

Richard Avenue

February Newsletter



Staff: No staffing changes to report.

Important Dates:

19 th February	Return to school 8.55am- (Remember Fair trade and Women in History Homework)
21 st February	Gabriel Coates (Winner of the Little Inventers competition) meets Prince William and Princess Kate!
22 nd February	School Disco - 3.45-5.15 (collect pupils from the main yard)
26 th February	Fair Trade Week
w.c. 26 th Feb	Book Fair - Tues, Wed, Thurs 3.30-5pm (1 st March - World Book Day)
w.c 12 th March	Women's History Month, STEM Week (science, technology, engineering, maths) – lots of curriculum links throughout the next 2 weeks.
17 th March	Saturday Cinema Trip
23 rd March	Sport Relief
29 th March	2.30pm Break Up
16 th April	Return to school Monday

Homework: Remember all Fair Trade and Women in History homework to be returned.

Breakfast: Remember if you are running a bit late, school provides a quick snack on the Junior Yard and via the office - fruit, milk and cereal breakfast bar. Just find the staff on the yard or ask at the office. Breakfast is the only way to start the day, it is SO important.

Well Being - As you are aware one of our school priorities is Well Being (Physical, Emotional, Mental). Last term we focused upon Healthy Eating - introducing the healthy lunch vouchers and Being Active - introducing the Run a Mile. 5O had the healthiest lunches and were rewarded with a session at the climbing wall, 4B ran more miles than anyone else and were rewarded with a Lego Master Class. Well done!!

Success!! Congratulations to our Basketball Team who won the Sunderland Final at Northumbria University. They competed in front of a sell-out crowd, during half time at a Newcastle Eagles match. We are now through to the final of all finals (N.E.), sometime in May. Get practicing!!

Congratulations to Bethany Gair Williams for having her Christmas Card design chosen by our local MP Julie Elliott. Her card was made into Julies Christmas Card which was delivered locally and nationally!!

Recent Visits/Visitors: Many of our children have recently experienced curriculum enhancing visits/visitors- which has a wonderful impact upon their learning. This cannot be achieved without parental support on the visits - so thank you so much! Since January we have:

- Reception- Loved their day at the tennis centre, soft play and Sainsbury's - looking at Healthy Living.
- Year 1 Had a visitor that talked about Life in Africa.
- Year 2 visited The Centre for Life as part of their English dinosaur topic.
- Year 3 have visited David Lloyd Health and Racket Club- practising their Tennis skills.

- Year 4 visited the Glass Centre and St Peters Church, producing their own glass painting, linking to their Art and History topic.
- Year 5 experienced basketball at Sunderland Uni and had The Eagles put them through their paces in school. Year 5 also visited the new bridge, researching work opportunities in building a bridge!!
- Year 6 visited Safetyworks an experience that raises personal awareness of how to keep yourself safe.
- Y5/6 - 30 pupils visited Derwent Hill for a week, please see our twitter feed and website.

SAFEGUARDING

Safer Internet Day: The day was a great success, raising the profile of appropriate safe use of the internet. However a day is not just what it takes. Children need a) constant reminders b) tight parental controls c) positive behaviours and habits. The aim being that children act out in their everyday usage of the internet, what they have been taught. We all need to stay vigilant to support our children.

Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat etc: This is such an important area of social media that parents need to be aware of, especially their child's on line behaviours. Even though by law, many are too young to be accessing such sites. Please make sure you access your child's accounts and monitor correspondence. Some children are very brave hiding behind a keyboard, but the words used would not automatically be said or proudly spread across a T shirt.

If you are unaware of what the above social media terms are, or do not really know what your child is accessing - **THEN YOU SHOULD.**

For further guidance please go to: RAPS website

Attendance to date: As you know I am a Rottweiler when it comes to attendance... teachers can't teach you if you are not here, therefore your learning is affected. Parents whose children have continually poor attendance must make appointments to discuss this with me, to see if there is any support that can be offered.

During the Autumn Term, attendance was very good, thank you so much.

National 96.1%

Nursery	90.9%	3H	97.3%
RW	95.2%	4W	96.7%
RS	95.2%	4B	96.5%
1D	97.4%	5O	95.5%
1CW	95.6%	5W	96.4%
2C	96.8%	6H	97.5%
2R	96.6%	6G	96.9%
3B	97.9%	School	96.3%

Congratulations- However we need to get every class above 96.1%.

Winter Clothing : There are a number of children who do not have gloves and are wearing hoodies instead of a winter coat. At lunchtime children are outside for at least 30mins and require adequate warm clothing.

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Weather: A reminder just in case we get snow... 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 your child has 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, and change of trousers - so they can enjoy the snow and make snowmen!
- Your support and understanding is appreciated - let's hope it just happens on a weekend!

Valentine Disco: We are holding a Valentine's DISCO for our school children on **Thursday 22nd February 2018**. The times are: **3.45pm - 5.15pm**. Children are to be collected from the MAIN YARD at 5.15pm. The cost is: **£1.50**. Please send THE CORRECT money to your child's class teacher ON Thursday 22nd February 2018. There will be hot dogs, drinks and sweets on sale - so remember to bring lots of change please, in a purse/wallet/money bag. If any parents wish to come to the classroom to help their child change (Foundation and KS1 only) they are more than welcome to come to school yard at 3.30pm. Teachers will also be on hand to help.

Unfortunately there is not enough room for parents to watch, wait, join in! However if you wish to have a job, especially from 3pm then please contact the school office.

Once again thank-you for all your support,

Yours sincerely
Mrs K Todd
Head Teacher