



Richardson Dees Primary School

Newsletter Friday 7th September 2018

A Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to all our pupils and their families! It is fantastic to be up and running for another school year and the children certainly seem to have come back refreshed and ready to learn.

I have attempted to put together another calendar of events for the coming year. You will find all the main events here but please do remember that, as ever, **all event and dates are subject to change** – we'll keep you updated with half termly newsletters - but I hope, at the very least, the following list of dates will again go some way to helping you manage your time around our important school events.

Please also note that this half term we are trialling **letters only going out on a Friday** – starting today! The goal is to make the lines of communication as clear and helpful as possible for parents and carers.

We have also got a new website. Whilst still in 'post-production' it is available for you to view on **www.richardson-dees.eschools.co.uk/website**. Please be patient while we get it updated.

We also have a new **vision statement** which was a real labour of love in the making of it throughout last year – we have attached a copy with this newsletter.

I have recently been made aware of something new called the **Community School Clothing Scheme**, which, among other things, provides FREE second-hand, 'pre-loved' school uniforms and accessories. I intend to donate uniforms that have been in our 'Lost Property' for a long time but would equally welcome old uniform donations from parents and carers. School will, of course, provide families with all of the information for this wonderful scheme once we are up and running but in the meantime there is a Facebook page you can view if you wish to find out more details yourself.

Finally, the whole school will be doing a project throughout the Autumn Term about '**What Makes Wallsend Great**'. If you have anything you would like to share or contribute, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher and let us know.

Myself and all the staff are looking forward to another fantastic year in school. If there is anything you feel we can do to improve your child's experience, we are always happy to hear your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

Best wishes to all,
Mr Myers

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

Thursday 14th September	Reception go full time (parents invited for lunch from 11:45am)
Monday 17th September	Year 6 residential at High Borrans (return Friday) SAFE Week
Monday 24th September	First Weekly Reception Woods Visits
Tuesday 2nd October	School Photos Day
Thursday 25th October	Harvest Festival Home Learning Exhibition 3:30pm-4:30pm
Friday 26th October	Last day of half term.
Monday 5th November	School reopens for the second half of the Autumn Term
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
Monday 10th December	Art is Amazing Week
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 Fiver Challenge Fayre 2:30pm
Monday 1st July	Reception Home Visits All Week
Monday 8th July	Sports Day
Thursday 11th July	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 9th November*

** Please note that the dates in this newsletter have a 'Best Before Date' which is 09.11.18. After that we advise you pin the next newsletter on your fridge door and check for changes!*

Walking Tall

