



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flier

Weekly Update

Friday 29th April 2022

UPCOMING DATES

RAPS daycare: Reading Breakfast Club from 8-8:45am & Homework After School Club from 3:30pm-5:15pm

Monday 2 May

School is closed for the Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3 May

School re-opens

Swimming for Y3

After school clubs begin for summer term

Wednesday 4 May

Walk Wise for Y1

Queen's Jubilee Art Project for Y4S

Thursday 5 May

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New Head Teacher meet and greets between 2.15-3.15pm or between 5-6.30pm (depending on what best suits you), for a cuppa and a chat.

Friday 6 May

Monday 9 May

Y6 SATs week begins

Safety Works visit for Y5

Future dates for your diary

- School will be closed on **Friday 27th May**, for an additional day's holiday to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee
- Summer half term begins on **Monday 30th May 2022**
- All pupils will return to school after the break on **Monday 6th June 2022**.
- Week beginning **Monday 6th June 2022**, Year 5 and 6 will set off for their visit to Derwent Hill, returning on **Friday 10th June 2022**

Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families, welcome back to the summer term. We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely break with your children in the sunny weather, which was bright if not warm. It's been a wonderful first week for me in school which began with whole school assemblies and *Miss McKinney's lucky dip box*, ask your children about this! I cannot thank the RAPS team enough for kindly looking after me and making me feel so welcome. I feel incredibly fortunate to be your new head teacher and look forward to meeting you all in time. We will be writing to families each week in our new *Friday Flier*, so please do look out for it. It will also be uploaded to our website. Please do let us know what you think of the format, and whether you find the weekly update is helpful to you at home. A gentle reminder that **Monday 2nd May** is a bank holiday and therefore our school will be closed. We re-open on **Tuesday 3rd May**. Have a lovely extended weekend with warm **Eid Mubarak** wishes to all families who are celebrating.

With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney

Miss McKinney and all of the staff at Richard Avenue Primary School

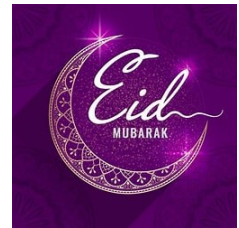
RAPS and assemblies. This week's theme has been looking at what it means to be British. We have looked at in particular the festivals, notable days and celebrations we acknowledge as a community and country. We started the week finding out about St. George, patron saint of England, whose special date is April 23rd. We read and listened to the story of George and the Dragon and looked at reasons why he became our patron saint of England. We have also been looking ahead to the important celebration of Eid which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. In classes we have been finding out about traditions of Eid and how our children celebrate and mark the occasion. Classes have also been busy making beautiful Eid cards to send to friends and family. Eid Mubarak!



RAPS Assembly Stars.

Please look out for this week's assembly stars in next week's newsletter—if this makes sense? Stars are being celebrated as you are reading this, or near to, so not quite hitting the newsletter deadline! *This week's RAPS star is linked to computing awarded to children showing great computing skills, excellent knowledge in computing lessons, supportive of others with IT issues.*

Eid Mubarak. Wishing our families a very happy, prosperous and blissful Eid. May the magic of this Eid bring lots of happiness in your life. *For families celebrating, if Eid falls on a school day, your child's absence from school will be authorised as has always been the case in the past. Have a wonderful time!*



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Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a *Platinum Jubilee* after 70 years of service. As you know, the official commemoration will take place nationally over a special 4 day bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. We will of course be marking this special occasion in school, with celebrations planned for the week commencing 23rd May. *Watch this space for further information!*

Clubs update. Letters informing parents of their child's allocated after school clubs should have arrived home with details of days and staff running clubs. All clubs will begin **w/c 2nd May 2022**. Please complete code of conduct forms and return to Miss Ellis before clubs begin. Parents should collect their children from the school yard when our clubs end at 4.30pm. Thank you.

New Head Teacher meet and greets. I am really looking forward to seeing you all next week. As a gentle reminder to families, please do pop in and meet me on **Thursday 5th May between 2.15-3.15pm or between 5-6.30pm (depending on what best suits you), for a cuppa and a chat.** This will be my first official event as your new Head Teacher and I am keen to meet as many families as possible. If you are able to join us, could we please ask that you contact school to confirm, just so that we have an idea of numbers expected. *Our number is 0191 5007990.* I can't wait to see you all.

School lunches.

School lunches are **£11.50 per week**. Please could we ask that all school lunch payments be completed online? Do remember to include your child's name and class in the message box. *Thank you.*



Thank you to Mr Taylor. Huge thanks to our caretaker **Mr Taylor**, who looks after our school so well and has again been busy over the Easter break. It is by no means an easy task, but I am sure you will agree, Mr Taylor does an excellent job, and we are very grateful to him for the many, many hours he spends in school, above and beyond the call of duty, making sure everything is just right for the children and staff team. **Thanks also to Mr Jewitt for opening school during Mr Taylor's holiday ...**

Scarlet fever. We wanted to make you aware that over the past few weeks, there have been several cases of Scarlet Fever in our school community. Scarlet Fever is a highly contagious infection that mostly affects young children. It's easily treated with antibiotics. The first signs of it can be flu-like with a flushed face, red rash and high temperature. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms, please could we ask that you make a GP appointment immediately. It can be treated with a course of anti-biotics but without these and continued symptoms, children risk missing school for up to 2 weeks. With many thanks for your support.

Uniform reminders for the new term. We would be grateful if parents and carers could ensure that all items of uniform are named, particularly sweatshirts and hoodies as these are often removed in the summer months. Also, all children will continue to require both outdoor and indoor PE clothing during the course of the week, which is left in school.

COVID update. As you are aware, the response to COVID-19 has changed and has been brought in line with the advice that is given for other respiratory infections (a cold, flu etc.) Regular asymptomatic testing (using lateral flow tests) is no longer recommended for adults or children. Free PCR tests are no longer available to the vast majority of people and there is no longer a need for you to request a PCR test if you have symptoms of COVID-19. **What to do if you or your child has symptoms:** children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. **What to do if you or your child has a positive COVID-19 test:** children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is to stay at home for 3 days. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Your school needs you! We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor at RAPS... Parent Governors are elected by the parents or carers of pupils at the school and must have a child or children at the school. The period of office is four years. A Parent Governor is not obliged to resign from office if his/her child leaves the school and may remain on the Governing Body until his/her period of office expires. The governors are more than happy to advise any parent who is interested in the possibility of standing for election, on the style and work of the Governing Body. There is one parent governor to elect this term, and if more nominations are received than are required to fill the vacancy, prospective candidates will be given the opportunity of providing me with a brief election address which we will arrange to have circulated with the ballot papers. Any parent or carer who wishes to stand for election should complete and return the nomination form you have received this week not later than **Friday 13th May 2022.**



On the subject of 'summer uniform', please would you also ensure that your child has a named sun hat so that they are adequately protected in the hot weather.

Summer Uniform. Finally on the above theme, we try to keep our uniform expectations as simple as possible so that all the children are smart, safe and comfortable. Please remember...no canvas or lace-up shoes; trousers, skirts or shorts should be grey or black. Earrings and nail varnish are not permitted. Many thanks for your continued support.

Polling Station: Thursday 5th May - all day. Our school will be used as a Polling Station in next week's local election. It will be set up in the community room with absolutely no access to our school building for members of the public. **Breakfast and After School Clubs will be open as normal but via the main front door please.**



Top attendance. Congratulations to **Y5M** who have top attendance this week achieving **87.6 %**.