

The Richard Crosse C of E (A) Primary School

Newsletter October 2021



Our Motto: Believe and Achieve

Our Values: Love - Respect - Friendship

Our Christian Vision: Philippians 4:13: 'I can do everything through Him who gives me strength'

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Dear All,

What a lovely start to the year we have had! Even though we are not back to fully being able to do what we have been in the past, we have been able to have lunchtimes and break times together, go on trips, have some visitors into Worship and go to into Church for our Harvest Service. Plus.... we have managed to say goodbye to the portaloos!

The children are also working hard in all of their lessons and we have again been extremely fortunate not to have a class closure due to Covid.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support regarding PCR testing when we have a confirmed case in school. Although it's not a nice experience for the children, keeping on top of cases and being able to monitor potential outbreaks is essential in order to keep schools open.

Have a lovely half term and enjoy some well-deserved late get ups!

Kind regards

Ms Bowring
Headteacher

Harvest Festival

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival for the Lichfield Foodbank. We raised the equivalent of a staggering 404 meals!!



Unfortunately, due to logistics and wanting all of the children to take part in the service we were unable to live stream or film the whole service.

However, if you've not had chance to see the photos check out our gallery!

<https://www.richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/photo-galleries/harvest-festival-2021>

Sporting Fixtures

We have loved being able to get back into our sport this half term. Well done to everyone who has represented our school.

Results:

Football:

Richard Crosse 6 - 0 Richard Wakefield

Richard Crosse 3 - 3 Rykneld

Richard Crosse 3 - 5 John of Rolleston

Richard Crosse 3 - 1 William Shrewsbury B

Richard Crosse 0 - 3 Williams Shrewsbury A

Girls Football:

Richard Crosse 1 - 5 John of Rolleston

Tag Rugby Tournament:

Games won 1 Games drawn 1 Games lost 1

Our Big PTA Project!!!

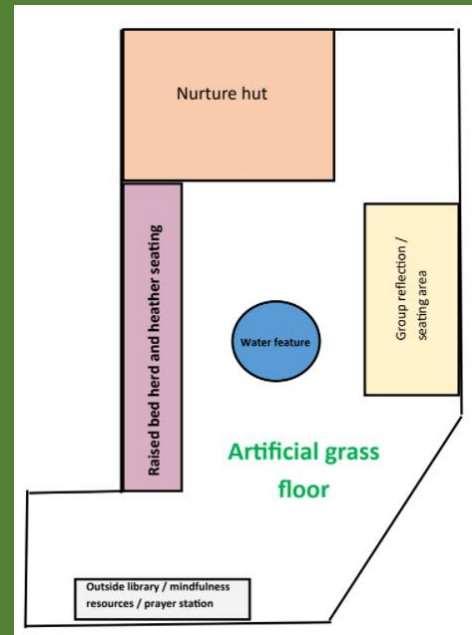
The Richard Crosse Nurture Area.

We are really excited to announce that plans are in place to develop the existing Class 1 outside play area into a nurture area for the whole school. Complete with artificial grass, a water feature, outdoor seating, herb and heather planters and a Nurture Hub.

If you know anyone with contacts to garden centres, surplus stock, timber or someone who has the skills to help us achieve our goal, then please get in touch via the office. The PTA have already applied to the Co-op for a community fund but the project is estimated at about £8,000 so every little bit we can raise in money or donations towards this project would be amazing.

Our wish list includes:

- Summer house 12 ft wide by 10 ft deep
- 98.4 sqm of Wonderyarn 26mm of artificial lawn
- Natural outside seating area
- Solar powered water feature
- Herb/planter seating
- Outside reading shed
- Plus furnishing and plants



Macmillan

Thank you to all of you who came to Macmillan coffee morning, we raised £287.75

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING



Christmas Fayre

Unfortunately, due to the rise in cases within the county, the decision has been made to not hold a face to face Christmas fayre this year. However, there will still be opportunities for you to take part in a Parent Kind Raffle, purchase your children's Christmas crafts, Name the Elf and order parent gifts. More information to follow next half term.

