

Richard Avenue

October 20' Newsletter

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

It is only half term...it feels like much longer! You children have been absolute stars, they deserve to have lots of praise showered upon them. Everyone has worked very hard at school to follow the rules, in order to keep each other safe. So a huge thank you to everyone.

There has been limited learning disruption in school, attendance has been good and those few children who have been isolating at home, have been able to access remote learning. I hope everyone keeps safe, anyone who is unwell- a speedy recovery.

Congratulations: Mrs Islam who has given birth to a beautiful baby boy, all are doing very well.

Dates:

Thur 22 nd Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 2 nd Nov	Return to School
	Poppies and various related gifts on sale (£ raised for Poppy Appeal)- 'Act of Kindness'
Wed 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day service in school
Fri 13 th Nov	Children In Need Day- Come as you please £1 fine! – 'Act of Kindness'
w.c 16 th Nov	Anti Bullying Week- 'Acts of Kindness'
w.c. 23 rd Nov	Assessment Week
Thurs 17 th Dec	Christmas Day (Lunch, Santa, Games, Pantomime)
Fri 18 th Dec	2.30pm School Breaks Up
Mon 4 th Jan	Return to School 8.45am.

Remote Learning: After half term, accessing learning from home will be slightly different. We will clarify the procedures with all families when we return.

Attendance: REMINDER. All absences should be reported to school by 9.30am on the **first day of absence**. Failure to communicate with school will result in an unauthorised absence. Continued absence with no reason may result in a referral to the local authority attendance team.

Those pupils absent due to self isolation must ring in to school office before 9.15am and speak to a staff member before commencing their learning for the day.

Positive COVID tests during the ½ term holidays: It is just as important during the ½ term holidays that school are kept up to date with what is happening in your families. We may need to inform staff and other pupils of the need to isolate (we hope not!), or prepare remote learning for those unable to return after the holidays.

You can contact school by phone Monday, Tuesday, Friday- and e-mail will be manned daily. ANY POSITIVE TESTS FROM ANY CHILD, SCHOOL MUST BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY- PLEASE E-MAIL. This allows us to protect the whole of our school community quickly.

Positive COVID tests during the $\frac{1}{2}$ term holidays information required:

Name of child

Class/year group

Date of the COVID-19 test

Does the child have symptoms? Yes or No

What date did the symptoms start?

What date did the child last attend school?

It is very important to give as much information as possible so we can identify any close contacts that your child may have had in school during their infectious period.

Communication: This letter will also be sent out by e-mail today, if you do not receive it **PLEASE** e-mail school: raps@schools.sunderland.gov.uk and inform us- we can check to see if our systems are working. We are trying to move towards limited paper contact.

RAPS COMMUNITY - Please behave yourself and keep us all safe: HANDS, FACE, SPACE...no mixing of households.

If you need us, please call we are here to help.

Thank you again for your support in making our first half term, a successful one!!

Karen & Todd

