupils)

***** Easter Break: 29th March—12th April *****

***** Children return to school: Monday 15th April *****

SECAT

Southend East Community Academy



SECAT Academy Committee - Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint new representatives for our **Academy Committees** who can make a real difference to the future life chances of young people in our Trust and communities.

Our mission is to achieve outstanding outcomes for the young people in our community by providing an engaging, challenging and linear learning experience from age 2–18, that equips them to live happy and successful lives.

We are looking to further strengthen our Academy Committees to support Headteachers and staff in continuing to achieve outstanding outcomes. The Academy Committees report to the Trust Board. Their work is vital for the Trust Board to plan strategically for the development of the Trust.

Academy Committees hold a monitoring role in three key areas: Special Educational Needs (SEN), Curriculum and Community Relations.

You do not need to be a parent or carer of a child at any of the schools within our Trust. You may already be a member of an Academy Committee within the Trust and would be willing to support additional Academy Committees also.

We are looking for someone willing to bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role, and who will broaden the diversity of thinking on the Academy Committee.

We welcome applications from anyone regardless of their age, experience, disability, ethnicity, heritage, sexuality, gender and socio-economic background.

Please contact the Trust Governance Manager: katylove@secat.co.uk for more information, an application pack and to arrange a suitable time to talk.

For more information about SECAT, please visit: www.secat.co.uk

SECAT is committed to safeguarding the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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