



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 9 December 2022

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 12 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Tuesday 13 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Reception/KS1 Christmas performance @ 9.15am
with refreshments available from 8.45am

Reception/KS1 Christmas performance @ 2.15pm
with refreshments available from 1.50pm

Wednesday 14 Dec

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

Nursery Christmas performances @ 9.15am & 3pm

Thursday 15 Dec

Christmas Day at Richard Avenue — **all of the children are invited to wear their own clothes to school today**

Friday 16 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Monday 19 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Full Governing Body meeting in school

Tuesday 20th Dec

KS2 Carol Service @ 9.10am with refreshments from 8.45am

KS2 Carol Service @ 10.30am with refreshments from 10.10am

School closes @ 2.30pm

Future dates for your diary

Wednesday 4th Jan 2023

Spring term 2023 begins

Friday 6th Jan 2023

Bigfoot Theatre pantomime visit

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue families, It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Thank you to the Christmas elves who have once again been at work hanging the Christmas decorations and scattering yet more Christmas sparkle in each of the classes throughout the school. Rehearsals for all of our performances are now also well underway, with the sound of Christmas music and song echoing throughout the school. It is all feeling very festive! A full breakdown of all our Christmas activities including dates and timings for performances can be found at the back of the flyer, so please do re-visit it to make sure that you have that all-important information in your diary. We are very excited to be sharing our Christmas celebrations with friends and families in the coming days. A gentle reminder to those who will have very young children with them at any of our Christmas performances: if you are attending performances with young children, could we please ask that you take them out immediately they become unsettled? In school, this could be to the main entrance. Thank you for your understanding. A reminder that if you are struggling at this time of year we are here to help. Contact our school office in confidence if you require some support for your family. Finally, a reminder that in the interests of everyone's safety, would parents and carers of children who scoot to school, including preschoolers, please ensure that they dismount from their scooters when crossing the road and entering the school site. Thank you.

We are thoroughly looking forward to seeing you all in school next week. 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 superstars were linked to the themes of *being a good fiend and working hard with reading* were:

Mia & Ezra

Maggie

Dhanan & Logan

Masud

Isaac & Aisha

Zakwan & Zaeem

Yasna, Suhayla & Dylan

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!



In assembly this week...

Peace is the second theme of Advent and has been our theme this week. *Human Rights Day* is on Saturday 10th December. It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The principles enshrined in the Declaration are as relevant today as they were in 1948. We need to stand up for our own rights and those of others. We can take action in our own daily lives, to uphold the rights that protect us all and thereby promote the kinship of all human beings.



Santa Dash. We've joined schools up and down the country in the Santa dash today which has been lots of fun as well as in support of the Sunderland Food Bank. There is still time to send in food donations if you are able to. The Food Bank would like to request these items: tinned fruit, long life fruit juice, instant meals, tinned spaghetti, coffee, rice pudding, custard. Thank you as always for your wonderful support. It really is appreciated.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Information. The Multiplication Tables Check is a statutory assessment which is completed each year on a national level by all eligible children in Year 4. The Multiplication Tables Check takes place in June and is an on-screen check, which is accessed by children using a computer. The test consists of 25 times table questions with a 6 seconds response time allocated and takes no more than 5 minutes to complete. It is important to note that there is not a pass mark for this check but it is designed to reflect the importance of children developing a fluent times table recall in order to access all aspects of maths. [The Department for Education has compiled a national study of the results from the Year 4 Multiplication of 2022.](#) It shows an average national score for children who took the test to be 19.8 out of 25. The most common score was 25, which was achieved by 27% of pupils. **Our children's average score was 22.9 out of 25, so above the national number.** [They have also released an information guide for parents of children who are currently in Year 4 and will be taking the multiplication check in June 2023.](#) Children practice their times tables fluency regularly within school and learn strategies to help them to increase their recall speed. Such activities are an aspect of learning that can also be easily supported by parents at home and contributes greatly to children's levels of confidence when approaching times table questions. If you have any queries about how you can support your child's times table recall further, please don't hesitate to speak to the staff team.



Department
for Education

School Meals and the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme. Sunderland Council is again committed to providing support to families during the upcoming break. Please use this website link to find out more about whether you might be able to claim these:

www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals

or telephone: **0191 561 1417.**

Vouchers can be collected from our school office from Monday between **8.30am and 3.30pm.**

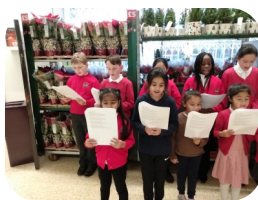


The last flyer of term. This term's last flyer will be sent home on **Tuesday**

20th December. There will be no flyer next Friday (16th December) since we want to celebrate our wonderful Carol Concert in our last newsletter, and this takes place on Tuesday 20th.

Choir caroling at Sainsbury's.

Mrs Walsh and I were incredibly proud of our choir who sang with confidence at the local Sainsbury's this week. We walked there and back, and, in spite of the rain, the children were in good spirits and lovely company as we chatted together. We sang a number of carols and were supported by some of our families which was a welcome sight, as well as by a large number of shoppers who commented with delight that we had made their day. It was a wonderful afternoon, with a huge thank you to Mrs Walsh for preparing the children so well, and for all she does across our school to support and encourage singing confidence. Thank you Mrs Walsh, you are wonderful!



Safeguarding and wellbeing update.

The BBC have launched a toolkit of resources called 'Mood Boosters' to encourage children get active while also learning to manage their feelings and develop emotional and social skills. The activities have been devised with the help of children's mental health charity Stormbreak and subject specialists to make physical movement enjoyable and give a sense of wellbeing. The fun videos are led by Strictly Come Dancing Stars, including Oti Mabuse, Amy Dowden and Rhys Stephenson and are suitable for children aged between 5-11. They are great for whole classes in school but [can also be accessed here to use at home.](#)



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

Weekly whole school attendance is ???%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	95.7	3B	91.4
NURSERY AFT	60.0	3G	94.3
RM	76.8	4G	94.3
RW	87.3	4S	95.2
1B	93.3	5M	84.0
1S	87.0	5W	83.1
2CW	93.3	6C	92.6
2H	85.7	6H	95.9

Attendance Guide	
95% - 100%	Excellent level of attendance
90% - 94%	Good level of attendance
80% - 89%	Concerning level of attendance
Below 80%	Serious concern

Should I send my child to school? We are aware that this time of the year there is a lot of illness, if your child has a minor cough or cold please send them into school. However, if they have diarrhoea or sickness, they must not return to school until 48 hrs after the last bout of sickness.



Book Recommendation of the Week



I really enjoyed 'Coraline'.
It is about a girl who
finds a secret door in her
new house that takes her
to a different world.

By Yaseen 6C



RAPS Christmas Diary 2022

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