



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flier

Weekly Update

Friday 6th May 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 9 May

Y6 SATs week begins

Y5 Safety Works visit

Tuesday 10 May

Y3 Swimming

Wednesday 11 May

Y1 Walk Wise

Thursday 12 May

Y1 Walk Wise

Friday 13 May

Y6 End of SATs brunch

Y6 Football Goals

Monday 16 May

Year 2 SATs begin

Y5 Bikeability

Y6 That History Bloke

Y1 Durham visit

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**
- W/b 6th June** Y1 Phonics Screen

Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families, It was lovely to start to put names to faces at yesterday's coffee afternoons with many thanks to parents who were able to make it. The atmosphere was perfect and I really enjoyed the chat (and I am good at chatting!) and learning more about what you love about RAPS. If you couldn't make it and would like to pop in for a quick introduction, please do let me know or even catch me at the gate. You'd be very welcome.

On a different subject, after ten years as a much valued teaching assistant in our school, we said goodbye to Mrs. Ashleigh Thompson on Friday afternoon. We wish Mrs. Thompson well as she takes up a new post in the Civil Service and we'll all miss her, although we know she will take a little of RAPS with her, just as she leaves her mark in our school. Goodbye and good luck Mrs. Thompson. On that note, have a lovely weekend with many thanks for your continued support. Let's hope the promised warmer weather appears! With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney

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

RAPS assemblies. This week we have been looking at what makes a community and how we can look after our community. We discussed different types of communities that we belong to and recognised that a community is not just about living or sharing the same space but it is also about having shared ideas and interests. We believe our school community is very special and we work together to make everyone feel welcome. What communities do you belong to?



RAPS Assembly Stars. Our RAPS computing stars are:

Nursery - Felicity & Aleena
Rec - Jack & Maria
Y1 - Hanifa & Iyaz
Y2 - Omar & Aiyaz
Y3 - Fateha & Ismail
Y4 - Tayeb & Ben
Y5 - Jasmine & Katherine
Y6 - Ethan & Sophia

Well done everyone!

This week's theme is 'the teacher's choice award' for children who may have been super helpful at school or perhaps they have achieved something special at home.



Queen's Jubilee Postbox. Some of the children in Year 4 were lucky enough to work with local artist Kerry Cook to produce a decorated postbox that will form part of the Jubilee celebrations and 'The Queen Through Time', at the Museum and Winter Gardens between May and July 2022. Activities started with recording the children's first ideas and then involved reading the books 'The Queens Hat', 'The Sparkly Crown' and 'Our Queen Elizabeth' to gain insight and inspiration, looking at Grayson Perry's 'comfort blanket' artwork and also investigating coins and banknotes from throughout the Queen's reign. Inspired by these coins and bank notes, the children focussed on drawing their own portraits of Queen Elizabeth II and sketching Sun-



derland landmarks that the Queen would be likely to visit. A particular favourite amongst the children was the designing of a coin to represent ourselves, our lives and things that are important to us. The children then worked hard to use these to create copper coins using an engraving technique. Final sketches were also used to add bank notes to our postbox. Everyone involved had a fantastic time! *We look forward to seeing the finished postbox Y4! Well done for being your wonderful selves and for working so hard on this special project.*



Coats Reminder. Please could parents ensure that all children are bringing a coat with them to school. We are still subject to a few showers at present but break and lunch times will still take place outdoors whenever possible. Thank you.



Football team news. The year 5 and 6 boys played two 7 aside fixtures against Diamond Hall and Christ College last Thursday evening. The team gave it a great effort in both matches and were unlucky not to come away with a win in their second game. Special mention for Lucas in Year 6 for a fantastic goal, and Dylan in Year 5 saving a penalty on his debut! Well done and good luck next week in our home fixtures!

Our thanks to **Mr Old** for all he did to organise our team to take part, and to **families** who also helped with this as well staying on to support our team which was really appreciated. Thank you team RAPS.

Gardening SOS. If there are willing volunteers for a big de-weeding and tidy of our school allotment, then **Mr Williams** would really appreciate your help. Leave your name and number with the office and he will get back to you. Thank you!

COVID update. We have attached a handy 'go to guide' to this week's Flier which we hope will be useful to our families.

Top attendance. Congratulations to **5M** who have, for a second week, our top attendance achieving **88.8%.**



Your school needs you!

A gentle reminder that 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. Any parent or carer who wishes to stand for election should complete and return the nomination form you have received not later than **Friday 13th May 2022.**

Clubs update. It is good to see that our new after school clubs are proving to be hugely popular with all of the children. Many thanks for your support with the organising of children, which we know is not an easy task. Parents should collect their children from the school yard when our clubs end at 4.30pm. Thank you.

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.*

Year 6 SATs week. We couldn't let this week's letter go by without mentioning our amazing Year 6 children who will take their SATs tests next week.

Could we please ask that you do your best to get the children to bed at a sensible time each night and that they arrive for school in good time each morning. They've worked so hard, been so determined, made such fabulous progress and we are immensely proud of each of them.

SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are
Remember **you're the best!**



Go SAFC. Speaking of not letting things go without a mention... those of us who support the black cats will be willing the team to victory in tonight's all important match ...