Attendance

Thank you for all of your support in making sure your children arrive on time and ready to learn in the morning, it really does make a massive difference to the day when the children come in settled and calm.



Care Club

If you require before or after school childcare we still have spaces in our Care Club provision. Please contact the office for more information.

E-Safety News

Online Safety Newsletter

As a school we recognise the ever changing world of technology around us. Therefore, to support us all, we have signed up to a monthly newsletter which will offer information and support on the latest trends and safety advice. These will be emailed to you and also saved under the E-Safety tab on the school website.

<https://www.richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/our-school/esafety>

Table Manners

This is the first term that we have been all together in over a year at lunchtime and some of the children have never eaten in the hall before this September! We have noticed a decline in table manners and would really appreciate your help with supporting and reminding your children regarding sitting nicely at the table, eating over their plate, not talking with their mouths full and discussing how to cut and hold their knives and forks properly.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Upcoming Dates and Events

- November 3rd - **New Parent Open Day** 4pm - 5pm - Please contact the office if you would like to visit.
- November 4th - **PTA Big Take Away Breakfast**
- November 11th - **Village Remembrance service** at the war memorial 10.45am
- November 18th - **Non uniform day** £1 donation
- November 19th **Children in Need and PTA Disco**
- November 23rd **Flu Vaccinations** -Whole School
- December 7th - **Class 1 & 2 Christmas Plays**
- December 9th **Christingle Service**
- December 10th **Christmas Jumper Day**
- December 14th **Christmas Service**
- December 16th - **Christmas Dinner and Party Day**
- December 17th - **End of Term**

Please check our website for constantly updated information:

<https://www.richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/events>

Class blogs

Don't forget that each week you can see what your children have been up to in their classes by visiting their class blogs.

<https://www.richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/news-events/blogs>

Packed Lunches and Snack

We pride ourselves on the quality and nutritional content of our school meals. We believe that being healthy in all areas of school life has massive benefits to the children. We have seen an increase in children bringing crisps and chocolate bars for break time snacks. With this in mind, just a polite reminder about the guidance in our Packed Lunch and Snack Guidance.

INCLUDE

- **Fruit and Vegetables** - at least one portion of fruit **and** one portion of vegetables or salad.
- **A non-dairy source of protein** - meat, poultry, fish, egg, beans or pulses, such as lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus or falafel.
- **A starchy food** like bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other types of cereals.
- **Dairy foods** such as milk, cheese, low fat or natural yoghurt or fromage frais, low sugar rice pudding. (not split pot or flavoured yoghurts, these have a lot of sugar)
- **Drinks** - the school provides water, but only healthy drinks, such as water, 100% pure fruit juice (maximum portion 150 mls), semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies should be included in your child's packed lunch.
- **Oily fish** such as salmon should be included at least once every three weeks. (Tuna is no longer considered an oily fish)
- **Snacks** such as malt loaf, low sugar jelly, or plain popcorn

LIMIT

- Snacks such as crisps (although seeds, nuts (where there are no allergies in school), vegetables and fruit with no added salt, sugar or fat would be preferable)
- Corned meat and sausages (these have a high fat and salt content)
- Cakes and plain biscuits are allowed but children should be encouraged to eat these only as part of a balanced meal

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Chocolate, chocolate-coated biscuits or food items containing chocolate
- Cereal bars, or processed fruit bars
- Processed meat products such as pepperami, sausage rolls, or Fridge Raiders. These foods have a very high fat and salt content
- Other confectionery such as Haribo, and chewing gum
- Fizzy or sugary drinks, including squash or fruit flavoured squash drinks such as Ribena, Fruit Shoot or Capri Sun; or diet or energy drinks which contain high levels of caffeine and other additives. (Even if labelled as 'sugar-free', 'no-added sugar' or 'reduced sugar' these drinks can contribute to tooth decay and provide little nutritional value).

On behalf of all the staff we would like to wish you and your children a....

