



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flier (on Thursday!)

Weekly Update

Thursday 26th May 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Thursday 26 May

4.30pm Google Meet with Mr Warkman to go over important information for the Derwent Hill visit.

Friday 27 May

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**

Monday 6 June

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

Tuesday 7 June

Swimming for Y3

Cricket at Washington Cricket Club for Y3/4

Wednesday 8 June

Quadkids at Silkworth for Y5/6

Future dates for your diary

Monday 13 June

Photographer for Reception and Y6

Trim trail replacement begins

Multiplication check for Y4

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, The end of another half term at RAPS – where does the time go? It has been a wonderful half term which has been so exciting for me as your new Head Teacher. Your children are such a credit to you; their commitment to their learning has been an absolute joy to see. They are more able to understand and manage their emotions; are physically healthier and fitter; are better communicators, mathematicians, writers, readers, and scientists. They have a greater knowledge of the world around them, of art, music, history, and geography, and continue to improve their understanding of technology and how to use this effectively. We hope that you are able to spend some time with your children this holiday and that you enjoy every moment. A huge thank you from me to all of the team here. Everyone has worked so hard to make sure your children have the best possible experience. They are an amazing team and I am fortunate to work with them. Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. School starts on Monday 6th June, see you all then!

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 finding out about our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. We have talked about these questions: Who is she? When did she become Queen? What does she do? We looked at our queen through the years and also found out about more about how people across the country are celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. Did you know she's been our queen for 70 years? We learned that many people are having street parties and watching the festivities on TV such as the *Trooping the Colour*. At school we have been celebrating too. What will you be doing to celebrate?

RAPS Assembly Stars. Our RAPS curiosity stars are:

Nursery - Maggie & Sumayyah
Rec - Autymn & Ivan
1 - Hamza & Ahmed
2 - Lydia & Masud
3 - Deborah & Amna
4 - Isaac & Zach
5 - Yahya & Katherine
6 - Raiiline & Nate



Well done everyone, you are all RAPS superstars!

This week's theme for the RAPS Star is for being an independent thinker or flexible learner. This is someone who shows flexibility in their approach to learning, they are ready to adapt when there is change, are confident to take action, focus on their learning, have the flexibility to solve problems and have confidence to initiate things for themselves.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were really sorry that the weather got in the way of our Jubilee plans and know that lots of our families were looking forward to a picnic and listening to the children's singing. We were so disappointed to have to cancel but we felt we had no choice as it was so wet and threatening - as you can see from this photograph taken as we dashed outside to sing songs to each other, before the rain came once more. We have taken lots of photographs and the children had a wonderful day with many memorable activities to enjoy. Huge thanks to **Miss McMaster** for all she did to organise the RAPS Jubilee extravaganza - her attention to detail made the day so special; to **Mr Williams** for his fabulous tech powers; to our fabulous **staff** and **catering teams**, with a special mention for **Cathy** who made 450 crown-shaped biscuits! A wonderful celebration, thank you team RAPS. Please do visit our website where you will find a fabulous film of the day written and directed by Mr Williams—it's superb!



After School Clubs. Our after school clubs will take a break today for half term but begin again as soon as we return, on **Monday 6th June**. Thank you to Miss Ellis and the RAPS team for the wonderful job they do in organising and leading these opportunities which we know the children thoroughly enjoy.

Football team news. On Friday, RAPS held their final game of the season against the league winners Hill View Junior School. After a hard fought and close contest, Hill View eventually ended the game 5 - 0 winners. The RAPS team were exhausted but proud of their excellent effort! Thank you to **Mr Old and Mr Bolton** for all they 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.**

Place2Be. We wanted to take this opportunity to make families aware of a new website which has been launched by Place2Be to support parents. Parenting Smart is full of practical advice and tried and tested tips for parents and carers of primary-age children. The website collates short videos and quick-read advice articles for parents, with all content written by child mental health experts. Some examples of topics include parents support for children who are struggling to sleep, displaying signs of anxiety, managing grief, coping with ideas of negative body image or striving for unrealistic perfection amongst many other areas. Please follow [this link](#) to see the full range of available resources. We hope that you find them useful.

