

Richard Avenue Primary School



Friday Flyer

— WELCOME —

BACK TO SCHOOL

Weekly Update

13 September 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 11 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Forest School for 2CW

Tuesday 12 Sept

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

Swimming for Y3 at the Aquatic Centre

Forest School for 2W

Foundation of Light PE for reception

Ukulele for Y4

Wednesday 13 Sept

Roald Dahl Day

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

Foundation of Light PE for Y1

Thursday 14 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3

Swimming for Y6H at the Aquatic Centre

Friday 15 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for Y6C at Silksworth Pool

Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families, We were so happy to welcome the children back to school this week. Lots of happy, smiling faces and chatter, and that was just the adults! They have returned with such a positive and chirpy attitude and are enjoying a lovely first week with lots of beaming faces in all classrooms. Our reception children have also settled into a routine quickly and are already looking happy and confident. It's been wonderful to see the children settle in so quickly. Our children, your children, are wonderful and such a credit to you all at home. Our main focus for this year is supporting the children with an exciting and relevant curriculum, to be the best that they can be and ensure the very best outcomes for all. We look forward to a wonderful year working in partnership with families and look with hope to the future. In school, classrooms and outdoor spaces are super shiny and looking superb. The staff team have worked incredibly hard over the summer and have created superb learning environments for all classes. We are so lucky to have such a top team, which I know you already know.

A number of classrooms have also been redecorated; new chairs have arrived for all classes and new desks in Yrs 5&6. Our main hall, corridors and toilets have also been re-painted - it's been a busy summer break! Speaking of being busy, our weekly Friday Flyer is a great way of staying in touch so please do take the time to read it. Flyers are sent home via *School Gateway* on a Friday afternoon. If you haven't yet signed up to this electronic communication service, please could we press upon you to do so. Our aim continues to be for a largely 'paperless' office meaning we no longer routinely send home hard copies of letters etc. You are able to request paper copies. Newsletters are also published on the school website for which a shortcut can be found on the home page [Weekly Newsletters | Richard Avenue Primary School](#)

Phew, a lot of information for the first week of our new school year; as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our school staff. Thank you all so much for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney

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

PE and PE kit. A reminder that we moved to PE kit wearing on PE days last year. This change has been really successful so we are continuing this year. As a reminder, our PE kit consists of: *plain white round neck t-shirt, plain black or red shorts, plain dark track suit bottoms for winter sports and plain black gym or sports shoes.* PE days are as follows:

Monday - Y4, Tuesday - Reception & Y6, Wednesday - Y1 & Y5, Thursday - Y3 and Friday - Y2.

Thank you as always for your support.



Road Dahl Day. We are celebrating **Roald Dahl Day** on **Wednesday** next week, which is the anniversary of his birthday. We will enjoy the wonder of Dahl's storytelling and the characters he created. You'll not be surprised to hear that he is a much loved and read author at Richard Avenue and his books, especially *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda* and *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*, fly off the shelves. It's going to be a fabulous day and one which we know the children will enjoy, including a special surprise pudding at lunchtime!



Earrings. A gentle start of the school year reminder that earrings must not be worn in school. Thank you for your support with this.

After school clubs. Club letters will go out this week for children to choose clubs. Letters returned by *Wednesday 13th September* at the latest please. Clubs will be allocated and parents informed by *Friday 15th September* with clubs beginning *Monday 18th September*. Please complete the code of conduct before clubs begin and all clubs will be collected from the yard at 4.30pm. Thank you as always for your support.

Wedding bells. We are pleased to report that all went to plan in the summer holiday and that **Miss Crawley** and her new husband celebrated a wonderful wedding day as did **Mrs Petre (was Miss Bell)** and her new husband. We wish both couples well as they begin the next chapter of their lives.



Meeting for families of children new into Reception class. This is a tremendously important time in the life of both you and your child. We appreciate that you have been, and will continue to be given lots and lots of information from school. With this in mind, and to help you absorb all of this information, we invite you to join us in school... You are invited to join the reception team for a series of termly sessions where they will describe the Early Years Curriculum in more detail, giving you an opportunity to find out more about how they deliver the key learning goals, resources they use, how parents might support at home, and of course enjoy a cuppa and chat. The autumn term meeting will take place on **Tuesday 17th October from 2.15-3.30pm**, with an opportunity to visit the reception classroom and work with your child. Please sign in at the front door, and the office team will look after you. We look forward to seeing you then.



What will your child be learning this term? Curriculum information webs will be sent out on Seesaw early next week, giving a summary of learning and topics to be covered in *Years 1-6* during the term. We hope you will find them useful.

Please visit our school website where you will also find them, it's all very exciting! *Why not then ask your children some of the key questions?*

School meals. School lunches at RAPS are both tasty and nutritionally balanced. If you would like your child to enjoy a hot meal at lunch time, please speak to our School Office, giving **2 weeks notice** for any change. Could we also please take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that our school adheres to a strict 'nut free policy', and thank you for your support in keeping to snacks and lunch boxes which are entirely nut free and are healthy, in line with our 'healthy school' status.



VIP hot chocolate. This week's **RAPS Stars** joined Miss McKinney for **an all new and extra special VIP hot chocolate this afternoon**. For parents and carers who do not already know, children are awarded a RAPS Star's certificate for many reasons and these are always featured in our Friday Flyer. **This week, we have been thinking about making a good start...** We enjoyed a lovely time together this afternoon; the hot chocolate was deliciously loaded with treats - more treats than drink for some of the children! I look forward to seeing lots of new faces joining me next week which we are certain the children will tell you all about at home.



Changes to our Homework Policy. After a review of home-school activities, including homework, beginning this week, all homework with focus on **reading, spellings and where appropriate, some maths practice**. Google Classroom will no longer be used to issue homework. Staff will however continue to use the Google Classroom in their teaching. Please read with your child at least five times per week, **no matter their age**, and record this reading in their Reading Diary. **Spellings and multiplication tables will continue to be set each week from Y3. Once children have moved onto Year 2 spelling rules, weekly spellings will also be sent home.** If you have any questions about homework, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Our school gates **open** at **8:45am** and close at **9am**. Anyone arriving after 9am must come into school using the **Main Entrance, accompanied by an adult**.



At the end of the day, gates **open** at **3.25pm** for pick-up from **Reception, Yrs 1&2 @ 3.30pm** and **@ 3.35pm for Yrs 3-6**. Could we also please ask that you stand back from the doors at home time so that staff can see you easily whilst they manage this busy time of the day. Thank you for your help and support.

Attendance matters and at RAPS we expect at least 96% attendance for each child. We work hard to maintain the regular and punctual attendance of all of our children in order to support them in being the very best they can be. *Let's get this term off to an amazing start with 100% attendance in all classes next week!*



Water bottles. Could we please ask that you provide a **named water bottle** for your child and that it comes into school everyday, re-filled with water and ready to use. We know how much difference having access to water makes, and we encourage children to take a drink several times during the day. With many thanks as always for your support.

Sunderlight Art Workshop

Could we please ask you to save and send into school any plastic bottles you are finished with at home? We are taking part in a special recycling art workshop on Monday 18th September, something like a pop bottle would be great. We're going to paint them with UV reactive paint and string them all together. Big or small would be fine and thank you as always :-)

