



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 8 October 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 10 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 11 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Open Day for new reception families *in September 2023!*

Wednesday 12 Oct

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

Thursday 13 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Friday 14 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Swimming for Y3B

Great engineering challenge for Y5

Future dates for your diary

Thursday 20th October

Y5's class assembly for parents. Please come into school via the main entrance, after you drop off at the gates. *The assembly will begin shortly after 9am and last for approx. 20 mins.* Y5 families very welcome!

Thursday 10th November

Parents evening for all families about which you will receive a letter today (paper copy) via your eldest child. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the team.

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, Welcome to this week's newsletter, I hope that it finds you all well. It may be hard to believe, but we have now finished our fifth week of the Autumn term. The newest members of the Richard Avenue Primary family are settling in well into life at school and their new classes. We are all excited to watch them flourish as they grow within our school environment. New Seesaw accounts have been set up for each class. You will have received a welcome invitation to this class account. If you require any support logging in, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Home learning is a great way to support your child's in-school progress. Any support you can give your child with reading at home or with their class homework can make a big difference to children's confidence and can also provide a fun bonding experience. If you have any questions about supporting your child at home, please contact their class teacher, they will be happy to offer any support you may need. We are pleased that the Derwent Hill residential is able to run again this year. A letter was sent to all Year 6 families outlining the dates of the trip and key information. Part of the letter included a reply that needs to be submitted to the office as soon as possible indicating whether or not your child will attend the residential. If you have any queries regarding the trip, please contact the school. Looking ahead to the next few weeks, we continue the hectic pace with a number of off site visits and visitors to our school. We wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney

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

RAPS assemblies. This week's focus has been Forgiveness, which coincides with the Jewish festival **Yom Kippur** which we have also talked about. This is a day of atonement or saying sorry, and marks the end of the Jewish high holy day which offers a chance for people to change their fate through prayer, repentance, and charity. We also read and heard the story of Jonah and the Whale, linked to our theme of forgiveness.



RAPS Assembly Stars. Last week's languages superstars were:

Nursery: Amayrah & Safwan; **Y1:** Husam Sheik & Ethan; **Y2:** Urwa & Lewis; **Y3:** Stephanie & Rajaa; **Y4:** Aryaan & Dylan; **Y5:** Noah & Ben; **Y6:** Katherine & Rhys.



Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars! *This week our focus has moved onto writing. Check back next week to find out who our super- ☺ star writers are*

Safeguarding Team. We would like you to meet our safeguarding team so that you are aware of who to contact if you are concerned about the safety of a child or family in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can help.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is taken very seriously, we work together as a team to support pupils and ensure they feel safe and are safe.



Miss C McKinney



Mrs B Waller



Miss L Walker



Mrs L Robson



Mr C Hilton

Sunderland Food Bank. A gentle reminder that we are collecting **donations for the Sunderland Foodbank** at the moment. 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 before half term. This is such a worthwhile cause in our community and your support is very much appreciated, thank you.

Parking. Can we remind you again to please consider our neighbours when you park to drop off your children. There have been cases of driveways being blocked, at all sites, in particular on Richard Avenue. Thank you for your help.

Homework time. A gentle reminder that there is till time to complete and return your questionnaires. If you have a small amount of time over the weekend, 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? Do remember to include your child's name and class in the message box. Thank you.

School Dinners

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.

Meeting for families of children new into Reception class. Reception class open afternoon took place this week with thanks to everyone who came along to join in the fun. We know that the children really enjoyed seeing you in school, and hope that it gave you an insight into how learning is organised in reception class? If you have any further questions whatsoever, please just ask. Thank you. Our thanks also to **Mrs Waller and Miss McMaster** for preparing and leading such a lovely the afternoon and to our reception team too - thank you! Watch this space for next term's open event. 😊

Our **Open Day** for new and prospective parents is next week - on Tuesday **11th October**, from 9.15am - 3pm. Everyone is very welcome. Please ring school to book an appointment.

Primary school admissions. The online admissions portal for **primary schools** opens on Monday 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>

Ukulele and guitar. During this academic year we are hoping to build up our music provision after the recent pandemic. Last week, **Y5** began their **ukulele** lessons with our peripatetic music teacher, Ashleigh Lowes. This is something which will run throughout the term in Y5. The children will learn to play notes and will become more confident at performing in a group. We can't wait to see (and hear!) their progress! **Guitar lessons** have also now started on a Wednesday with David Smith. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these lessons and have been given a guitar on loan, to practise at home. We can't wait to hear them perform when they have become more confident.



Attendance of the week. Congratulations to 3B who are our weekly winners.

Weekly whole school attendance is 94.5%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	85.1	3B	98.5
NURSERY AFT	94.5	3G	97.3
RM	93.3	4G	88.9
RW	96.4	4S	92.6
1B	95.0	5M	95.8
1S	95.3	5W	97.5
2CW	98.0	6C	93.5
2H	90.7	6H	95.5

ATTENDANCE

Are you ready to be creative and design a way to travel in space?

You may have read some of Oliver Jeffer's books such as Here We Are. He has now teamed up with Professor Stephen Smartt and Nerve Centre to create Our Place in Space, which includes a series of online challenges that your child might like to try at home.

You can find out more here:
<https://ourplaceinspace.earth/learning/monthly-challenge/challenge-4-ella-podmore>



Online Grooming

Internet Matters have produced a guide outlining what you need to know about Online Grooming:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-grooming-guide-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Snapchat Update

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is an app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time period e.g. 10 seconds. Users can also upload snaps to stories which then disappear after 24 hours.



Snapchat Family Centre – NEW

Snapchat have introduced a new in-app tool called Family Centre. Family Centre will allow you to see who your child is friends with on Snapchat and who they have been communicating with (you will not be able to see the contents of conversations). You will also be able to see who they are friends with on Snapchat, report accounts confidentially and view resources to help you start conversations with your child about online safety.

Snapchat are also planning on adding additional tools within Family Centre in the future. You can find out more about Family Centre here:
<https://snap.com/en-GB/safety-and-impact/post/family-center>

Safety tips

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and make sure that they know that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns. **Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.**

We would recommend you explore Snapchat with your child and suggest why certain options are safer, for example, setting your account so only friends (rather than everyone) can see your content and only those you are friends with can contact you.

- <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/privacy-settings2>

More information

You can find out more about Snapchat using the following links:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>
- <https://snap.com/en-GB/safety/safety-center>