

Richard Avenue

May 19' Newsletter

“If you want to see the view...you`ve got to climb the mountain.”

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 24th May	Break up for half term- 3.30/3.35pm
Mon 3rd June	Return to school- 8.55am Y3 Visit Segadunum Y1 Visit Bowes Museum
Tuesday 4th June	pm-Y3/4- Athletics Meeting- Silksworth
Wednesday 5th June	Eid- end of Ramadan 4.30pm- Derwent Hill Meeting
Thurs 6th June	pm-Y5/6 Athletics Meeting - Silksworth
Mon 10th June	30 x Y6 pupils at Derwent Hill and Mr Walkman, Miss Cherrett and Mr Old Y5/6 Tennis Finals- Silksworth
Tues 11th June	Cllr Farthing Visits School. Y3 Tennis Finals- Silksworth 5.30pm - Parent Induction Evening for NURSERY starters Sept 2019
Wed 12th June	Y4 Tennis Finals- Silksworth Y5\6 Cricket Finals
Thurs 13th/Fri 14th	pm-Well Being Focus
Mon 17th June	Assessments across school- y1,3,4,5- No absences please.
Tues 18th June	pm-Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament- Beacon of Light 4pm-Y6 Netball Tournament- Farrington
Wed 19th June	Y6- Beamish Visit
Thurs 20th June	am- Y5 Planetarium Visit- Thornhill Bring £1 for Summer Fair- come as you please. (Donations used to buy various prizes)
Fri 21st June	Aspirations Day at RAPS
Sat 22th June	1pm-Summer Fair (don`t forget donations!)
Mon 24th June	School Closed- Inset Day
Tues 25th June	T,W,Th,F- Bikeability Y6
Thurs 27th June	West Area Event at Barnes Park-‘Clean the Green.’
Fri 28th June	RAPS- Sponsored Event
w.c 1st July	Y6 PUPILS- Transition Days RAPS- Wimbledon 2 weeks begins
Wed 3rd July	Y2 ‘Infantasia’- singing with y2 across the city.
Mon 8th July	9.15am approx.-Reception/KS1 Sports Day 11am/3pm-Nursery Sports Day pm-Y3/4 Rugby Tournament
Tues 9th July	9.15am approx.- KS2 Sports Day
Wed 10th/Thurs 11th	Focus Days- Art
Fri 12th July	School Reports/ Year 2/6 SAT results
Mon 15th July	Y3/4 Big Sing – Sunderland Empire 2.30pm Y6 Leavers Assembly- parents invited
Tues 16th July	Y6 Leavers Day (inc. Bowling, Games, BBQ) Cinema Trip – Winners of class attendance award.

Fri 19th July	9.15am Presentation Assembly (Invites only) 12noon Y6 Leavers Lunch Break Up for Summer Holidays at 2.30pm
Wed 4th September	School Re-opens – 8.55am

Note: Dates may change; however, we will inform those it affects.

Staff: Congratulations Mrs Islam on having a baby girl, Mrs J Begum will temporarily increase her hours to full time.

Miss Scott has successfully qualified as a teacher and takes up a teaching position at another school in September. A wonderful achievement, but a huge loss for Richard Avenue!

Miss Wallis will return to a full time teaching position in September.

Mrs Forster continues to offer wonderful support in the office, thank you.

SUMMER FAIR: 22nd June Please, Please Please – Any donations for the Summer Fair would be most welcome!

Books, DVD, Toys, Bric-a-Brac, Children and Adult Tombola, Send to the school office from Monday 17th June.

Cake donations from Friday 21st June.

Y4 Superstar Skippers: Recently 30 Y4 pupils competed at the Schools Skipping Festival at Thornhill School, we won gold medals in the majority of events and represented the area in the Sunderland Finals.

On Tuesday 21st May, we almost had a clean sweep in the 10+ events and won the overall competition, for the first time. I was astonished at the skill level and fitness of the children. Well done!

Summer Refurbishments:

Re- decoration – An on going programme of re-decoration, will improve many areas of the school

Ceilings- Replacement of last remaining suspended ceilings in the P.E. cupboard

Outdoors – Introduce a run a mile track.

Spare Clothes: If anyone has any spare uniform: children’s trousers, skirts, plimsolls/trainers, t shirts, especially children who move onto other schools, that we could recycle, it would be extremely appreciated.

Changing lunch arrangements: Please remember this can only be done at the end of each ½ term by informing the office.

Weather: You never know we may get some sunshine! A reminder about:

Water bottles-available at the school office priced at £1.30 - these need refilling daily. Only water allowed.

Sun caps- school logo type are available at the school office priced at £3 and £3.50 (remember write name in)

Sun cream - applied prior to children coming to school.

Uniform

Shoes - Please **check your child is coming to school in plain, dark shoes and not trainers.**

Ear Piercing - Please have ears pieced at the beginning of the 6 weeks’ holidays, no earrings to be worn in school.

Hair – The school policy states that hair should be smart. Our interpretation of that does not include ‘tramline patterns’ shaved into the hair, dyed hair or extremely short hair.

Tights – In the hopefully hot summer, tights are very uncomfortable. Even if this is for religious reasons (most parents believe this is only at a certain age, and not usually younger children). May I suggest longer dresses, trousers or over the knee white socks- or a combination. I am suggesting this now, so parents can be prepared.

Children get very uncomfortable in June wearing thick winter woolly tights!

Youth Club: Our partnership work with Youth Almighty (a local Youth Group) continues. You must be 8 years of age to attend. Wednesday evening 5.30pm- 8.00pm. If your child would like to attend, you must complete a Membership Form (available from the school office). Miss Ellis is available if you have any questions.

Payments: Remember, you can now make any payments for school online. Go to www.sunderland.gov.uk, option 'Pay for it', Schools miscellaneous income, Richard Avenue Primary School, Select payment for... Please remember to use the additional section in the bottom box if you are paying for e.g. Child's name, dinner, trip, music tuition, ASC.

ASC: At 4.30pm (Fri 4.00pm), the school office is not manned. If parents of ASC need to make contact, please can you use 07810218073, this is only switched on at 3.45. Any other time please contact the school office.

Leave of absence from school:

Please can I remind parents:

- Any child wishing to have time off from school must have permission from the Head Teacher- Leave of absence (LOA).
- LOA cannot be granted for holidays during term time.
- LOA can only be granted for exceptional circumstances and school will take many factors into consideration.

P.E. Kit: During the coming months when the weather improves, there will be more opportunities to go outside. Therefore, it is essential that all children have their PE kit in school containing appropriate footwear, black or red shorts and a plain white T shirt. Just in case it is a little chilly, a plain sweat shirt can be included too. Children will not be allowed to wear their uniform for PE.

Admissions to Nursery and Reception: We do still have a few places left for Reception in September. Anyone who has a child who will be aged 4 (Reception) before 31st August and has not registered please contact the school office.

Once again thank-you for all your support,

Yours Sincerely



K Todd
Head Teacher