



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 22 September 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 25 Sept

School photographer's visit - everyone in school uniform please for individual photographs

Tuesday 26 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Reception & Yr 6

PE with the Foundation of Light for Rec

Swimming for Y3

Ukulele for Y4

Wednesday 27 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1 & 5

PE with the Foundation of Light for Y1

Thursday 28 Sept

School photographer's visit - everyone in school uniform please for sibling photographs

Swimming for Y6H

Friday 22 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1 & 2

Swimming for Y6C

Football at the Beacon of Light for Y1 & Y2

Future date for your diary

Thursday 19th October

Y5's assembly for parents

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, As always we have managed to squeeze so much into this week including as you know, a visit from Ofsted who inspect schools making judgements about how well they are doing. Although we are not in a position to tell you much about our visit because it is written as a report and must be checked, we can however tell you that we are very happy. Your children have been their wonderful selves and have lit up our school with their smiles; your support and kind words have been incredible, thank you so much; our governing body has continued to support the school and celebrate our many, many strengths, and our staff team, what can I say? They have been truly incredible, as they always are. The team at Richard Avenue is dedicated to doing the very best they possibly can, in every single way. We have a very special staff team and an equally special school, which I know you all know. A school is more than a building, it's the heart of a community created by those who care most **#thisisus**

Changing the subject slightly, for parents of our Y6 children, it's already time to choose a secondary school. This can be quite stressful, especially if it's the first time you've done it. Please do speak to one of us if you're worried. We will also happily help you complete the online form, if needed. It's a good idea to visit the schools, so you can get a feel for the one that will best suit your child. If there are any families with 2 or 3 year olds, remember to put your child's name down for our Nursery. If your child is in Nursery and you'd like to have a look around the rest of the school before you apply for a Reception place, please ask the office to add your name for our Open Day which is coming up after half term on Tuesday 14th November. Speaking of the office team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for working incredibly hard, particularly at the start of term, to process admissions, medication, transfers, breakfast and after school clubs and so on. Despite being incredibly busy, they have dealt with every eventuality with professionalism, kindness and care. Wishing everyone a lovely weekend. With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney.

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

Our assemblies. This week our collective worship focus was *being the best we can be* as we talked about how we can all be a better person and show kindness and understanding. It was also Recycling week! Here at RAPS we take sustainability and our planets' future very seriously. We all work together to do our best to recycle paper, clothing, food waste even printer cartridges.



What do you recycle?

RAPS Assembly Stars. Last week we celebrated children demonstrating **good manners** which is one of our very important school **values**. **These children were:**

Siyana, Ishaq, Luke, Hannah, Brialle, Mariam, Deborah & Yaqub

Well done everyone, you are all stars!



Bikes and scooters. In order to help us keep all of the children safe, could we please ask that you do not ride bikes or scooters on the school yard - this includes after collecting the children, as well as before. Thank you.

Clubs began again this week after the summer break, and already seem to be very popular, with most clubs now full. Parents should collect their children from the school yard when our clubs end at 4.30pm. Thank you.

Richard Avenue's Karate Club. North East. Karate Kai with Gary started classes in 2005 at Richard Avenue. We are an affiliate member of NAKMAS national governing body. All blackbelts are DBS and NAKMAS registered. One of our senior instructors started as a 7 year student of Richard Avenue and has trained for over 18 years.

Classes run throughout the year, and re-started last week. You can improve your own or your children's fitness and confidence training in the style of Shotokan Karate.

Classes are held in school each Thursday:

**Year 2 age children (6&7 years old)
from 5.30pm until 6.15pm**

**Older children and adults from 6.15pm
until 7pm**

Cost £3 per session

For more information see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/>



All welcome!

School lunches. School lunches are £11.50 per week. Please could we ask that all school lunch payments be completed online? **Please include your child's name and class in the message box. If you do this on the payment pages, it doesn't show when we receive it.** Thank you.

Morning drop-off. The children have all settled into school life really, really well, including reception - they are fantastic at remembering routines, well done! Could we now ask that from **Monday 25 September**, all parents say goodbye to the children at the gate? If you would like to speak to a member of staff, you can do this at the gate or pop into the main office. We really appreciate your support and we know mornings are very busy for everyone. Thank you.

Year 7 secondary school admissions. The online admissions portal for **secondary schools** opened this weekend will close on 31 October 2023. **This is for Year 6 in primary schools born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, applying for a Year 7 secondary school place in September 2024.** Allocations day is 1 March 2024. The Admissions Handbook and full guidance on how to apply can be found on Sunderland County Councils' website: www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-secondary

Meeting for families of children new into Reception class. You are invited to join the reception team for the afternoon visit to find out more about how they deliver key learning goals, resources they use, how you might support at home, and of course enjoy a cuppa and chat. The autumn term 's meeting will take place on **Tuesday 17th October from 2.15-3.30pm**, with an opportunity to visit the reception classroom as well as some time with the staff team. Please sign in at the front door, and the office team will look after you. We look forward to seeing you then.

Photographs. Ivan Burn of Shutterbugz will be in school a couple of days next week taking *start of school year* photographs of the children. On both Monday and Thursday, could we please ask that all children come into school in normal uniform rather than PE kit, even if it's a swimming or PE day. PE kits can be sent in with the children and they'll change into them. *Information about ordering these photos will come home with the children as soon as we have it.*

St Nicholas' Church. Fr Andrew invites our families to a Harvest Festival service at **St Nicholas' Church at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 1st October.** It will be a service of Holy Communion, with harvest hymns, and the Brownies and Scouts will be taking part. We will be receiving donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, etc. on behalf of the local food-bank. The service will last just over an hour, with refreshments served afterwards. **All are welcome.**



Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **1G** who are our weekly winners. *Weekly whole school attendance is 95.4%.*

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	87.7	3D	93.7
NURSERY AFT	90.7	3M	94.0
RH	99.3	4G	94.4
RG	97.2	4S	94.1
1G	98.4	5B	98.0
1W	92.9	5W	93.3
2CW	96.8	6C	92.3
2W	96.5	6H	93.8

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

CELEBRATING
GLOBAL TASTES!

5TH OCTOBER

CHINESE
CHICKEN CURRY

AMERICAN
BURGER IN A BUN

OR

ITALIAN
MEATBALLS

SERVED WITH

BOILED RICE, FRENCH FRIES, SPAGHETTI

BAKED BEANS, SWEETCORN

AMERICAN COOKIES AND ICE CREAM

FRESH FRUIT SALAD

CELEBRATING GLOBAL TASTES!

FACTS

- Fries originated in Belgium - not France.
- The earliest bread was made in or around 8000 BC in the Middle East, specifically Egypt.
- Cheesecake was first served to Ancient Greeks during the Olympics.
- Pasta and Pizza originate from Italy.

WORDSEARCH

Find the 8 words in the grid

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- CROISSANT
- PAELLA
- BURGER
- SUSHI
- TACOS
- FOOD
- ORIGIN
- TASTES

FOOD ORIGINS

Match the food to the Country of origin

CROISSANT



ITALY



PAELLA



FRANCE



BURGER



MEXICO



SUSHI



USA



PIZZA



SPAIN



TACOS



JAPAN

