

Richard Avenue Spring Newsletter

Dear All,

As the Easter holidays approach, we at Richard Avenue would like to once again say a great big thank you to everyone for their continued support with the children's home learning and keeping everyone safe during the spring term.

We were delighted to welcome back all of the children on the 8th March 8th 2021. And are extremely pleased that everyone has quickly settled in back into normal school life, our routines of hand hygiene, social distancing and most importantly working hard in lessons.

Without your help and support this would not have been possible so THANK YOU ALL.

Derwent Hill's visit to school

Year 5 and 6 had a great session with staff from Derwent Hill who visited school last week. They took part in some great team building activities, learning how to work together and cooperate with each other. This was just what the children needed after the time they spent at home during the lockdown.

Update - Derwent Hill Visit - 7th - 11th June 2021

For those children who are booked to go to Derwent Hill in June, we are going to assume at the moment that the visit will be going ahead. Therefore, could we please ask that you continue to make payments. A letter will be coming out with further information. If the trip does have to be cancelled by Derwent Hill, a full refund will be given. We will keep you updated of any developments in the coming weeks.

Staff: This term we have welcomed back Mrs R Dunn to our EYFS team, replacing Miss H Pilcher.

Important Dates:

Friday 26 th March 2021	Break Up from School					
	Nursery	2.40	Year 1 / 2	2.20	Year 5	2.35
	Reception	2.30	Year 3 / 4	2.25	Year 6	2.35
Monday 12 th April 2021	Return to School between 8.45am – 9.00 am following the same routine as this term. Breakfast Club open as usual from 8am.					
May 3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday					
Mon.31st – Fri.4 th June 2021	Half Term					
Friday 25 th June 2021	School Inset Day					
Friday 16 th July 2021	Break up for the Summer Holidays					

Acts of Kindness

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for Comic Relief. We raised a total of £720. Mr Old did a brilliant job organising the sale of red noses. He is still searching for the illusive Gold nose. We hope you have had better luck! As always half the money will go to Comic Relief and the other half will go to our home charity, which this year we have decided is the Sunderland Foodbank.

We are still taking food donations for the Food Bank trolley so if you have any please send them into school with your child.

Laptops:

During the recent lockdown, school was very lucky to receive 60 laptops from the Government scheme. With the addition of some of our own laptops we were able to provide laptops for all children who requested one. With the introduction of live lessons and increased opportunity for on line learning, it was wonderful to see so many children joining us every day.

Thank you to everyone who has now returned the laptops to school. If you still have one at home, please hand it in at the main office whenever you are passing.

Easter Food Vouchers:

For those families that qualify for Easter Food Vouchers, they will be available for collection from the main office from Wednesday 24th March 2021.

School Lunches:

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

Dinner money to be paid online please. No cash payments accepted.

School Uniform:

It is now possible to purchase Richard Avenue Primary School uniform with Logo on line from

www.theschooloutfit.co.uk

Items available are:

Red School Cardigan with logo ~ £10.99

Red School Sweatshirt ~ £9.99

White School Polo Shirt ~ £6.99

Red School Waterproof Coat £19.99

School PE T-Shirt (white) £2.99

School PE Shorts (black) £3.99

RSHE policy and PSHE curriculum

From Wednesday 24th March, you will be able to read our updated RSHE policy (Relationships, sex and health education) on our school website - <http://richardavenue.co.uk/>. We have recently made changes to this policy and our PSHE curriculum in light of the new statutory guidance provided by the Department for Education and wanted to share this information with you. For further information about these changes, please go to the website.

Many thanks

Miss Cherrett (PSHE leader)

Positive COVID tests during the Easter holidays:

It is important during the Easter holidays that school are kept up to date with what is happening in your family in relation to the Covid 19 infection. 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.

ANY POSITIVE TESTS FOR ANY CHILD MUST BE REPORTED TO SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY until Wednesday 31st March.

You can contact school via the school e-mail (raps@schools.sunderland.gov.uk) which will be manned daily until the date listed. After this time NHS track and trace will notify you of any information with regards to self-isolation. PLEASE E-MAIL. This allows us to protect the whole of our school community quickly.

Positive COVID tests during the Easter 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.

Please notify school in the normal way if your child will be absent on the first day of the summer term ~ Monday 12th April 2021.

Once again thank-you for all your support.

Have a safe and restful holiday from all of the staff at Richard Avenue.