



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 22 July 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 5 Sept

School closed to children: staff training day. The office will be open for enquiries.

Tuesday 6 Sept

School closed to children: staff training day. The office will be open for enquiries.

Wednesday 7 Sept

Autumn term 2022 begins!

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, We begin the last flyer of the school year with a huge goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 children, who will leave our school today... We are so proud of the journey we have taken with them and will miss them all so much. They are a brilliant group and have thoroughly enjoyed every opportunity presented to them; they have grown in confidence and each developed views beyond our school, of the wider world. We know they are the very best they can be and we couldn't be prouder. We wish them well as they move on to new challenges and look forward to hearing from them in September. Goodbye and extra special RAPS good luck to our Y6 superstars. Reflecting on another speedy school year: it's been wonderful, and the excellent support from our families and the generosity of members of our community is never taken for granted, and plays a huge role in our school's success. We are extremely grateful for the many messages of appreciation we have received for our wonderful staff, who are incredibly dedicated to ensuring the children continue to thrive at Richard Avenue Primary. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated staff team. I am lucky to lead and work alongside such a fabulous team. Thank you is not enough for all they do for our school community, but it is sincerely meant. On behalf of governors, staff and pupils, I thank you all for all you do to support all we do. For the kind words of support and for being the amazing families you all are. It is never taken for granted and always hugely appreciated. Wishing all of our families a safe and happy summer; enjoy spending quality time together. With very best wishes, *Claire McKinney*.

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

End of year message from our Chair of Governors. Well we made it! A full academic year, one all the children so desperately needed. As we bring this academic year to a close I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you, the parents, for ensuring your children attend and therefore get the best possible education your children deserve. It sounds simple, but you have to be in it to win it, as the saying goes. Speaking as a parent as well as Chair of Governors, I know how difficult that can be sometimes, so thank you. We have had many successes through this year with children achieving so much in all year groups in all areas. We have also seen an amazing and eagerly awaited trip to Derwent Hill, and many more wonderful trips and activities, too numerous to mention, bringing some important and memorable experiences back to life. We have a wonderful new Head Teacher, one I hope you agree is already having a noticeable impact on school life. We really do have exciting times ahead. I want to thank all the staff team for their dedication, hard work and for going the extra mile so that all the things I've mentioned, happen. Thank you. We have one of our teachers, Mr Charlie Old, leaving for a two year sabbatical in London. I want to say thank you Charlie for your time at RAPS and we wish you well. Finally, may I make special thanks to you as a school community, for coming together, moving forward and wanting only what is best for your children. Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September. **Mr Craig Hilton, Chair of Governors.**

RAPS assemblies. This week's theme has been both a happy and sad one – leaving and saying goodbye. Whilst it has been great to look back and think about all of our accomplishments over this year, we realised that a new academic year means saying a few goodbyes. But here at RAPS we all embrace and look forward to the challenges and changes ahead.

This week's assembly theme has been: **achievements, leaving and saying goodbye...**

RAPS Assembly Stars. Our RAPS sports stars were:

- Nursery - Gracie & Ariel
- Rec - Saibah, Ibrahim & Dhanan
- 1 - Nathan & Tahfeez
- 2 - Akif & Rehan
- 3 - Yusuf & Isaac
- 4 - Tre & Asim
- 5 - Dylan & Qudsiyah
- 6 - Aryan & Hannah



Well done everyone, you are all RAPS superstars!

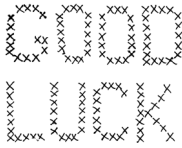
Community Summer Fair. A huge thank you to the hardworking group of RAPS friends from the community for all they did to organise such a lovely fair for the children to enjoy. They pulled out all the stops to ensure the afternoon was such good fun and we raised **£1002.55** for our school! It's an enormous thank you to our fabulous and energetic staff team and community friends!



Foodbank donations. Thank you all for your incredible donations for the Foodbank this week. The Foodbank team has again been delighted with the generosity shown by parents and children, and have sent a huge thank you to all who were able to support.

