

Richard Avenue December Newsletter



Guests Cllr Galbraith and George alongside our sea of poppies.

A big welcome back to everyone, especially all our new starters in the Foundation Stage and other new starters throughout the school.

Staff: We are pleased to welcome Miss Scott and Mrs Watson to Year 4. We currently have Mrs Dunn on maternity leave, who is due to give birth very shortly. Mr Williams is covering her maternity leave.

Inset Day School will be closed on **Monday 4th January**

Important Dates:

3 rd December	Choir singing in the Bridges
8 th December	Nursery Christmas celebration 11am, 3pm
10 th December	FS/KS1 Christmas Production- 9.30 and 2.30pm
11 th December	School Reports
15 th December	Singing on the yard - Choir 8.15am, Juniors 3.15pm
16 th December	Choir singing at Thornhill school- evening
17 th December	Christmas Day at RAPS Choir carol singing at Durham Cathedral
18 th December	KS2 - Carol Service 9.15am Break up on Friday 18 th Dec at 2.30pm
Tuesday 5th Jan	Return to School at 8.55am. Breakfast Club open as usual at 8am

Charities:

MacMillan Coffee Morning – a HUGE ‘thank you’ it was a great success raising **£644.35** for a worthy cause.

Children In Need – Fantastic effort in raising a total of **£1165.52** half of which to CIN and half to our home charity of Help for Heroes.

Awards: Congratulations on winning Sunderland in Bloom, a wonderful accolade to our pupils.

Remembrance: As part of our Remembrance and thanks to those brave men and women across the world, who strive to secure our safety, beliefs and values, we all said thank you, by:

- Designing a new remembrance flag, flying with pride on our flag pole. Well done Thea-Y6W for your fabulous winning design.
- Held a remembrance service, laid a poppy wreath at school and proudly raised our Remembrance Flag.
- Designing a sculpture demonstrating a carpet of poppies. (Alongside the nursery path)
- Laying a wreath at the Cenotaph at Mowbray Park.



Vacancy – Lunchtime Assistants – There are currently 2 vacancies for this position, needed as soon as possible. Working hours are 12.20 – 1.40pm daily. Application packs can be collected from the school office. All application forms should be returned to the school office by 12noon on Wednesday 13th December.

Packed Lunch: May I remind parents and children that sweets and chocolate bars **are not** allowed as part of packed lunch. e.g. Maltesers, Mars Bars, Celebrations, Quality Street. Please save the treats for at home. Thank you.

Homework: All parents should now be aware of the nights your child is expected to complete homework, with children being encouraged to read daily. I ask you for your full support and co-operation in ensuring homework tasks are completed to a high standard and are handed in on time. Could all parents please check homework, before it is handed in. If you have any problems please contact class teachers or myself directly. We will initially send texts out to inform parents if homework has not been completed, it would be appreciated if you could text us back.

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Weather: Just in case we get snow... a reminder of the procedures at school.

- We will always endeavour to keep school open, text messages, website; Sun FM will inform you of any closures. Many parents have vital roles to play in their workplace, we aim to support you.
- Not all entrances may be open, as we need pathways to be safe and may have limited time in which to do so, please keep to the pathways - apologies in advance.
- Parking at the best of times is impossible, imagine what it would be like! Where possible leave the car at home or park away from school, join up with other families to help each other out.
- Make sure you have suitable footwear - before the shops sell out!
- It is an expectation that children will attend school, even if late. However we do appreciate there are a few children who live much further away, so please take care. Children who live locally - Thelma Street, Otto Terrace, Richard Avenue etc- should be in school! Some staff travel 25miles, to be in school.
- Send children into school with spare indoor shoes, warm clothing, change of trousers - so they can enjoy the snow and make snowmen!
- Your support and understanding is appreciated - lets hope it just happens on a weekend!

Once again thank-you for all your support,

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Todd
Head Teacher