



Richardson Dees Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 20th July

2017

A Message from Mr Myers

Welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year. As the year draws to its close, we now look to the summer holidays and some exciting developments around school for September and beyond.

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

School Councillor, September 2017

Through the support of The Ballinger Charitable Trust (BCT), I am delighted to announce that starting in September we will have a school-based councillor one day a week. Miss Wood will be working in school, every Wednesday to support pupils in a range of ways.

We will communicate all the information you need to know in due course, but this is a very exciting initiative which will provide

Mrs Spooner – Maternity Leave

“It’s a baby!”

As you will probably know, Mrs Spooner will be leaving this summer to have her baby and take some maternity leave. Mrs Lynch is the new Year 4 teacher for the whole of next year, so when Mrs Spooner returns, she will spend the rest of the year supporting other classes.

In the meantime, Mrs Spooner’s *new* role

Goodbye

Sadly, some of our current members of staff will not be returning in September.

Miss Yorke, Miss Murray, Miss Candlish and Miss Welsh will be leaving us but we would just like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best in their future endeavours and to thank them for all their incredibly hard work and for their total dedication to our school.

Retirement

Mrs Arksey has worked with us for many years, supporting our children who have English as an Additional Language (EAL). Although still clearly too young, she has taken the decision to retire and to enjoy all the benefits we hope and trust that retirement will bring.

We would like to take this chance to thank Mrs Aksey who has always shown such a love of our school throughout her many

Nursery and Reception Refurbishment

Our Early Years Unit is undergoing a big refurbishment in the summer holidays which will include a brand new entrance for Nursery and Reception pupils.

The new entrance will be situated at the front of the school, to the right of our ramp entrance and there will be an area just inside it where parents can wait on site and be better protected from the elements – we hope!

Parents Forum

Parents Forum is something that I would like to trial next year. We would like to invite parents in for the usual refreshments and do two things:

- Update parents and families on activities and events happening in school.
- Discuss with parents what they like about our school and what they feel we could do to further improve it.

Attendance

This year saw a slight dip in our attendance which had previously been very strong. As such, we have had a few initiatives in school to encourage good attendance and will continue to do so next year.

We are **not** looking to challenge or penalise children who are genuinely ill, but we are looking to eliminate a lot of occasional absences which could be avoided.

Goodbye, Year 6

And so we come to the saddest goodbye! Our Year 6 children will be enjoying their final day in school tomorrow before they embark on what I'm sure will be another exciting chapter in their lives.

Our Year 6's have achieved extremely well in their SATs this year and their hard work and dedication (as well as that of the staff, of course) ensures that we have a solid platform in place on which our school can

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

Tuesday 5th September

Wednesday 6th September

Thursday 14th September

Monday 18th September

Wednesday 27th September

Year 1 to Year 6 return to school.

Reception Children return to school (mornings only for the rest of the week).

Reception Go Full Time (Parents invited for lunch)

Nursery Start Date

Year 6 go to High Borrans for the week.

First Parents Forum 330-500pm.