After School Clubs. All clubs have now taken a break for the summer. **Many thanks to our fabulous team for all they do to provide such a wonderful variety of after school clubs and for your superb support at home** without which we couldn't offer anywhere near the variety the children have so enjoyed during the year. **Thank you team RAPS.**

Mr Old. As we mentioned last week, we say farewell and thank you to Mr Old today as he leaves RAPS to take up a teaching role in a London school in September, and will be away from RAPS for two years. Mr Old is a wonderful member of the team; nothing is ever a bother to him. He has worked with lots of enthusiasm and dedication to our school, and has a great capacity for kindness. We will all miss Mr Old and send RAPS love and best wishes with him as he writes the next chapter in his career. Goodbye and good luck Mr Old!



Miss Scott. Our wonderful Miss Scott (Y4) and her finance Dale are getting married during the summer holiday. I am sure that you will join me and team RAPS in congratulating them and wishing them many years of happiness together. We hope that the sun shines for their special day as they become **Mr & Mrs Gorton.**



The **Leisure United Ford Hub** are working in partnership with Sunderland City Council to help provide opportunities for children in the area looking for somewhere to go over the summer holidays. Their program will run from the 1st - 25th August (Mondays to Thursdays) from 10am until 3pm. **Call 0191 814 3367** to book your child's place. Please also know that places are free of charge for any child in receipt of Free School Meals.



Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme. A timetable listing all activities, providers and booking information will be made available next week and published on the council's website at: www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/HAF For families who receive means-tested free school meals, you are able to access these activities at no cost over the summer holidays.

Take the kids for free, all day, every day Metro offer. Tyne and Wear Metro are excited to announce that their Take the Kids for Free offer has been extended permanently, making Metro travel even more affordable. Up to three children aged 11 and under can travel anywhere on the Metro or Shields Ferry for free, if they are with a fare-paying adult. We hope this offer will encourage families to explore new places and spend more quality time together. For more information please visit: [Take the kids for free | nexus.org.uk](http://www.nexus.org.uk)

Summer reading challenge. Get ready for Gadgeteers, arriving online and in your local library this summer holiday. Science is all around you! What do you love doing? Are you a brilliant baker? Or a mega music fan? Are you the tech wizard amongst your friends? Join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things! Curious? Perfect! Your imagination can unlock endless possibilities...Gadgeteers will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you. It is hoped children will be encouraged to visit libraries and to get involved with reading for pleasure during the summer holidays. Wow – it sounds fabulous!



Thank you to Mr Taylor. Huge thanks to our site manager **Mr Taylor**, who looks after our school so well. 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.



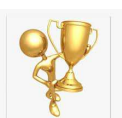
School lunches. Huge thanks also to our catering and supervisory teams for once again providing us with yummy lunches and for looking after us so well this year. We're very lucky to enjoy such tasty meals and treats, and thank the team very much indeed for all their hard work throughout the year.

Cleaning team. Huge thanks to our wonderful school cleaning team who do such a fabulous job ensuring our school looks it's very best. They are never without a smile or a kind word. A wonderful team doing a wonderful job with our sincere thanks to them.

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/>

A gardening thank you. Huge thanks to our green fingered friends **Mr & Mrs Williams** grandparents of Sebastian in 4S and **Mr & Mrs Brown** grandparents of Emma in 6C and Jamie in 4W who have spent many an hour in our school gardens this term. We are incredibly grateful, thank you!

Top attendance. Congratulations to **6H** who have this week's final top attendance achieving **92.6%**. *Our year's whole school average attendance is **91.4%**.*



KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

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IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

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KIDS SUMMER CAMP



Mon-Fri
July 25th -
August 19th

FREE



LOTS OF FUN AND GAMES, SPORTS,
COOKERY, ARTS AND CRAFTS
FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS
FREE HOT MEALS PROVIDED
Sunderland Mind Wellbeing Hub
Church Street East SR1 2BB



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