



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 4 November 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 7 Nov

Poppies will be on sale in school all week.

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2 & Y4

Tuesday 8 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Wednesday 9 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 6

Great North Museum visit for Y5

Thursday 10 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by **RECEPTION**

Parents afternoon/evening

Friday 11 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Girls football festival at Farringdon—Y3 morning only

Swimming for Y3G

Future dates for your diary

Thursday 1st December

Whole School photographs

Thursday 24th November

Y4'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. Y4 families very welcome!

Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families, Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term which we know will be a very busy one as it takes us up to Christmas. We hope that you have all enjoyed a restful holiday, and return having shaken off the nasty bugs which we seemed to be sharing in the last few weeks of October. As ever, it's a busy newsletter with lots to tell you about, and it's November - already! Last year, we introduced an initiative based on the NHS's '5 Steps to Wellbeing'. This is part of our constant drive to talk about, understand and improve our school community's mental health and well-being. Apart from lessons designed specifically to teach the children about this topic, we also have trained mental health first aiders in school and lots of nurture provision. Displays around school help to keep this important topic at the forefront of our minds and this week, we have used these strategies to help the children settle back into school after some time off. On that note, have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney.

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

RAPS Assembly Stars. The superstars we celebrated before half term were:

Nursery: Shanvi & Imaan

Rec: Harasooop, Paul & Priscilla

Y1: Iqra & Ivan

Y2: Zunaira & Amara

Y3: Lawk

Y4: Artem & Mavin

Y5: Muslima & Keeyan

Y6: Jasmine, Yasin & Lexi

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!



RAPS assemblies. We have continued our learning in PSHE lessons through our collective worship this week. Our PSHE theme is **relationships** and at the moment and we are learning about 'safe relationships'. All children in school are growing in their knowledge and understanding of this important theme through key questions. **In Y1:** who can help if our bodies or feelings are hurt at home and at school? **In Y2:** how might people feel if they are being bullied? **In Y3:** how can bullying effect more than just the bully and the person who is being bullied? **In Y4:** who could support you with online or bullying worries? **In Y5:** how can you support yourself or someone else who is feeling uncomfortable? **In Y6:** what does a healthy and unhealthy friendship look like?

We have also talked about the tradition of trick or treating for those taking part in Halloween festivities, and being aware of keeping ourselves safe whilst out in the local area. Lastly, we have highlighted firework safety as it's Bonfire Night on the 5th of November and many families will be going to firework displays or having their own. Ask your child about the firework code...



TOP SECRET! In a change to previous years, Y6 will receive their leavers' hoodie in the summer term, to mark the beginning of their last term at Richard Avenue — we know you'll not get them out of it once they have it! We will write to you again in the spring to tell you more about our plans...

Video calls. Could we politely request that you do not take video calls whilst you are on yard at the end of the day, collecting your children. Thank you for your support.

The Children in Need appeal. "Let's raise pounds for Pudsey..." takes place on Friday 18th November, and at RAPS, and our new Student Council invites everyone to come to school in spotty clothes or home clothes, bringing a donation for the Children in Need Appeal. Student Council, with the help of Miss Bell, also invites the children to pay an additional 50p to buy a Pudsey biscuit which will be on offer during morning break. With thanks for your support at home for what sounds like another fun day for the children.



Meet the teacher appointments: Thursday 10th November. A reminder that it's parents' evening next week, an important opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher. In time for your appointment, please come into school through the main entrance where there will be a team of our oldest children waiting to greet you, and take you to your appointment. Please contact our school office if you have not yet made an appointment. *You have received a letter about our translation service this week. If you would like to request a translator for your appointment and haven't already done so, could you please let us know. We look forward to seeing you next week.*

Chromebooks for home use. For children in Yrs 4-6, *who have permission to walk home themselves*, could we please ask that parents collect and sign out the school chromebook you have requested? We'd rather do this than ask the children to carry these home themselves. Chromebooks are ready to collect from the main office.

Poppies. Poppies will be on sale from **Monday 7th November** and throughout the week for a suggested donation of 50p. Miss Bell and our Student Council will open the poppy sales desk during playtimes. If you can support, please send your child into school with their donation in a named envelope or purse. Thank you.

A message from Peter Hourigan 5707 PCSO Neighbourhood Southern. Dear Families, school has been working closely with Police and other partners in the lead up to Bonfire Night to ensure that everyone enjoys this period safely. Police officers have been in attendance in all schools in the area, speaking to children making them aware whilst this time is full of excitement, it can also be a frightening period for some members of the community such as the vulnerable and the elderly. *As always, the concerns of our children are paramount. Please advise your child to enjoy this period but to also be considerate to the local community as Police will be enforcing the law around antisocial behaviour.*

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>

Wintry weather. If we are 'lucky enough' to see heavy snow this winter, all efforts will be made to keep our school open. In the unlikely event of closure, an announcement will be made in the following places:

- to your **mobile phone** (if you are listed on this service; time to call in to speak with Mrs Stephenson or Miss Murray if you're not)
- on **Seesaw**
- on the school's website: **richardavenue.co.uk**
- on all **local radio stations** and on **Sunderland County Council's website.**

If school is open, please wrap your child up in appropriate clothing sending spare socks or tights and gloves if you can. We always like to play out in the snow but we know how quickly the children get very wet! That's enough of the 'cold weather feel' for now. What is it they say about better to be safe?



Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **6H** who are our weekly winners.

Weekly whole school attendance is **89.1%**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	94.3	3B	92.5
NURSERY AFT	90.0	3G	90.0
RM	90.9	4G	88.2
RW	78.4	4S	84.6
1B	77.7	5M	90.5
1S	84.2	5W	96.0
2CW	91.7	6C	94.5
2H	92.7	6H	96.2

ATTENDANCE

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Clothes Bank



The clothes bank will be collected next week. If you can support before then with a donation, the team from Grace House would be incredibly grateful, thank you.


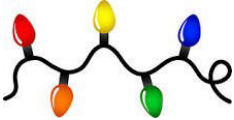

Please donate any clothes you no longer need. Our clothes bank is located at the front of school near the Reception class outdoor area. All donations will go to support the local charity...



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 School closes @ 2.30pm