Derwent Hill. On the 6th June a group of Year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in our residential week at Derwent Hill. They will be taking part in a number of outdoor activities including canoeing, walking and gorge scrambling. They will also be completing some conservation work towards their John Muir Award.

Parents of those going - please have your child at school for **8:45am on Monday morning**. We're really excited for the week and keeping our fingers crossed for fair weather.

Captain Chemistry hits Y4.

Year 4 had a fantastic time last week with Captain Chemistry, who came into our school to share with us his knowledge of *States of Matter*. Whilst experimenting,



we built on our ideas about how things react with one another and how things work. From observing and creating chemical reactions to making our own models of *The Water Cycle*, we had a fantastic time. Captain Chemistry was very impressed with our questions, our interest and our ideas stating that he loved his visit to our school. Well done to both classes in Year 4 – excellent work!



Cricket for Years 5&6. Our boys and girls cricket teams have been in action this week playing a number of matches at Philadelphia Cricket Club. Our teams performed really well and were competitive in all matches with the girls team (team 1), finishing second in their competition. RAPS staff were incredibly proud of the manner in which all games were played by our children, in the true spirit of the game. Well done team RAPS: superstar cricketers!

School trips and visits. After two years without school trips, we have been keen to arrange opportunities for children to have this experience before the end of the school year. As you can see from the diary, it's a very busy school at the moment which the children are thoroughly enjoying with thanks to our wonderful team for organising so many fantastic opportunities for our children. This is by no means an easy task as you can imagine!

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.*

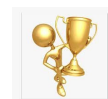
Live Theatre visits Y6. Year 6 were visited by Live Theatre last week. The children had great fun participating in lots of games and drama activities - there were definitely a number of budding actors in our school. *A letter was sent home for anyone interested in joining their free Sunderland Youth Theatre Group taking place at the Fire Station, after half term.*



Attendance matters. Did you know that 90% attendance at school is equal to one day off each fortnight? Attendance matters and at RAPS we expect 96% and over. We work hard to maintain the regular and punctual attendance of all of our children in order to support them in being the very best they can be.

Top attendance. Congratulations to **5M** who again have this week's top attendance achieving **99.1%**.

Weekly whole school attendance is 91.9 %.



What's on the menu at this year's Scrantastic Family Food Festival...

We'll be heading to Houghton le Spring Broadway and Rectory Park on **Saturday 28 (10am till 5pm) and Sunday 29 May (10am till 4pm)** with an exciting programme of free family fun.

First up we have cooking demonstrations in our demo kitchen from celebrity chefs Rosemary Shrager, Phil Vickery and Great British Bake Off finalist Laura Adlington as well as family foodie fun with Gastronomaut - Stefan Gates.

Legendary TV chef Rosemary will be showing off her years of experience in restaurant kitchens and renowned cookery schools with demonstrations of pad thai and seabream.

Phil Vickery will be taking a short break from This Morning to visit us in Sunderland and show us how to make a number of dishes including peri peri chicken and Spanish rice.

Renowned for her delicious bakes during her time on GBBO Laura will be whipping up some deliciously fudgy brownies and an extra special jubilee themed pudding.

Stefan Gates - Gastronomaut will be bringing two exciting shows, F*rtology and The Outrageous Gastronomaut Food Stunt Show. Stefan will be performing stunts to transform food and science into an unforgettable adventure for the whole family.

Here's the full list of when you can watch our celebrities on each day:

Saturday:

10.30am Stefan Gates CBBC's Gastronomaut - F*rtology - an edible scientific adventure

11.30am Laura Adlington, Great British Bake Off Finalist

12.30pm Rosemary Shrager, TV Chef and presenter

1.30pm Laura Adlington

2.30pm Rosemary Shrager

3.30pm CBBC's Gastronomaut - The Outrageous Gastronomaut Food Stunt Show



Sunday:

10.30 CBBC's Gastronomaut - F*rtology - an edible scientific adventure

11.30am This Morning's Phil Vickery

12.45pm CBBC's Gastronomaut - The Outrageous Gastronomaut Food Stunt Show

1.45pm Phil Vickery

3.00pm CBBC's Gastronomaut - F*rtology - an edible scientific adventure