



# Richard Avenue Primary School

## Friday Flyer

### Weekly Update

Friday 17th June 2023

#### UPCOMING DATES

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

#### Monday 19 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2  
Visit to Vindolanda and The Roman Army Museum for Y3  
Dance & drums for Y6  
Zoolab in Nursery

#### Tuesday 20 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by R & Yr 3  
Swimming for Y4

#### Wednesday 21 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 6

#### Thursday 22 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y4  
Beamish visit for Y6  
Y2's assembly for families from 9.10am

#### Friday 23 June

School closed to pupils for staff training day

#### Future dates for your diary

Week beginning **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, Year 5 and 6 will set off for their visit to Derwent Hill, returning on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

#### Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

It's been another busy week in school with an extra special mention to Y1 and Y2 in particular have been superstars as they have tried their very best with this week's phonics screen. We are so proud of them all for the sensible way in which they have tackled this with many thanks once again to the RAPS staff team for the care given to the organising and the smooth-running of these screens. The prospect of warmer summer weather has also given our action packed calendar of sporting events a boost. This week, our children have enjoyed cricket, basketball and netball as well as a second visit from the Foundation of Light's Jamie in reception class. We've much more to come as we look forward. We hope that this weekend gives all of our children chance to rest and relax ready for another active week ahead. Finally, it's a **Happy Father's Day** to fathers everywhere. Wishing you a lovely day and perhaps control of the TV gadget?

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 are all eco warriors...

**Joel & Meera**

**Luke &**

**Amelia & Zayaan**

**David & Zayd**

**Yunus & Aryssa**

**Luca**

**Eesa**

**Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!**



**In this week's assemblies.** This week we have been reminding ourselves how important it is to use our **manners** at all times. We have been trying our best to show others around school that we can use manners and show that we are respectful and polite. We have been using *please and thankyou*, holding doors for people, helping each other in the classroom and above all, being respectful to all our friends and adults.

**Father's Day is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June** and this prompted us to look at the important male figures and role models in our lives. We talked about who they are, what they do for us and why we feel that they are important to us. We discussed what we could do show our gratitude to those who help and support us daily.

**NSPCC workshops.** Children in Years 1-6 watched the NSPCC's online assemblies this week and Yrs 5/6 took part in a workshop yesterday afternoon. Lots of really important information for our children to know and remember.



**Year 2's class assembly for families on Thursday 22nd June from 9.10am.**

Please come into school via the main entrance. The assembly will begin shortly after 9am and last for approx. 20 mins. Y2 families very welcome!



**Foodbank donations.** Thank you all for your incredible donations for the Foodbank before we broke up for half term. The Foodbank was once again delighted with the generosity shown by parents and children, where we donated 80kg of food which equates to 100 meals!

**Place2Be.** We wanted to take this opportunity to make families aware of a new website which has been launched by Place2Be to support parents. Parenting Smart is full of practical advice and tried and tested tips for parents and carers of primary-age children. The website collates short videos and quick-read advice articles for parents, with all content written by child mental health experts. Some examples of topics include parents support for children who are struggling to sleep, displaying signs of anxiety, managing grief, coping with ideas of negative body image or striving for unrealistic perfection amongst many other areas. Please follow [this link](#) to see the full range of available resources. We hope that you find them useful.

**Homework time. A gentle reminder that there is still time to complete and return your questionnaires.** We are keen to get your thoughts and ideas about our school as we begin to think about next year. 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.



**On Friday, Year 2 Visited Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art.** We had a wonderful day! The purpose of the visit was to explore the work of Hew Locke and we plan to make some exciting artwork of our own, inspired by this. The children played games, joined in with discussions and made sketches of Hew Locke's sculptures. We also visited the other exhibitions, including the artist, MUL's Art of Disco exhibition. We couldn't believe our luck when the artist was there and we got to talk to him! It was a very busy day, with visits to exhibitions, time spent in the sensory room and learning lounge, a trip to the viewing platform to see the newly hatched kittiwake chicks and lots of journeys up and down in the lift. The children's behaviour, manners and enthusiasm was exemplary - both staff at the Baltic and members of the public commented on this. Well done Year 2!



**High School visits.** The Y6-Y7 transition programme is about to begin for our oldest children. Families should have received details confirming dates and times for their child. These dates will include the confirmed date/time of the parent and carer transition meeting as well as dates for your child's visits to the high school. If you are in any doubt, please ask us. We now have most of this information. Thank you.

**First Aid.** On Wednesday, the British Red Cross came into school to teach us about emergency first aid. We learnt a lot of new things like what to do if someone has collapsed or been injured. It was an amazing lesson and everyone enjoyed learning new skills. We feel more confident to help in situations that could feel scary. Thank you Red Cross! *By Isla in 6C*



**Top attendance.** Congratulations to 2CW who have top attendance this week achieving 99.3%.

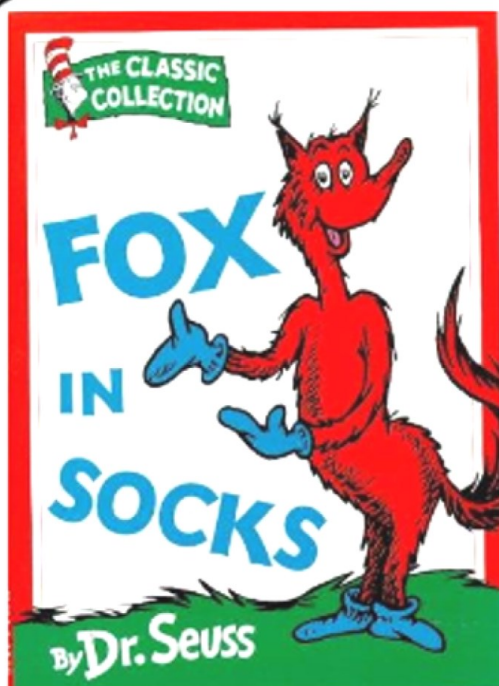
*Weekly whole school attendance is 95.6%.*

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	CLASS	ATTENDANCE
NURSERY	93.7	3B	93.8
NURSERY	97.9	3G	97.0
AFT	97.3	4G	97.2
RM	97.1	4S	95.4
1B	91.3	5M	93.5
1S	93.5	5W	95.9
2CW	99.3	6C	93.8
2H	96.1	6H	95.7

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



# Book Recommendation of the Week



I recommend 'Fox in Socks' by Dr Seuss because it rhymes and has lots of tongue twisters.

By Milo 3G



Congratulations to Tre in year 5 for winning the Sunderland Ocean recycling competition. Look out for his poster displayed along the Sunderland coastline reminding everyone to PLEASE RECYCLE! Well done Tre!

# PLEASE RECYCLE

TIPS TO RECYCLE

1. Ensure that you empty any drinks, cans or plastic bottles before putting them in the recycling bin.



2. Remember recycling many plastic good containers can be recycled if they are empty and reasonably clean.



3. Most items have information on the back describing where the items can be recycled.

