



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 23 September 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 26 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Tuesday 27 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Health & wellbeing festival for 4S

Wednesday 28 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yrs 5 & 6

Preloved uniform available from 1.30-4pm in the Community Room

Thursday 29 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Goals for 4G

Friday 30 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Swimming for Y3

Great Engineers School Challenge for Y5

Monday 3 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Future dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th October

Richard Avenue special Open Day for new families to reception 2023 - please call school if you would like to make an appointment

Thursday 20th October

Y5's assembly for parents—more information to follow

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, We have had a wonderful third week of term and the children have already impressed their new teachers with their enthusiasm for their new classes and new learning. It has been great to welcome our Reception children in full time as they enjoy getting to know their new school. In each year group, the teachers are already planning curriculum linked visits to enhance the learning. These visits are valuable and often bring the learning to life for the children. Inevitably we are finding that the cost of trips is rising significantly and are conscious that there are strains being placed on everyone's finances at the moment. We do not want cost to be a barrier to these valuable and memorable experiences and therefore we are heavily subsidising the cost of each trip from our budget. Please remember that when you see the contribution that we are asking parents to make and talk to us if you are in a situation where payment is difficult.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes,

Claire McKinny

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

RAPS assemblies. This week our collective worship focus was peace, to coincide with the **International Day of Peace on the 21st September**. We discussed why peace is important and how it can be achieved in our everyday lives and in the wider world. It has also been Recycling week! Here at RAPS we take sustainability in order to protect our planets' future very seriously. We must all work together to do our best to recycle paper, clothing, food waste even printer cartridges. What do you recycle?



RAPS Assembly Stars. Our Roald day superstars are:

Nursery: Maggie-Mae & Myreen; Y1: Sienna & Zuhayrha; Y2: Kyle & Ishaq; Y3: Yasin & Jane; Y4: Eknoor & Artem; Y5: Alesha & Lily; Y6: Isla & Tico.

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!

*This week's theme for the RAPS Star is linked to last week's RAPS value which was **good manners**. This could be a child who is polite and respectful of others using please and thank you, standing to hold the door for an adult, showing others that they are considerate of the feelings of others.*



Introducing our head pupils. **Mehreen:** I am this year's head girl and I am really honoured to be chosen. I enjoy sports (especially football!) and art. I decided I wanted to be head girl because I really want to add different ideas to the school community. I want to represent our school in different ways, events and competitions. I really hope to help make the school even better than it already is. **Alec:** Salutations, am your new head boy. First of all, I would like to thank everyone for supporting me to become head boy. Through my years in this school, I have befriended many people which has influenced me to want to make the school the best it can be. I have multiple goals as head boy including influencing more events and competitions with other schools. My hobbies are basketball, football and maths. That's it for me for now. Have a good day!



Bikes and scooters. In order to help us keep all of the children safe, could we please ask that you do not ride bikes or scooters on the school yard - this includes after collecting the children, as well as before. Thank you.

Clubs began again this week after the summer break, and already seem to be very popular, with most clubs now full. Parents should collect their children from the school yard when our clubs end at 4.30pm. Thank you.

Homework time. Today we have sent home pupil and parent questionnaires and ask that if you have a small amount of time, could you please complete and return them to school by **Monday, 17th October**? We are keen to get your thoughts and ideas about our school. Please could you also help your children as they identify the features of our school which are good, and those which need improving. Thank you all very much for your support with this.



School lunches. School lunches are £11.50 per week. Please could we ask that all school lunch payments be completed online? **Please include your child's name and class in the message box. If you do this on the payment pages, it doesn't show when we receive it.** Thank you.

Morning drop-off. The children have all settled into school life really, really well, including reception - they are fantastic at remembering routines, well done! Could we now ask that from **Monday 26 September**, all parents say goodbye to the children at the gate? If you would like to speak to a member of staff, you can do this at the gate or pop into the main office. We really appreciate your support and we know mornings are very busy for everyone. Thank you.

Meeting for families of children new into Reception class. You are invited to join the reception team for the afternoon visit to find out more about how they deliver key learning goals, resources they use, how you might support at home, and of course enjoy a cuppa and chat. The autumn term meeting will take place on **Tuesday 4th October from 2.15-3.30pm**, with an opportunity to visit the reception classroom and work with your child from **2.15-2.45pm followed by a coffee and time with the staff team from 2.45-3.30pm**. Please sign in at the front door, and the office team will look after you. We look forward to seeing you then.

PE kit on PE days. Thank you for your support with the change to wearing RAPS PE kit to school on PE days. We really appreciate your help in making this new system work which is already making a huge difference to PE lessons. Thank you team RAPS!

Year 7 secondary school admissions. The online admissions portal for **secondary schools** opened this weekend will close on 31 October 2022. **This is for Year 6 in primary schools born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, applying for a Year 7 secondary school place in September 2023.** Allocations day is 1 March 2023. The Admissions Handbook and full guidance on how to apply can be found on Sunderland County Councils' website: www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-secondary

Miss McMaster. We are delighted to announce that Miss McMaster is expecting a baby  in February. This is really lovely news, and we are very excited for Miss McMaster and her partner. Miss McMaster is currently planning to go on maternity leave late January We will make sure that there is a smooth transition to a new teacher whilst Miss McMaster is on maternity leave.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

* Free preloved uniform *

Available from the school community room

Wednesday 28th September 1.30pm-4.00pm

We have a huge range of jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts, trousers, skirts and Summer dresses all in need of new homes. Sizes range between age 5 and age 11.

Please stock up on uniform for your children, bigger sizes never come in wrong!

Mrs Dunn will be on hand all afternoon to help you fill up your bags

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reduce how much new uniform is bought throughout the year.



Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **6H** who are our weekly winners. *Weekly whole school attendance is 92.9%.*

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	87.5	3B	89.4
NURSERY AFT	91.7	3B	96.6
RM	90.0	4G	87.5
RW	90.5	4S	92.1
1B	94.6	5H	88.5
1S	93.3	5W	92.2
2CW	95.0	6C	94.3
2H	97.0	6H	97.4

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Thornhill Academy Open Evening Change of Date!

Our new date is Monday 26th September 2022 due to the Queen's funeral

Running from 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Headteacher Presentation at 4.30pm and 5.30pm
You are welcome on site for refreshments from 4pm
All Year 4, 5, and 6 children and parents welcome!

We look forward to meeting you!

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