

# Richard Avenue December Newsletter



Thank you for all your help in creating our wonderful poppy tribute.

## **Staff:**

**Mr Cunnington has worked at Richard Avenue for 16 years and has decided it's time to take early retirement and move onto pastures new! He has been a loyal and dedicated member of the RAPS team. So from Governors, Staff and all our wonderful pupils, enjoy the next, exciting stage in your life.**

Consequently, there have been some temporary and permanent staffing changes at RAPS. The Senior Leadership Team is a team of staff who, alongside Governors, have significant responsibility for the school. As a school we have decided not to have a Deputy Head Teacher post, therefore the changes to this structure are:

Senior Assistant Head Teacher: Miss Walker (also Maths teacher Y6 -am only)

Assistant Head Teacher: Mrs Robson (also class teacher Y1 -am only)

Congratulations to both members of staff!

If you have any queries, questions please contact myself, Miss Walker or Mrs Robson.

As part of our structure we also have other senior leaders whose responsibilities are solely focused upon Teaching and Learning. Those already in post are: Mrs Waller, Mr Warkman and Miss Green.

We also have a further two new members of staff starting in January:

Miss Richardson-Dunn temporary Teaching Assistant in Nursery.

Mrs Begum Lunchtime Assistant.

Another great addition to our team in February is Helen Kelly as School Business Manager. Mrs Forster who came out of retirement to support the school on a temporary basis, has been with us for an additional year! I am sure she is looking forward to eventually resuming her 'retirement' but also keeping in touch through her Governors role.

## **Important Dates:**

13<sup>th</sup> December Early Years (Nursery, Reception) Christmas Nativity 9.30am / 2.30pm- Tickets only

18<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Carole Service 2.15pm- Tickets only

19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day at RAPS (party clothes, Panto & Santa!)

Christmas Disco- 3.30-5.15, £1.50, plus spending money for drinks and treats!

20<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Carole Service 9.15m- Tickets only

**Break up at 2.30pm**

**7<sup>th</sup> January** Return to School on TUESDAY at 8.55am. Breakfast Club open as usual from 8am

**Christmas Productions:** Just a reminder of our procedures for events at school involving large numbers of parents attending events such as our Christmas performances.

1. Attendance to an event will be ticket only, as there are a maximum number of visitors permitted at each event.
2. All adults must be seated.
3. There will be no standing permitted in any walkways, with the exception of staff.
4. Buggies are not allowed inside the building and must stay outside of school, underneath Mrs Todd's window at the front of the school. These are left at your own risk.

5. During the performance only 1 child per adult is allowed to sit on an adult's knee.
6. We also ask parents are considerate of our local community when parking.

I am sure you will appreciate this is to ensure the safety of all staff, visitors and pupils. We hope you enjoy the wonderful performances. I guarantee you will be so proud of your children.

**Christmas Disco:** £1.50 payable on the day. Sweets, hot dogs, drinks will be on sale, so please bring plenty of change. Pick up is on THE SCHOOL YARD. Any parent volunteers please leave your name at the office, see you at 3pm.

**Christmas Raffle** – Tickets will be sold from 11<sup>th</sup> December at school events- so don't forget to bring some money!

**School Lunches:** Anyone wanting to change their meal arrangements please contact the school office before the end of term.

Once again thank-you for all your support,

On behalf of all the staff, I wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.



Try not to forget the true meaning of Christmas. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on 25<sup>th</sup> December. As you are opening your presents, remember '**Happy Birthday Jesus.**'

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Todd  
Head Teacher