

### **Educational Trips and Visits**

At Richard Hill the children will regularly visit church and they will go to an additional place of worship across the year. They will go on walks around the local area. There is one class trip a year and a whole school trip. Year 6 go on a residential each year. Information about these trips is communicated 6 weeks prior to the event. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

### **Homework**

We have recently reviewed our expectations around homework and this information is available on the school website. We ask that children read and practice their timetables regularly as a minimum. There are additional certificates available for the completion of subject based tasks.

### **Reporting Progress**

We report progress to parents in a range of ways. We have two parents' evenings across the year, an annual school report and for children with special educational needs there are termly reviews. If you would like any more information about your child's progress please feel free to contact the class teacher.

### **Communication with Parents**



We endeavour to give high quality communication to parents as we recognise the contribution they

make to school. We use Class Dojo to celebrate achievements and share class news. Parent Pay is our main source of communication for our fortnightly school bulletin, letters/messages from school and information from the Local Authority. The school office is always available to speak to member of staff or leave a message. Equally Mrs Applebee is happy to speak to any parents if needed.

### **Safeguarding in school**

We all have a responsibility to keep children safe, both at home and in school. If you feel that a child may be at risk of harm but are not sure, then inform a class teacher or one of the safeguarding team immediately. Our DSL's are Mrs Applebee, Mrs Knox, Mr. Burnett and Miss Farrell. They will offer advice and take appropriate action.

### **Special Educational Needs**



AT Richard Hill we pride ourselves on meeting children's individual needs and being very inclusive. Our school SENCO is Mrs Applebee. If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in touch with your class teacher or the school SENCO. More information can be found via the website under the Key Information tab. website about

Further information can be found on the school website regarding school news and each class has a page where information specific to them can be found. Other information you can find on the website is;

- Absences and Holidays
- Ofsted
- Pupil Premium
- Positive Learning Policy (Behaviour)
- Relationships and Sex Education
- Medicines in School
- Charging Policy
- Complaints Procedure

... and much more!

### **Useful telephone numbers:**

**School Office: 0116 2340212**

**Admissions: 0116 454 1009 (option 1)**

## **Richard Hill Church of England Primary School**



## **Prospectus 2021/2022**

**“We shall know them by their fruits.”**



### **Executive Headteacher**

Mrs J Knox

### **Chair of Governors**

Mrs Sharon Deackes

### **Head of School**

Mrs S Applebee

## Welcome!

We would like to wish you a very warm welcome to Richard Hill Primary School. Situated in the heart of Thurcaston we look to combine our Christian Values with our forward-thinking vision for the school.

The children at Richard Hill are a credit to our school. They show our Christian values and excellent learning behaviours in the way that they behave and they work hard.

We hope that this information gives you an insight into our lovely school. For more information please visit our website: [www.richardhillschool.co.uk](http://www.richardhillschool.co.uk)

## A brief history

Richard Hill School was founded in 1715 by the then Rector of Thurcaston, Rev. Richard Hill. Our Founder desired that his school should prepare its scholars for life's opportunities and challenges. Richard Hill saw education as a balance between social, academic and religious learning. We still adhere to his guiding principles – they have served us well for nearly 300 years.

## Our Vision and Values



Our Christian vision which is embedded in the Fruits of the Spirit are the values that we use in all areas of life at Richard Hill. We are a forward-thinking school and use educational research to develop the school

in ways that are most appropriate to our context and our children. We work closely with the Vines Trust.

## Starting at Richard Hill

Whether, your child is starting school in the Reception year or joining us from another school in other year groups, the admissions process is managed by Leicestershire County Council. Details of our latest admissions arrangements and links to relevant

websites can be found on our website via the Key Information tab.

## School Organisation

We currently have 5 classes which are mixed year groups. We have times where year groups are taught discreetly mainly for the core subjects. Children at Richard Hill thrive in these mixed classes learning from each other and developing enhanced social skills by being with children that are different ages.

## School Uniform

We have a clear and universally adopted school uniform at Richard Hill. We feel that the widespread support for this ensures our children look smart and adds to our ethos of high expectations.

Details of the uniform guidance can be found under 'policies' via the Key Information tab and links to the online uniform shop via the Parents tab.

## The School Day

8.40 am School gate opens  
8.45 am School day begins - Registration  
9.00 am First lesson begins  
11.45am Key Stage 1 lunch begins  
12.00 noon Key Stage 2 lunch begins  
12.45/1pm Lunch time ends  
3.20 pm End of school day

## School Meals

Our school meals are provided by Chartwells for £2.34 each day. We are a cashless school and so payment for these can only be made through Parent Pay. Meals have to be ordered in advance. There is a wide range of options on a daily basis with a lot of the food



being prepared freshly on site. There is also a packed lunch option provided. Please be aware that children in Key Stage 1 are able to have Universal Free School meals. We encourage all children to have school meals as it provides a healthy and balanced meal enabling them to learn at their best.

## Curriculum



We are keen to immerse the children in as many books and high-quality texts as possible and follow a novel led approach in English. We have reading lessons every day. In Maths we use Power Maths to develop our mastery skills and for the wider curriculum we block our subjects to get a depth of learning in all areas.

## Religious Education

As a Church of England school, the teaching of Religious Education is a priority for us. The children will have the opportunity to learn about different bible stories in addition to the RE curriculum which is taken from the Leicestershire Scheme for Religious Education and the Understanding Christianity syllabus. We focus on the 6 Big ideas from this framework to embed the children's understanding of Christianity. The 6 Big ideas are; God, Salvation, Resurrection, Gospel, Creation, Incarnation.



## Collective Worship

Collective worship takes place every day and is an important part of school life for us to come together, reflect, pray and respect all faiths and cultures. Teachers, Senior Leaders and our Growing Faith Minister Michael Corner conduct the majority of our collective worship. We also have visitors from other faiths and different speakers to school.

