

The Richard Crosse C of E (A) Primary School

Newsletter December 2022



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 very busy term it has been! Your children have been truly amazing! Today has been particularly busy with Christmas Service, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party day! It was quite emotional for the staff who have been here a while to see the Richard Crosse tradition of the 12 Days of Christmas sung by all of the children after their dinner, we really have got some loud voices amongst the children!

If you've not had chance to look recently, take a trip to our gallery to see some of the amazing things the children have done this half term:-

<https://www.richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/photo-gallery-category/school-gallery>

We also update regularly on our Twitter page if you don't already follow us it's [@RCrossePrimary1](https://twitter.com/RCrossePrimary1)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my amazing staff for their hard work this term; parents for supporting your children and supporting our school; our amazing PTA who have been fundraising on an astronomical scale - raising £1,756 at the Christmas Fayre this year, and last but not least our brilliant children, who are a credit to Richard Crosse!

Thank you too from all of the staff for our lovely kind wishes, cards and gifts this Christmas. We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you all manage to stay safe and have a wonderful and restful festive holiday, we will see you all on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023!**

Kind regards

Ms Bowring
Headteacher



Top 20% of all Schools for Key Stage 2 Data!

We have recently received our Key Stage 2 National Data summary here are our highlights:

- Key stage 2 progress in writing (3.0) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest 20%** in 2022.
- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard in writing (91%) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest 20%** in 2022
- Key stage 2 progress in mathematics (2.7) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest 20%** in 2022.
- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard (100+) in mathematics (95%) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest 20%** in 2022.
- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard (100+) in reading, writing and mathematics (91%) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest 20%** in 2022
- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard (100+) in the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test (95%) was significantly **above** national and in the **highest 20%** in 2022.

We are really proud of our results and of the children and teachers who have worked so hard to achieve them. Well done to each and every child who took the test and did their best, we are very proud of you!

Goodbye and Hello!

It is always sad when we say our goodbyes to staff. We wish Mrs Harley all the best in her new job and we know that she will be missed by you all. With every goodbye there is a new hello, so we would like to warmly welcome Mrs Hayward to The Richard Crosse, she will be joining us in January, I know that you will all help us in making her feel welcome.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance at school is key to learning and punctuality is key for a good mindset when starting the day. Over this term we have seen more and more children coming in just before the late mark.

Please try and get your child to school for 8.30am. This allows them time to settle and talk to their friends and teachers before lessons start. If your child has had low attendance this half term you will be receiving a letter in January. Continuous low attendance can result in County fines and Educational Welfare Officer involvement. If you have any concerns linked to your child's attendance or lateness please come and talk to us so that we can work together to support your child's education.

A polite reminder that school finishes at 3.20pm for EYFS and KS1 and 3.30pm for KS2, please be punctual when collecting your children.

Food Safety

If your children bring in grapes and cherry tomatoes, please ensure that they are cut in half lengthways.

The size and shape of grapes means that they can completely plug children's airways, with the tight seal produced by fruit's smooth, flexible surface making them tricky to shift with first aid manoeuvres.

Grapes are the third most common cause of death among children who die in food-related choking incidents, and doctors say a lack of awareness among parents, carers and health professionals could be leaving young children at risk.

Water Safety

With the recent tragic news of the death of 4 primary ages boys in Solihull, we have reiterated the message of safety linked to ice and water to the children in school. For more information on all aspects of water safety here is a link from the Canal and Riverside Trust

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-for-kids>

**Upcoming Events and Dates for
your Diary 2023**

- 10/01/23 - Year 5/6 Bikeability
- 02/03/23 - World Book Day
- 16/03/23 - Mother's Day Service
- 17/03/23 - Red Nose Day
- 20/03/23 - Class 3 Easter Production
- 30/03/23 - Easter Service

