



Richardson Dees Primary School

Newsletter Friday 9th November 2018

A Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Please remember to tear up the old one and replace it on your fridge with this one!

I have a few notices to share.

Christmas is coming and **we would like to start a new tradition.** Every year, our staff are blessed to receive gifts from our families. Whilst this kindness is always appreciated, we are asking that families who might ordinarily buy staff a gift, instead bring in food donations for our local food banks. A full list of gratefully received donations are included with this newsletter.

A reminder that next week, Tuesday 13th November, is an open invitation for all our parents, carers and families to come into school between 330-500pm and see what we have all been doing for our whole school project, **'What Makes Wallsend Great'**. It's also an opportunity to informally chat with teachers and find out how your children are settling into their current year groups.

Congratulations to **Dragon Flame** who were the winning house last half term and today had a bonus menu afternoon which meant they had the opportunity to choose from a range of art activities, watching a movie or just playing Top Trumps!

Finally, I would like to share something with you that has been an ongoing concern for us for a little while now but which has happily been resolved ... for now. Due to an ongoing school funding issue, we have had to make numerous cuts and one offer which was under threat was our **free breakfast club**. I am delighted to inform you that we have secured the budget for the rest of the school year and will continue to offer the free breakfast provision, something we are very proud of. I promise to keep you informed if there is any potential change to this but it is something which is immensely important to me and the staff and long may it continue.

I hope whatever Christmas means to you, that this half term is another happy one and you will finish it looking forward to all the endless possibilities of a happy and prosperous new year ahead.

Best wishes to all,
Mr Myers

Important School Dates for Parents and Carers (Autumn Term – Sep to Dec)

Friday 9th November	Years 3 to 6 Movie Night 3:30pm
Monday 12th November	Autumn Governors Meeting
	Year 4 Swimming Lessons (every day until Friday 7 th December)
Tuesday 13th November	School Open Evening 3:30pm-5:00pm
Monday 3rd December	Grandparents Day
Thursday 6th December	Christmas Disco 5:00pm-6:30pm
Monday 10th December	MADD (Music Art Dance Drama) Week

Thursday 13th December	Musical Coffee Afternoon 2:00pm-3:30pm
Tuesday 11th December	Whole School Pantomime at Gateshead Stadium – Rec to Y6
Wednesday 19th December	Whole School Christmas Performance at 10:00am
Thursday 20th December	Nursery Christmas Performances 10:30am and 2:30pm Home Learning Exhibition 3:30pm-4:30pm
Friday 21st December	Last day of term.

Important School Dates for Parents and Carers (Spring Term – Jan to Apr)

Monday 7th January	Teacher Training Day: School Closed
Tuesday 8th January	School reopens for the Spring Term
Friday 25th January	Nursery Teacher & Parent Consultations All Day
Monday 28th January	Rec to Y6 Teacher & Parent Consultations 1:30pm – 6:30pm
Monday 11th February	Science is Stunning Week
Thursday 14th February	Home Learning Exhibition 3:30pm-4:30pm
Friday 15th February	Last day of Spring half term
Monday 25th February	School reopens for the second half of the Spring Term
Tuesday 5th March	Local Authority Supported Review of School: Day 1
Wednesday 6th March	Local Authority Supported Review of School: Day 2
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Monday 11th March	Spring Governors Meeting
Monday 18th March	Female Carers Day
Monday 25th March	Maths is Magic Week
Monday 1st April	Easter Egg Challenge: Prizes for independent AND family submissions.
Wednesday 3rd April	School Performance 6:00pm at the Memorial Hall
Thursday 4th April	Home Learning Exhibition 3:30pm-4:30pm
Friday 5th April	Last day of term

Important School Dates for Parents and Carers (Summer Term – Apr to Jul)

Tuesday 23rd April	Teacher Training Day: School Closed
Wednesday 24th April	School reopens for the Summer Term
Monday 29th April	Words Are Wonderful Week
Monday 13th May	Start of KS1 and KS2 SATs
Monday 20th May	Richardson Dees' Got Talent Week
Thursday 23rd May	Home Learning Exhibition 3:30pm-4:30pm
Friday 24th May	Last day of Summer half term
Monday 3rd June	School reopens for the second half of the Summer Term
Monday 10th June	Phonics Screening week (Year 1) Culture and Diversity Week
Monday 17th June	Male Carers Day
Friday 28th June	Enterprise Week

Monday 1st July	Fiver Challenge Fayre 2:30pm
Monday 8th July	Reception Home Visits All Week
Thursday 11th July	Sports Day
	School Report Day
	Home Learning Exhibition 3:30pm-4:30pm
Friday 12th July	Whole School Transition day: Parents meet new teacher
	Year 6 Leavers Event 4:30pm – 7:00pm
Monday 15th July	Year 1 & 2 End of Year Assembly 9:30am
Tuesday 16th July	Year 3, 4 & 5 End of Year Assembly 9:30am
Wednesday 17th July	Reception End of Year Assembly 9:30am
	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1:30pm
Thursday 18th July	Picnic Day & Summer Fayre
Friday 19th July	Nursery Graduation 930am – 1130am
	Last day of term; start of the summer holidays.

Next Newsletter: **Friday 11th January***

** Please note that the dates in this newsletter have a 'Best Before Date' which is 11.01.19. After that we advise you pin the next newsletter on your fridge door and check for changes!*



Additional Notices

Home Reading

Reading in our school is a key priority. We operate a Golden Ticket system which is very popular with our pupils. Children who regularly read at home may find a Golden Ticket in their Home Readers or Home Reading Record which is added to a prize draw each week and 4 children are randomly selected from across Nursery to Year 6 to win a book. Please continue to encourage your child to read every day and remember to sign their reading records for them as well. **Books can be changed any and every day.**

Attendance

Attendance in school continues to be a key priority too. It is vital that your child arrives on time and that adults are on time to collect them at the end of each day. **We cannot authorise term time holidays** families who choose to take their children out of school are liable for a fine. The following link will give you some more information on this:

my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1121/school-attendance

Food Banks: Suggested Ideas*

<u>Food</u>	<u>Non-Food Items</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tinned/Packet Potatoes• Long Life Milk• Rice Pudding• Custard (Tin or Packet)• Savoury Snacks (Crisps etc)• Sweet Snacks (Chocolate etc)• Hotdogs• Meatballs• Biscuits• Jam/Spread• Tinned Fish (Tuna etc)• Tinned Meat (Spam etc)• Tinned Meat in Gravy/Chilli/Curry/Stew• Coffee• Tinned Vegetables (Sweetcorn, Peas etc)• Tinned Pasta (Spaghetti/Hoops/Macaroni etc)• Tinned Fruit (Peaches etc)• Tea Bags• Soup• Baby Food (Tins/Jars/Packet)	<p>Toiletries</p> <p>Deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes</p> <p>Household Items</p> <p>Laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid</p> <p>Feminine Products</p> <p>Sanitary towels and tampons</p> <p>Baby supplies</p> <p>Nappies and baby wipes</p>

*These are simply suggestions but the foodbanks **do** need any donations to be non-perishable.