



Richardson Dees Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 16th February

2017

Welcome from Mr Myers

Welcome to our latest Newsletter. Please read on to find out some of the latest news from around our school. Remember to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates. You can also check our website for further information or ask in school. If you have any queries, thoughts or suggestions, you can email those to parents@richardsondeesps.org.uk

There have been a number of recent changes to our Governing Body. Our Chair of Governors, Richard Brown has assumed vice chair responsibilities and in his place **Anne Parker is now our new Chair of Governors**. In addition, the Governing Body have appointed two new governors – Julie Dodd (Virgin money) and Nick Lambert Manager of the Wallsend Forum Shopping Centre).

We are also still seeking out new parent governors and currently have several vacancies for any interested parents. Please ask in school for details.

It's very exciting to have arrived at the halfway point of what has been a very busy school year. We are so proud of all that has been achieved thus far and we still have so much still to look forward to. I will endeavour to get important dates out to parents as early as possible as we move towards a hectic summer term after Easter.

In other news, I was extremely lucky to be invited to accompany some of our Reception children on their woods visit this week. Children were full of confidence, asked lots of questions and had so many good ideas. The most exciting part of it though was to see their wonderful imaginations in action – from princesses making mud pies to new and inventive ways of moving up (and down) hills. It was an absolute joy and well done to all involved.

These are the kinds of experiences which make it such a privilege to be involved in your child's education.

Thank you as ever for your continued support and cooperation.

Whole School Important Dates For Parents (Dates & Times Subject to Change)

Monday 13 th March	Teacher & Parent Consultations 1:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 16 th March	Grandparents Day
Monday 20 th March	Shakespeare Week
Friday 24 th March	Staff Training Day: School Closed
Wednesday 29 th March	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 1st Performance at 6:00pm
Thursday 30 th March	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 2nd Performance at 6:00pm
Friday 7 th April	Last day in school – start of the Easter Holidays
Monday 24 th April	Back to school – start of the Summer Term

Training Day

Please note that **School will be closed on Friday 24th March** for staff training. We thank you as ever for your kind cooperation.

Parent Consultations

Monday 13th March: 1:30pm – 6:30pm

On Monday 13th March, parents and carers are invited in to school to discuss their child's progress so far this year.

Letters will go out in the first week back after half term. Consultations will last for 10 minutes, so should you feel you need longer to talk about your child, then please feel free to organise this with the class teacher. We are going to trial an earlier start of 130pm to give all parents and carers the best opportunity to meet with their child's teacher.

Should you have any further suggestions of how we could be of help, there will be an additional section on the letter that goes home in which you can share your thoughts.

7 Billion Ideas Competition

This half term, children from Years 1 to 6 have been working in teams to come up with a world changing invention.

A winning team was selected from each class but ONE team has been chosen by staff to represent our school at the regional Tyne Together Final on Tuesday 14th March involving 20 other schools.

The lucky pupils are: **Fatou, Salma & Bianca**. Congratulations to all who took part.

School Performances

This year, our school performance is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. It will take place a little earlier than usual so that it doesn't clash with any of year class assemblies and performances in the summer term.

Non-Uniform for ... Dragonflame

As the house with the most points this half term, Dragonflame are allowed to wear non-uniform on the last day of half-term (tomorrow!). Winning children will have a green slip that tells you who the lucky ones are!

Grandparents Day Thursday 16th March

After our very successful event last year, we are inviting grandparents back for lunch again. Afterwards, they will be invited into classes to take part in lessons before joining us for an assembly to finish the day. Letters will be sent out but feel free to ask in school. It starts from 12pm. Pupils will be offering tours of our school for interested Grandparents.

Thank you from FORD

At our recent valentines Disco, our Friends of Richardson Dees made a staggering profit of £412. FORD would just like to say thank you for continuing to support our school. Staff and governors continue to be very grateful for all the hard work of these very dedicated parents and carers. If you are interested in getting involved, please ask in school. FORD regularly make generous donations from these profits to help subsidise events in school.

School Council

Our School Council have been working hard with Mrs Scouller to promote healthy lifestyle choices. They recently organized a very successful Food Tasting Day which actually encouraged some children to try new fruits and vegetables.