

Richard Avenue Primary School



Friday Flyer

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Weekly Update

Friday 9 September 2022

UPCOMING DATES

Rest in peace, Your Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Your dedication to our country was unflinching; you were a true inspiration to us all and embodiment of our school values. You will be sorely missed by all of us at Richard Avenue Primary School.



RAPS daycare: Reading Breakfast Club from 8-8:45am & Homework After School Club from 3:30pm-5:15pm [Monday 12 Sept](#)

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RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

[Tuesday 13 Sept](#)

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Roald Dahl Day and themed pudding

[Wednesday 14 Sept](#)

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

[Thursday 15 Sept](#)

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

[Friday 16 Sept](#)

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Great engineering challenge for Y5

Swimming for Y3

[Monday 19 Sept](#)

After school clubs begin

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, We were so happy to welcome the children back to school this week. Lots of happy, smiling faces and chatter, and that was just the adults! A huge Richard Avenue welcome to three new faces on the staff team: **Miss Emma Bell** as our new Year 1 class teacher, and **Mrs Carley Johnson** and **Miss Kassi Thompson** join us as teaching assistants. We hope that they will each be very happy with us, and are delighted to welcome them to our school.

The children have returned with such a positive and chirpy attitude and are enjoying a lovely first week with lots of beaming faces in all classrooms. Our reception children have also settled into a routine quickly and are already looking happy and confident. It's been wonderful to see the children settle in so quickly. Our children, your children, are wonderful and such a credit to you all at home. Our main focus for this year is supporting the children with an exciting and relevant curriculum, to be the best that they can be and ensure the very best outcomes for all. We look forward to a wonderful year working in partnership with families and look with hope to the future. In school, classrooms and outdoor spaces are super shiny and looking superb. The staff team have worked incredibly hard over the summer and have created superb learning environments for all classes. We are so lucky to have such a top team, which I know you already know.

Speaking of the team, our weekly newsletter is a great way of staying in touch so please do take the time to read it. Newsletters are sent home via *School Gateway* on a Friday afternoon. If you haven't yet signed up to this electronic communication service, please could we press upon you to do so. Our aim continues to be for a largely 'paperless' office meaning we no longer routinely send home hard copies of letters etc. You are able to request paper copies. Newsletters are also published on the school website for which a shortcut can be found on the home page [Weekly Newsletters | Richard Avenue Primary School](#)

Phew, a lot of information for the first week of our new school year; as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our school staff. Thank you all so much for your continued support. Good luck to all who will take part in the **Great North Run** this weekend and have a lovely weekend. **Go Mr Williams and team Tommys!**

With very best wishes, *Claire McKinney*

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



PE and PE kit. In a change to our plans going forwards, could we please ask that children in Yrs 1-6 wear RAPS PE kit to school on the day of their PE lessons, rather than uniform. We are making this change for a few reasons: to maximise the amount of time spent in PE lessons cutting out any need to get changed; to avoid the frustration of lost uniform and the weekly mix up of sweaters and other items of uniform; to ensure sports kit goes home each week to be washed for the following week. **This must be RAPS PE uniform rather than other sports kit from home including football strips.** As a reminder, our PE kit consists of: plain white round neck t-shirt, plain black or red shorts, plain dark track suit bottoms for winter sports and plain black gym shoes. PE days are as follows: **Monday:Y2; Tuesday:Y3; Wednesday:Y5&Y6; Thursday:Y4; Friday:Y1.** Thank you as always for your support.

Road Dahl Day. We are celebrating **Roald Dahl Day on Tuesday** next week, which is



the anniversary of his birthday. We will enjoy the wonder of Dahl's storytelling and the characters he created. You'll not be surprised to hear that he is a much loved and read author at Richard Avenue and his books, especially *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda* and *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*, fly off the shelves. It's going to be a fabulous day and one which we know the children will enjoy, including a Wonka-themed golden ticket surprise pudding!

Earrings. A gentle start of the school year reminder that earrings must not be worn in school. Thank you for your support with this.

After school clubs. Club letters will go out this week for children to choose clubs. Letters returned by *Wednesday 14th September* at the latest please. Clubs will be allocated and parents informed by *Friday 16th September* with clubs beginning *Monday 19th September*. Please complete code of conduct before clubs begin and all clubs will be collected from the yard at 4.30pm. Thank you as always for your support.

Mrs Gorton. I am pleased to report that all went to plan in the summer holiday and following her wedding, we now have Mrs Gorton on our school staff. ***Congratulations to Mrs and Mr Gorton.***

Meeting for families of children new into Reception class. This is a tremendously important time in the life of both you and your child. We appreciate that you have been, and will continue to be given lots and lots of information from school. With this in mind, and to help you absorb all of this information, we are piloting new induction arrangements for parents and carers in September which will also be supplemented at key times throughout the year. You are invited to join the reception team for a series of termly sessions where they will describe the Early Years Curriculum in more detail, giving you an opportunity to find out more about how they deliver the key learning goals, resources they use, how parents 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.

Nursery and Reception parents will be asked to complete a short questionnaire in the coming weeks, regarding the arrangements for this year's new starters. In time, your views will be collated, and full analysis with outcomes will be circulated to all parents. It's just a bit of homework to keep you busy!



What will your child be learning this term? Please visit our wonderful school website using the link below to find out exactly what your child will be learning this term, it's all very exciting!

[The Curriculum | Richard Avenue Primary School](#)

Why not then ask them about it?

Pre-loved uniform. Please remember that our Richard Avenue Pre-loved Uniform Shop is always available to families. Use this dedicated email address to enquire about specific items of clothing and sizes. If we can help, we always will.

uniform@richardavenue.co.uk



Please also continue to donate any spare uniform that you may have to the team in the main office.

School meals. School lunches at RAPS are both tasty and nutritionally balanced. If you would like your child to enjoy a hot meal at lunch time, please speak to our School Office, giving **2 weeks notice** for any change. Could we also please take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that our school adheres to a strict 'nut free policy', and thank you for your support in keeping to snacks and lunch boxes which are entirely nut free and are healthy, in line with our 'healthy school' status.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is encouraging people to 'Lift someone out of loneliness' as part of the Better Health Every Mind Matters campaign. Invite someone for a walk, or send someone a text - small acts of kindness can make a big difference. We would greatly appreciate your support this week to continue to spread this message across your channels and networks, pointing people to the **[Every Mind Matters loneliness webpage](#)** where there is advice and support to help yourself or others who may be feeling lonely.

Great North Run. Our wonderful nursery teacher, **Mr Williams**, is taking part in the **Great North Run** this weekend. 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>**

Attendance matters and at RAPS we expect at least 96% attendance for each child. 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. *Let's get this term off to an amazing start with 100% attendance in all classes next week!*



Water bottles. Could we please ask that you provide a **named water bottle** for your child and that it comes into school everyday, re-filled with water and ready to use. We know how much difference having access to water makes, and we encourage children to take a drink several times during the day. With many thanks as always for your support.