



# 6 days to the Cricket World Cup ...



## Richard Avenue Primary School

# Friday Flyer

**Weekly Update**

**29 September 2022**

### UPCOMING DATES

RAPS daycare: Reading Breakfast Club from 8-8:45am & Homework After School Club from

#### Monday 2 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

#### Tuesday 3 Oct

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

Swimming for Y3

Ukulele for Y4

#### Wednesday 4 Oct

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

Fire Station visit for Y2- watching The Gruffalo

#### Thursday 5 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3

Swimming for Y6H

#### Friday 6 Oct

**World Mental Health Day - wear green or yellow if possible**

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for Y6C

### Future dates for your diary

#### Thursday 19th October

Y5's assembly for parents - more information to follow

#### Tuesday 14th November

Richard Avenue special Open Day for new families to reception 2024 - please call school if you would like to make an appointment

### Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

We have had another wonderful week and the children have already impressed their new teachers with their enthusiasm for their new classes and new learning. It has been great to watch our Reception children enjoy getting to know their new school. In each year group, the teachers are already planning curriculum linked visits to enhance the learning. These visits are valuable and often bring the learning to life for the children. Inevitably we are finding that the cost of trips is rising significantly and are conscious that there are strains being placed on everyone's finances at the moment. We do not want cost to be a barrier to these valuable and memorable experiences and therefore we are heavily subsidising each trip from our budget. Please remember that when you see the contribution that we are asking parents to make and talk to us if you are in a situation where payment is difficult. Have lovely weekend with your wonderful children. With very best wishes,

*Claire McKinney*

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

**Goodbye to Miss Murray.** After fifteen years as a much valued member of the Richard Avenue office team, we said goodbye to *Miss Claire Murray* this afternoon. We wish Miss Murray well as she takes up a new post in the NHS and will all miss her, although we know she will take a little of RAPS with her, just as she leaves her mark in our school. Goodbye and good luck Miss Murray.



**RAPS assemblies.** We have continued our PSHE learning through collective worship this week. Our term's topic for PSHE is **relationships** and at the moment, we are learning about **families and friendship**. The children have developed their knowledge and understanding of this topic through key questions which we've listed below if you have some time over the weekend to discuss them at home.

**Year 1: Who do I live with? Year 2: Where can we meet and make friends? Year 3: What does it mean to be a family? Year 4: What makes a positive and healthy friendship? Year 5: What are the benefits of having new and different types of friends? Year 6: How can you identify a healthy relationship?**

During our Thursday assembly we also welcomed a visit from the **Youth for Christ Team** who spoke to us about the importance and families and friendship. Teachers have been looking out for a celebration assembly star who is a fabulous friend!

**RAPS Assembly Stars.** Our '**doing my best**' superstars from last week were: **Cole, Hanifa, Arifa, Lawk, Ridhwan, Remi, Nelson, Delilah, Ayat, Vera, Ivy, Eva & Keyaan**



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

**Morning drop-off** . Many, many thanks for your help with the new arrangements for morning drop-off. The system is working very well; thank you all very much for your support.

**Primary school admissions.** The online admissions portal for **primary schools** opens on Monday and will close on 15 January 2024. **If your child's date of birth falls between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020, you will need to apply for a reception place for September 2024.** Allocations day is 19 April 2024. The Admissions Handbook and full guidance on how to apply can be found on Sunderland County Councils' website:

[www.sunderland.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Attendance.** We will keep you updated with class weekly attendance figures. With the start of a new academic year, it is worth drawing attention to the profound correlation that good school attendance has on children's success in school.

**Safeguarding and Wellbeing - online safety in school filtering and monitoring demystified.** Filtering and monitoring systems form a key element of keeping children safe online whilst using technology in school. Filtering refers to the blocking of access to harmful websites and content whilst using the school WiFi. At RAPS, we use a system called **Securly** to filter unwanted content. Monitoring refers to our oversight of internet usage in school and the processes that we follow to investigate concerns. To support this, selected senior staff receive a weekly Securly report which itemises any screen captures, typed content or use of inappropriate language which may have occurred on the school network. Where this occurs, further investigation is always carried out in a timely manner and further actions taken, where appropriate. These systems work alongside all of our technology in school including computers, iPads and chromebooks to help us support all children with learning safely online.

**Author visit for Y3.** Year 3 were lucky enough to be visited by local author Chloe Atkinson on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. In Chloe's own words... *"Working with Year 3 at Richard Avenue was an absolute joy! We enjoyed a shared reading of my debut book, The Shadow Monsters to help start their Science topic of 'Light and Shadow'. This was followed by a workshop in which we investigated shadows and how different translucent, transparent and opaque materials would affect them. As if that wasn't enough, we used our artistic flare to create some Shadow Monster puppets and superhero masks to help fight them off! Thank you so much for having me to visit. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did!?"* As a gesture to our school, Chloe has kindly gifted us a signed copy of the book and the code **RICHAV1**, which will give pupils and families £1 off anything in the Books section of Chloe's website: **[www.fieldandfodderdurham.com/shop/books-by-chloe-atkinson/18](http://www.fieldandfodderdurham.com/shop/books-by-chloe-atkinson/18)**



**Reporting Absence Reminder.** If your child is unable to come into school, please ensure that their absence is reported to the school office before 9am.

Children's absence can be reported via emailing [contact@richardavenue.co.uk](mailto:contact@richardavenue.co.uk) or by telephone call to the school office.

Please do not report absence through Seesaw as teachers will not be able to access their account during the day.

The NHS has recently released information to support parents in deciding whether specific conditions warrant absence from school, which can be accessed [here](#).

