



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 15 July 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 18 July

Last week of the school year

Move up morning

Reports home to families

Wednesday 20 July

Leavers' assembly for parents @ 9.15am and 2.30pm.

Refreshments will be available in the Community Room between 8.45-9.15am and 2-2.30pm.

Thursday 21 July

Leavers' day and BBQ

Friday 22nd July

School finishes for the summer break at 2.30pm

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, It's been another memorable week in school with physical activity and wellbeing taking centre stage. We've seen spectacular leaps of bravery, the highest standards in effort and sportsmanship and lots and lots of laughter. Today's Magic in Me workshops have been a wonderful way to round off a week of specialist sporting and wellbeing opportunities and taster sessions. As ever, the children have made a lasting impression with our visiting coaches and professionals and we are very proud of the positive feedback that they have shared. *Mo the football coach said, "the children were brilliant, super friendly and well behaved. The staff were so helpful and welcoming. A lovely event to be part of. Would love to work with you all again in the future."* How lovely is that? On a completely different subject, this year the DfE has brought in new guidance for schools to ensure that school uniform is affordable for everyone and that a second-hand uniform option is available. At RAPS we would like to set up a second-hand uniform service. As we approach the end of term and we are all planning for the next academic year, please donate any spare uniform that you may have to the team in the main office. If you would like to request particular items of uniform please also let us know. With many thanks as always. Have a lovely weekend with your wonderful children; we look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday for the final week of the school year, already!

With very best wishes, *Claire McKinney* Miss McKinney and all of the staff at Richard Avenue Primary School

RAPS assemblies. Continuing our learning in PSHE lessons through collective worship this week focusing on *health and wellbeing* and *keeping safe*. The children are further developing their knowledge and understanding of this topic through key questions this week. Y1: what rules are there at school that keep us safe? Y2: who is responsible for keeping us safe in our lives? Y3: why is it important for us to follow safety rules from parents and other adults? Y4: how could we manage medicines and household products safely in our homes to help keep younger children safe? Y5: why is it important that we take responsibility for our own safety? Y6: how can we stay safe online? In assemblies we will also be recapping important rules and tips for keeping safe around water and in the sun, in preparation for the sunny summer holidays!

This week's assembly theme has been:
keeping safe and staying safe, including water and sun safety.

RAPS Assembly Stars. Our RAPS communication stars are:

Nursery - Zahraa & Isla
Rec - Saibah & Mera
1 - Bryan, Inaaya & Jafar
2 - Arifa & Alessia
3 - Nafeesa & Devpreet
4 - Khadija & Aleeza
5 - Sumayyah & Kulsum
6 - Jessica, Yusuf & Imogen

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS superstars!



This week's theme for the RAPS Star is linked to our sports week. This is someone who has tried their best and given it a go, shown their sporting talent, great enthusiasm or excellent team spirit.

The Community Summer Fair takes place in our school grounds **tomorrow between 11am and 3pm**. There will be children's rides, a bouncy castle, street food, henna, face painting and much, much more. Seating areas will be available but please do bring your own picnic blankets and chairs. **The Mayor, Cllr Alison Smith and her Consort Mr David Smith** will be in attendance, and will in fact be opening the fair at 11am. See you there!

SEE YOU THERE!

TERM DATES 2022/2023

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Just a reminder on **Tuesday 19th of July** we are collecting one final set of **donations for the Sunderland Foodbank**. Thank you for your ongoing support so far this year. The urgently needed items are: **TINNED FRUIT, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, INSTANT MEALS, TINNED SPAGHETTI, COFFEE, RICE PUDDING & CUSTARD, UHT MILK**. The children can bring their items into class; this will allow them to be delivered to the Sunderland Foodbank in time for the school year ending. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support with your food donations. This is such a worthwhile cause in our community and your support is very much appreciated.

Staffing news. We will say farewell and thank you to **Mr Old** next week. Mr Old is moving to a teaching role in a London school in September and will be away from RAPS for two years. Mr Old joined our school in September 2016 and since his appointment, has worked with lots of enthusiasm and dedication to our school, tackling all that has been asked of him with great vigour and determination. Mr Old has such a big heart and a great capacity for kindness, and we will all miss him. We wish him well, with thanks for all he has done for our school, our community and especially our children. In Mr Old's absence, we are delighted to confirm the appointment of **Miss Bell** who will join our staff team in September. Miss Bell will be an excellent addition to our school and we warmly welcome her.

