

# The Richard Crosse C of E (A) Primary School

## Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> February 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,

How quickly has this half term gone? The children have been working super hard and came back with a great attitude towards 2022 at the start of this half term. Not only have the children been learning lots of new things and exciting topics, we've been busy on trips to Lichfield Cathedral and taking part in activities such as Bikeability, Internet Safety Day, Children's Mental Health Week, Green Power Racing, Funky Fashion Day and The PTA Big Take-Away Breakfast.

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>

Don't forget you can see what your children have been up to each week in school by visiting their class blogs too:

Class 1 - <https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/blog/category/class-1>

Class 2 - <https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/blog/category/class-2>

Class 3 - <https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/blog/category/class-3>

Class 4 - <https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/blog/category/class-4>

Class 5 - <https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/blog/category/class-5>

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

I hope you all; children, staff and parents have a lovely half term, get chance to recharge those batteries and have some fun together!

Kind regards,

**Ms Bowring**  
**Headteacher**

### PE Kits

Thank you for your support with keeping uniform standards high with PE kits after the earlier reminder this term.



### **Fundraising so far...**

Macmillan Coffee Morning £287.75

Lichfield Food Bank 404 meals

Christingle £150.00

Christmas Jumper Day £68.75

Children In Need £102.97

Poppy Appeal £291.50

The PTA Big Breakfast Takeaway £350.00

Amazing and thank you for your contributions!

**PTA's Big Fundraising Project**  
**Wellbeing Playground**

**We Need You!!!**

**Please help us to raise funds for our new Wellbeing Playground. Complete with an outdoor children's gym, a trim-trail, water feature and a quiet nurture area. There really is something for everyone!!**



We are so excited to have started our journey into planning our new Wellbeing Playground!  
This is a huge project for such a small school and we really need your help!

**The project plans include:**

- Installing 6 child specific cardiovascular gym stations and a 17 meter trim trail on the back playground.
- Creating a 'green space' on the old Class One outside area, consisting of wooden seating complete with built in herb and flower beds, a summer house, solar powered water features, artificial grass and an outdoor reading shed.
- Installing a 5 meter traversing wall onto the side of the school wall in the front playground.

Due to the size of the project, there will be a number of phases which will depend on funds available.

The phases are estimated as follows:

Gym stations and trim trail - £15,000

Green Area - £8,000

Traversing wall - £1,000

**Target Total - £24,000**

We would really love to complete at least the gym stations and trim trail by the end of the year and the PTA have some of the funds needed for this. They have already been successful in applying for community funding from The Co-op. We are also looking at grant applications to support us in reaching our total. We will continue to do all we can and welcome any support available; individually, via businesses or sponsorship.

In the meantime, should you wish to make a donation, we have set up two giving pages as follows:



<https://wonderful.org/charities/1173689> - This is totally free to us, meaning we get 100% of any donations and gift aid, however you can only donate via your online banking or your banking APP via the link/QR code above. It's secure, very easy to use and all major banks and the government have signed up to this and Wonderful.org have no access to your bank account details.

JustGiving for people who would rather donate by credit or debit card (we pay a small fee for this) [www.justgiving.com/richardcrosseptu](http://www.justgiving.com/richardcrosseptu)

How can you help now?

- Join the Wellbeing Playground fundraising Committee (details to follow shortly).
- If you shop at the Co-op, make sure you have signed up to the Co-op's membership scheme and selected us as your chosen charity.
- Sign up to EasyFundraising for internet shopping (2 people have raised over £400 so far, think what we could all raise).
- If you shop with Amazon, select us as your chosen charity under the Amazon Smile scheme.
- Think about joining the 59 Club for £1 a week.

Thank you for supporting us, so that we can make our Wellbeing Playground dream come true!

### Attendance

Yesterday was our first day this year of 100% attendance for children and staff! Thank you for ensuring your children are on time and ready to learn each morning 😊



### 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.

## School Drop off and Pick up



We encourage all Key Stage 2 parents to come onto the playground at collection time where possible please.

The pavement and area along the roadside are getting more and more congested, leading to poor visibility when crossing the road for children, parents and drivers. Children who walk home independently are also having to walk along the road as the path is blocked by people waiting on the roadside of the playground wall.

I know that I may sound like a broken record on this matter, but we have had another near miss this week and we all want to keep our children and families safe.

Thank you

## Upcoming Dates and Events



Please check our website for constantly updated information:

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

### **Key dates for next half term:**

- 28<sup>th</sup> February PTA Pupil Pancake Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> March Year 3 & 4 residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March Year 5 & 6 residential trip to York
- 9<sup>th</sup> March PTA Annual General Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March Year 3 & 4 Easter Play
- 24<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day Service
- 7<sup>th</sup> April Easter Service