



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 2 December 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 5 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Tuesday 6 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Wednesday 7 Dec

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

Snow Tubing for Yr 2—morning

Thursday 8 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Rec & Y4

Friday 9 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Swimming for Y3G & 3B

Santa Dash

Future dates for your diary

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Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, Christmas has definitely arrived this week with the most wonderful tree, now fully decorated and proudly sitting in our main hall. The children have also been busy with Christmas crafts, decorating their own classrooms, and our wonderful staff elves stayed late after school on Wednesday in order to sprinkle extra special Christmas magic from room to room, ready for the children to see the following day - which was December 1st, the beginning of our countdown to Christmas. In this morning's assemblies, we switched off ceiling lights and watched in awe as the Christmas counter counted down from 30 seconds, after which we officially switched on our tree lights. You can imagine - it was very exciting, for children and staff too! Looking ahead, we have exciting Christmas activities and events on the horizon. Please check our dates section for information on when the nativities, carol services, RAPS Christmas Day and more are taking place. As the mornings and evenings become ever darker, please can we ask you to take extra care when crossing the roads, opening car doors etc. on your journeys to and from school. If your child walks to and from school independently, please share this message with them too. It is also a difficult time for many at present. We are here to help and signpost in many different ways. If there is anything you are worried about or we can help with then please do not hesitate to ask any one of us at drop off/collection or alternatively contact the office. We hope you all 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. Last week's stars linked to the themes of *being a good friend* and *a superstar reader* were:

David, Hannah, Isabelle, Amaya and Paul

Meher, Delilah and Brielle

Umar, Esme, Lawk & Yahya

William, Isa and Aadil

Ade, Nia & Zakwan

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!



RAPS assemblies. On Sunday 27th November it was the beginning of the period of Advent. Advent is, (from Latin adventus, "coming"), in the Christian church calendar, the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. There are 4 themes of advent and the first is **hope**, our theme of the week. We have talked about what we are hopeful for in our lives and how we can give hope to others less fortunate.



Santa Dash / Laps to Lapland. Richard Avenue will be joining schools around the country in the national Santa dash event on **Friday 9th December**. Children are encouraged to bring in items for the food bank donation to place into Santa's sleigh as well as Santa hats, Christmas head boppers etc, to wear on the day as they complete their run.

The Sunderland Food Bank donations. If you are able to, could we please ask that children bring into school at least one item from the list below:

- tinned fruit
- long life fruit juice
- instant meals
- tinned spaghetti
- coffee
- rice pudding
- custard

Thank you as always for your help and support.

5 stars for the Breakfast and After School Club. Hot off the press news from our Breakfast and After School Club as this week, the team received a visit from the Health Inspector. You'll not be surprised to learn that a glowing report was received and we could not be more delighted or proud of our hardworking team. Three cheers for Miss Ellis and the team!!!



It is against the law to ride a private e-scooter on a public road or pavement.



We understand that buying your own e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as: MOT, Licensing, Tax, Insurance

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

Although unable to ride your own, there is a government trial taking place in the North East where you are allowed to ride a rented e-scooter.



Anti-Bullying. As you know, last week was Anti-Bullying Week. Here are some useful websites for you and your children:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/bullying/>

<https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/kids.html>

<https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Football team updates. Two teams from Year 5/6 represented the school at the Sunderland EFL football finals at the Academy of Light, where Sunderland AFC hold their training sessions. Both teams competed very well, scoring some great goals, keeping clean sheets and demonstrating some fantastic football skills. Players of the tournament for Richard Avenue were given to Alec and Dylan from Year 6. Well done to everyone who took part!



Urgent help requested. One of our families is in urgent need of a two bedroom flat or house. If you think you can help at all, or know someone who could help, please contact Miss McKinney. Thank you.

Home time hobbies. We love to hear about all of the fun and exciting things the children take part in outside of school. If you have any photos of the children enjoying a home time hobby, could we please ask you to send them into school. They would be proudly displayed on our

'Home time hobbies' display in the school hall.



Our Year 5 sports leaders were very excited to finally receive their sports leader caps this week. They are a massive help to Mr Spoor at playtimes and lunchtimes, playing games with the younger children, handing out sports equipment for everyone to use and playing a very important role in our aim to make our school a physically active environment. Keep up the fantastic work!



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

Weekly whole school attendance is 91.8%.