Sports. Everyone has had a fantastic week full of physical activities. Football, Total Wipeout, Climbing Wall and Boxercise are just a few of the amazing experiences for the children. The weather has been perfect and it has been heartwarming to see all of the children with massive smiles on their faces and hear their laughter and excitement. Thank you to **Premier Bouncy Castles, Keep Active, Score Mo, Sunderland Climbing Wall** and **The Excel Group** for providing us with their equipment, skills, talent and enthusiasm throughout the week. A **HUGE thank you our wonderful Mr Spoors** for organising a phenomenal week of sporting activities for our children to enjoy. The atmosphere in school has been super-charged with excitement, and for all ages #memoriesforlife



Sport and wellbeing week. We have had a great week looking at Wellbeing. Many different art and craft activities were organised to support the children in thinking about how to look after their mental wellbeing. We also enjoyed a visit from the Worry Wizard this week. Every class had a session which included transition for Year 6, Worries to Wellbeing for Years 1-5, and Nursery and Reception looked at 'The Magic in Me'. All of the children have gained a lot from the activities and know how to look after their wellbeing. A second **HUGE thank you our wonderful Miss Ellis** for organising a superb week of wellbeing activities for our children to enjoy. We've had such a fabulous time with something for all ages, adults included #morememoriesforlife



Y5 trip to Barnes Park ~ West Area Event 30-6-2022 & 1-7-2022. On Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July, 50 and 5M were invited to the **West Area Event at Barnes Park**. We were really excited when we got there because it was something completely new to us. 50's favourite activity was the funfair. It was funny to watch some of our classmates scream so loudly. Mr Old was shocked that we were so loud! We went on many different rides such as the Waltzer and the Swizzler. Most people preferred the Swizzler over the Waltzer. Some people went on all of these rides almost 4 times because of how much fun it was. A few of our classmates say that the Swizzler feels like being spun around at 100 miles per hour! Some groups started off with some fun activities such as climbing and caving. In the caving, Arafat went first with a swift 29 seconds! Also in the Wall Climbing, multiple people such as Mitchell and Yasin reached the top with ease. Although it looks easy, some children only could reach a half way. The activities in the gazebos involved green screens, animations and designing your own marvel character. In the green screens, some people ran from dinosaurs and were abducted by aliens! All of these activities were a really great experience and we are so glad to be given this opportunity **written by Alec and Mehreen.**

Nursery and reception shout outs. If you have **nursery or reception-sized uniform in good condition**, which you know you will no longer need, could we please ask you to send it into school. We are always looking for spares so would gladly take it off your hands, thank you.

Our second shout out is for **metal pots, sieves, cups, plates etc** for our *new look* water-sand-mud kitchen. Again, if you are having a clear out, please drop any such items into the school office where we'd be delighted to receive them. Thank you!

Great North Run. Our wonderful nursery teacher, **Mr Williams**, is taking part in the **Great North Run** in September. Mr Williams is running in support of the fabulous charity **Tommys**. Tommys does brilliant work in supporting families, and researching and finding treatments to save babies lives. If you are able to support Mr Williams, this is his **Just Giving** link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/craig-williams86>

Tommy's
Together, for every baby

School meals survey. A gentle reminder to complete the school meals survey and please also support your child in sharing their views. We'd be very grateful, thank you.

[Richard Avenue School Meals Parent Survey \(office.com\)](#)

[Richard Avenue Primary School Meals Pupil Survey \(office.com\)](#)

Top attendance. Congratulations to **3B** who have top attendance this week achieving **97.4%**.



*Weekly whole school attendance is **89.8%**.*

School Meals and the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme. Sunderland Council is again committed to providing support to families during the summer break. Please use this website link to find out more about whether you might be able to claim these:

www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals or telephone: **0191 561 1417**. Vouchers can be collected from our school office from **Tuesday between 8.30am and 3.30pm.**

Y2 families could we please ask you to let us know your plans for meals in September as the *Universal Infant Free School Meals* payment comes to an end when your child moves to Y3. School lunches are **£11.50 per week**.

Lastly on meals, please could we also ask you to also let us know if you plan to change your child's meal in September: from packed lunch to school meal, or vice versa. We think that's it on food, for now! If you have any questions or are unsure, please speak to one of the team.

It's tomorrow!



Community **FUNFAIR**

16TH JULY | SATURDAY

11AM TO 3PM

Venue: Richard Avenue Primary School

FACE PAINTING

FAIRGROUND

BOUNCY CASTLE

SLIDE

VARIOUS STREET FOOD & MANY MORE

ICE CREAM

BURGER

CAKES

HENNA

CONTACT DETAILS

0191 500 7990

rams@schools.sunderland.gov.uk

See you there :-)

Benefit Health Checks

Did you know that if you are pregnant or have children, whether you are in or out of work, you can drop into a Benefit Health Check session where you will be offered expert advice and support?

Coalfield Family Centre

Welfare Road, Hetton, DH5 9NE

Thursday 09:30 – 11:30

Thorney Close Family Centre

Thorndale Road, Sunderland, SR3 4JQ

Thursday 13:30 – 15:30

NO BOOKING NECESSARY



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