



# Richard Avenue Primary School

## Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 21 October 2022

### UPCOMING DATES

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

#### Monday 31 Oct

School re-opens after the half term holiday

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Wild Science for Yrs 5&6

#### Tuesday 1 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

#### Wednesday 2 Nov

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

#### Thursday 3 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

#### Friday 4 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Swimming for Y3B

#### Future dates for your diary

#### Thursday 10th November

Parents evening for all families

#### Friday 18th November

Children in Need - Non-school uniform day:

Pupils pay a voluntary donation to come to school wearing multi-coloured clothing/spots or their own clothes. *Pudsey Bear* biscuits, created by Cathy in our school kitchen, to be sold by the Student Council around school for 50p.

#### Thursday 1st December

Whole School photographs

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CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES**

**Head Teacher comment** Dear Richard Avenue Families, I can't believe we have now completed our first half term - it has flown by so quickly. We've had another busy week in school; it's been great to see how enthusiastic and hard-working the children are both in and outside of school. As always, the staff team have been brilliant, and they thank you for all of the parental support you have given in so many ways. This week, it has been a real joy to see the return of Class Assemblies. Our **wonderful Year 5's** read beautifully, sang with enthusiasm and smiled throughout - I am sure the Ancient Egyptians would have enjoyed it too! It was great to see the delight on their faces as they presented their independent work to families with HUGE RAPS thanks to everyone who contributed. It was great to also hear such positive feedback from parents about the children's enthusiasm. We know they loved having you in school to celebrate; it creates such a warm school family feeling. Thank you so much, we really value your support.

A gentle reminder that our school will close today for the half term holiday, re-opening on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. **Don't forget to set your clocks back by one hour on Sunday 30th October**, and gain an extra hour for that extended lie-in. Shame about the dark nights, boo - goodbye summer, not that we can complain too much this year!

Many thanks for your brilliant support once again this half term. Have a lovely holiday with your fabulous children.

With very best wishes,

*Claire McKinney.*

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

### RAPS Assembly Stars.

Last week's superstars were:

Amaya and Aidah

Younus and Annabelle

Saleh and Rabiul

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!



**RAPS assemblies.** This week our collective worship has focussed on the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali, a festival of lights which is celebrated on October 24th. We learned that celebrations include firework displays, Diwali lanterns, music, dancing and plays, as well sharing in delicious, traditional Indian food and sweets. We have really enjoyed learning about this colourful festival and how it generally symbolizes the victory of light over darkness. Wishing a Diwali that brings happiness, prosperity and joy to you and all your family. Happy Diwali!

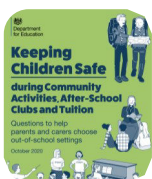


Please note that the deadline for your child's secondary school application is 31st October 2022. Please visit: [www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-secondary](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-secondary)

**Foodbank donations.** Thank you all for your incredible donations for the Foodbank. 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.

**Safeguarding Update: out-of-school settings.** Many of our children take part in a range of enriching activities outside of school with external providers. This includes sports clubs, places of worship, community groups in addition to tuition and coaching sessions.

Recent safeguarding reviews have highlighted the importance of parents feeling confident that their child is safe within these settings. The DfE parental guidance on [Keeping Children Safe during Community Activities, After-school Clubs and Tuition](#) equips parents with the appropriate questions that you may wish to ask providers to ensure your child's safety whilst they are not in your care.



**The Big Summer Survey.** Last month, the Children's Commissioner, **Dame Rachel de Souza**, launched The **Big Summer Survey**. Participation in this survey provides children with an opportunity to support an independent review of family life in England by sharing their experiences over the summer holidays. In this [video link](#), Dame Rachel de Souza provides you with additional information that you may need to help your child to take part in this quick and accessible national survey. The Big Summer Survey can be accessed [here](#).



**Questionnaires.** Many thanks to everyone who returned a completed questionnaire – we know how busy you all are, so hugely appreciate the time you have all taken to give such supportive responses. Results will be analysed and circulated in the coming weeks so do watch out for them!

**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.

[School Dinners](#)

**Preloved 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](mailto:uniform@richardavenue.co.uk)



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

**Primary school admissions.** The online admissions portal for **primary schools is now open** and will close on 15 January 2023. **If your child's date of birth falls between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019, you will need to apply for a reception place for September 2022.** Allocations day is 19 April 2023. The Admissions Handbook and full guidance on how to apply can be found on Sunderland County Council's website:

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-infant-junior-primary>

**Parking in and around our school** at drop off and pick up continues to provide challenges. We are working with our community and other partners to find long term solutions to a problem that all educational establishments face. We have already had one 'near-miss' reported to us this academic year and we would politely ask all of those of you who drive, to park with a deep awareness of the children and keeping them safe. We would also ask that you are considerate to our neighbours and avoid parking across drives and at points that disrupt their days.

**Year 5 engineers.** This week, we went to Shildon Locomotion Centre for the Great Engineers Schools Challenge. Both 5W and 5M worked hard and made models out of Meccano for the competition. It took skill, teamwork and time to make the projects. Out of the six schools that competed, **5W won the 2nd place prize.** When we got to Shildon Locomotion Centre, we all had high hopes. Before the competition started, we toured the museum and learnt about the history of locomotives. We even got to go inside the engine of a train! We took part in many other activities like making mini models, drawing and exploring. When the competition started, we were nervous but it turned out to be fun in the end. Overall, it was a great day. **Written by 5M's Zach and Simran.**

**Attendance of the week.** Congratulations to **2CW** who are our weekly winners.

*Weekly whole school attendance is **91.7%.***

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	92.0	3B	92.0
NURSERY AFT	81.7	3G	91.8
RM	91.3	4G	95.7
RW	83.6	4S	92.7
1B	91.3	5M	89.6
1S	90.0	5W	95.6
2CW	96.7	6C	90.6
2H	91.3	6H	92.1

**ATTENDANCE**



Last week our current **Nursery children and Mr Williams** harvested the pumpkins, planted by last year's children! As you can see from our photographs, there's been quite a crop. These pumpkins are being offered to Nursery parents for a small donation towards school. Here's to an even bigger crop



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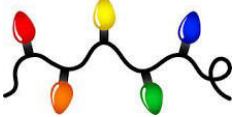

**Please donate any clothes you no longer need. Our clothes bank is located at the front of school near the Reception class outdoor area.**



Grace House is a Sunderland based charity working across the North East, providing support to disabled children, young people and their families. We offer support to the whole family, as well as the young people who come to us for a short break.



## RAPS Christmas Diary 2022

Date	Event
29th November	16 Days of Christmas begins 
1st December	Turning on of the Christmas tree lights 
13th December	Reception/KS1 Christmas performances @ 9.15am & 2.15pm
14th December	Nursery Christmas performances @ 9.15am & 2.15pm
15th December	Christmas Day at Richard Avenue 
20th December	KS2 Carol Service @ 9.15am & 2.30pm School closes @ 2.30pm



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



### ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of 2022

### TOBY CARVERY

The Kids Eat For £1 offer will be available from October 24th to 28th with the App

### FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Adults Eat Free with every under 11 child throughout all the UK Half terms

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### TABLE TABLE

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

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

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

### TESCO CAFES

Kids Eat Free with any purchase of fresh fruit by an adult throughout all the UK Half Terms

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms

### FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat for £1 when you sign up to their email list before October 26th 2022

### YO! SUSHI

Kid's eat free all day, Monday to Thursday until 29th October 2022

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

### IKEA

From October 11th kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.

### ANGUS STEAKHOUSE


One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday



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