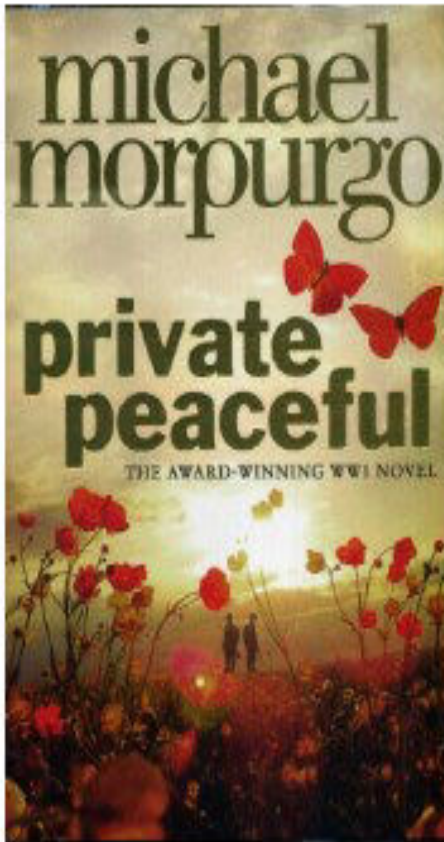
CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	75.7	3B	95.2
NURSERY AFT	70.8	3G	88.6
RM	92.8	4G	90.4
RW	94.6	4S	94.8
1B	88.3	5M	93.2
1S	88.7	5W	96.8
2CW	87.0	6C	86.1
2H	93.3	6H	97.6

Should my children go to school today?

Please remember that if your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting they must remain off school for 48 hours after they have been ill, as advised by the NHS. For other illnesses if you are uncertain please consult this helpful website.



Book Recommendation of the Week



I really enjoyed 'Private Peaceful' because it flipped from past to present tense. It also had challenging vocabulary so it interested me even more. This book also hooked me in really easily. This was one of the best books I've read. By Mehreen 6C



Keeping children safe online – Reducing their exposure to violent and pornographic content

Exposure to online pornography and violent material from a young age can lead a child to seek out more extreme content, including images of children who are being sexually abused. Police nationally are seeing a rise in this activity.

This year, Northumbria Police have investigated 66 teenagers for possessing and sharing images of children who were being sexually abused. Some of these teenagers said they had been exposed to online pornography and violent material when they were very young.

We would like your help in minimising children's exposure to this kind of material.

To do this, you can find out more by visiting the following websites:

[Using parental controls to keep your child safe online](#)

[Talking to 4-7 year olds about online safety](#)

[Online pornography: how to keep your child safe](#)

[Talking to your child about online porn](#)

If your child has already been exposed to content such as online pornography, the following weblink is useful:

[Advice: If a child has already been exposed to inappropriate content](#)

If you have come across material online such as indecent images of children, this weblink describes what you can do to report it:

[Dealing with inappropriate content| Internet Matters](#)

If you find sexual images of children stored on a device, do not delete them and make a report to the police by calling 999 if you believe a child is in immediate danger. Alternatively, dial 101 or use our online reporting form:

[Report An Incident : Online Services : Northumbria Police](#)



RAPS Christmas Diary 2022

Date	Event
9th December	Santa dash and laps to Lapland challenge
13th December	Reception/KS1 Christmas performance @ 9.15am with refreshments available from 8.45am Reception/KS1 Christmas performance @ 2.15pm with refreshments available from 1.50pm
14th December	Nursery Christmas performances @ 9.15am & 2.15pm
15th December	Christmas Day at Richard Avenue
20th December	KS2 Carol Service @ 9.10am with refreshments from 8.45am KS2 Carol Service @ 10.30am with refreshments from 10.10am





Pupil premium

FUNDING FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

If you have a child in reception, year one or year two, your child is automatically entitled to a free school lunch under the Universal Free School Meals scheme, regardless of your financial situation. However, did you know that a key source of school funding, the pupil premium grant, is linked to eligible families being *registered* for free school meals?

Pupil premium grant

Pupil premium can be used to further support high-quality teaching, fund social and emotional support, etc. This year, schools receive **£1,385** for each registered child. As school budgets come under increasing pressure, it's really important that as many eligible families claim it as possible.



Who is eligible?

Children are eligible for the grant if their parents/carers are in receipt of certain benefits, including:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit*
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit*

* Check full criteria - www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

ASK YOUR SCHOOL FOR A REGISTRATION FORM!