**Attendance of the week.** Congratulations to **1G** who are our weekly winners. **Weekly whole school attendance is 99.2%.**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	78.5	3D	93.7
NURSERY AFT	58.7	3M	98.3
RH	99.4	4G	99.5
RG	98.6	4S	98.2
<b>1G</b>	<b>99.2</b>	5B	94.3
1W	96.8	5W	95.3
2CW	96.8	6C	95.2
2W	95.8	6H	92.4

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



World Mental Health Day is almost here. We will be celebrating this on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. If possible we are aiming to wear yellow or green that day to promote mental health, the children do not need to wear uniform, own clothes are fine if they do not have yellow or green clothes. The theme this year is 'Mental Health is a right for everyone'. The children will spend the afternoon thinking about what they can do or already do for their friends to support mental wellbeing and completing activities linked to this. We would love you to take some time to talk to your children about the importance of kindness and friendship and the positive impact this can have on others so you can be part of the day too.

## A message from the School Meals Service

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

The school meals service is holding a *Celebrating Global Tastes* promotional day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. On this day the menu will be:

### Main course choices:

Chinese chicken curry with rice & sweetcorn

American burger in a bun with fries & baked beans

Italian meatballs with spaghetti & sweetcorn

### Dessert :

American cookie & ice cream or fresh fruit salad

We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day. **If your child does not normally have school dinners then please let the school office know in advance if they want to be part of the promotional day so that the kitchen can plan to feed them.**

In each year group there will be a lucky **golden ticket** winner of a cupcake set, who will then enter a prize draw to try and win one of the following star prizes: £20 Amazon voucher.

*(there are 8 prizes available)*





# PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

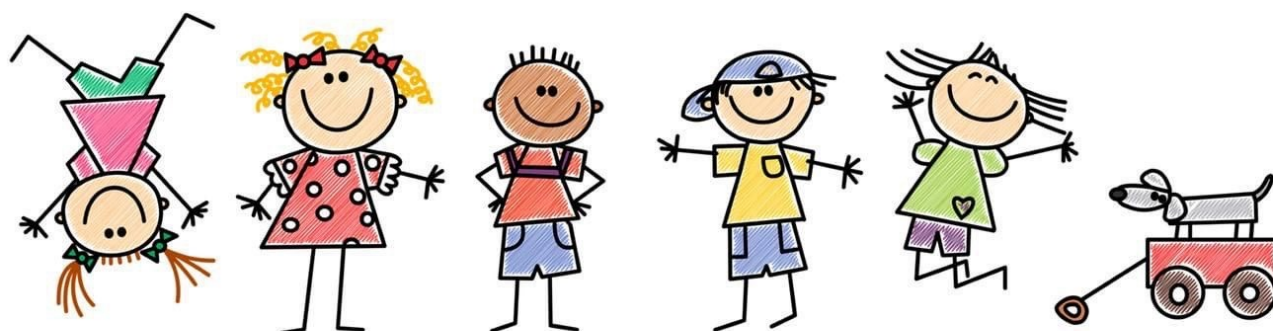
*Established 1986, post Covid re-launch 2023*

Tuesdays 9.15 – 11.15 (Term Time only)  
from 26th September 2023.

The Salvation Army Millfield, Rutland Street, Sunderland.

Cost: £1 per child (includes refreshments)

**Story Time** : **Music Time** : **Play Time** : **Friendship** : **Messy Play**



# STAY & PLAY

**THURSDAYS AT KAYLL ROAD LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY HUB**



Morning Session - 9-30am till 11am  
Afternoon Session - 1pm till 2-30pm



Play - Explore - Storytime

Ran by a fully qualified Early Years Practitioner

At the end of each session there will be questions and general advice. This can be regarding the health or development of your child or nursery funding applications

£1 per child - spaces are limited  
please do not be disappointed if we are full



# ESOL TRAINING WITH **NEW COLLEGE DURHAM**

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Join our **NEW ESOL** course which is perfect for adult learners looking to develop their skills and confidence in using English. You will develop your ability to express and communicate your own ideas and emotions fluently and accurately. Available for anyone **19+** who needs English skills for everyday life, study and employment.

## Where and When?

**Location:** Richard Avenue Primary School,  
Hurtswood Road, Sunderland, SR4 7LQ

**Enrolment:** 4th October 1pm - 3pm  
**Course Starts:** 11th October 1pm - 3pm  
(running every Wednesday)

**If you are interested please contact: Syeda Khaled**  
**Education and Training officer** [training@sb-international.org.uk](mailto:training@sb-international.org.uk) 07934871737

[www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk](http://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk)



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## Author in Residence!

Last week we were visited by Chloe Atkinson, a local author.

Chloe is a mother of two, living in County Durham. She left her career in the chemical industry to become a stay at home mum, caring for her sons, Archie and Henry.

Chloe now helps to run her family farm, including opening a farm shop there, field and fodder, which serves drinks, and sells local produce and gifts.

Through this shop she met many talented authors, who gave her the push to write her first book, *The Shadow Monsters*, a story which has helped children to see that nighttime is nothing to be scared of.

Having enjoyed publishing her debut book, Chloe decided to embark on another, and so, *Everyone Hates Rats* was born. Through imaginative and clever rhyming, she weaves the powerful message that, no matter how different we might feel we are, there's a place in the world for everyone.

Chloe has offered the school a £1 off voucher to redeem online at [www.fieldandfodderdurham.com](http://www.fieldandfodderdurham.com) against any item in the "Books by Chloe Atkinson" section. Just enter code "RICHAV1" at checkout.



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