

Richard Avenue December Newsletter

Dear All,

As the Year 2020 comes to an end, a very unusual year I think we would all agree, we at Richard Avenue would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and kind words throughout the present pandemic. During the first National lockdown and the introduction of home learning, all of the staff were delighted to receive the daily tasks that your children completed on line, even when internet connections were difficult. Because of this the children quickly settled in to normal school life, our new routines of hand hygiene, social distancing and most importantly their joy of learning. It has been great to see this has been continued when children have had to individually self-isolate or when unfortunately, their class has been sent home. All of our staff have reported that progress during the autumn term has been very good and we are delighted to see that the children have already begun to successfully close the gap created by the disruption caused by Covid. Without your help and support this would not have been possible so THANK YOU ALL.

Staff:

We have welcomed back Mrs S Begum who is working with Mr Williams in Nursery to cover a maternity leave of another staff member. Miss McMaster will be leaving us temporarily on the 18th December to begin her maternity leave. Mr Hudson will be teaching her class until her return.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 15 th December	Return photograph orders to school.					
Thursday 17 th December 2020	Christmas Day at RAPS ~ Christmas lunch, party clothes and Santa (virtually of course!)					
Friday 18 th December 2020	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 4 th January 2021	Return to School between 8.45am – 9.00 am following the same routine as this term. Breakfast Club open as usual from 8am.					

Acts of Kindness

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for Children in Need this year. We raised a total of £606.91. As always half the money will go to Children in Need and the other half will go to our home charity, which this year we have decided is the Sunderland Foodbank.

As always we will still be taking food donations for the trolley so if you have any please send them into school with your child.

Positive COVID tests during the holidays

If your child tests positive during the holidays we would appreciate if you could text 0191 5800377 giving the name of the child and a contact number. School has been instructed by the DfE to track and trace all staff and pupils up until Christmas Eve. This is so that any other pupils or staff who may have been in contact with a positive case are aware and can self-isolate in line with government guidance. Staff will contact you to ask the following questions:

Name of Child

Year Group/ Class

Date of symptoms

Date of Covid test

Date last attended school.

We appreciate your help with this. Any absences in the new year are to be reported in the normal way.

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 and on behalf of the staff team at Richard Avenue, we wish you a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you again in 2021.