

The Richard Crosse C of E (A) Primary School

Newsletter February 2024



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,

It has been great to start 2024 in such a positive way! School reviews conducted this half term have further highlighted the exceptional culture and ethos and the behaviour and standards around our school. Your children showcased to other headteachers, the CEO and governors their amazing work ethic, high personal standards and exceptional manners during our review last week. I felt extremely proud, as always, of the staff team and children.

Attendance across the school is currently good and we thank you for your support in getting your children to school and ready to learn. There is an increase in children coming in through the office just before the late cut off, it would be great if we could reduce this. If you are having difficulties with getting your child to school on time please make an appointment via the office and we will see what we can do to help.

This half term has been a short one in comparison to Autumn's marathon half terms but we've still had to fit so much in! Some of our highlights this half term include:

- Year 5/6 Bikeability
- KS2 Young Voices Choir at Resorts World Arena
- PTA School Disco
- Year 5 Fire Station visit for 'Safe and Sound' workshops
- Severn Trent Workshop raising whole school awareness of the water cycle and the water treatment process.
- Spelling and Phonics child-led parent workshops.

Take a look at your children enjoying these events here:

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

We wish you all a restful half term and we will see you on Monday 19th February (don't forget that this is the first day of the Year 3/4 residential to Whitemoor Lakes!).

Kind regards

Ms Bowring

Headteacher



**YOUR
PTA
NEEDS
YOU**

PTA Annual General Meeting

When: Wednesday 13th March 6pm

Where: School Hall

Please come along and support our amazing school!

**For any questions linked to the PTA please contact
Kerrie O'Mara richardcrossepta2@gmail.com**

Clubs after half term

Spring 2 After School Clubs

Please see separate clubs letter for booking details and prices



Monday - Scooter skills (3:30pm until 4:30pm) for Reception -Year 6 - SH Active

Tuesday - Football (3:30pm until 4:30pm) for KS2 - 'Soccerstars UK'

Tuesday - KS2 Gymnastics Club with Stoke City

Wednesday - Choir (3:30pm-5:00pm) for KS2

Thursday - Laser Tag (3:30pm until 4:30pm) for Years 1-6 - SH Active'

Friday - Netball 3:30pm until 4:00pm (KS2) - Progressive Sports

Outdoor learning Days

Next term's Outdoor Learning Days will take place at St. Mary's in Colton, WS15 3LN

Class 1 - Wednesday 21st February

Class 2 - Thursday 29th February

Class 3 - Thursday 14th March

Class 4 - Thursday 7th March

Whole School Pyjama Day!

Congratulations to the winner of the 2022/2023

Recommended Reader competition Maisie-Jane! She has chosen a whole school PJ day as her reward! This will be on Thursday 25th April



Stationery Amazon Wish List

Richard Crosse

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/100GFMJ7LT214?ref=wl_share



Thank you!!! To everyone who has kindly purchased items for us from our wishlist, it has made such a difference and you wouldn't believe how excited someone (Miss Derry!) can get over glue sticks and purple pens!

We are sending out the same plea again - As you know, budgets are incredibly tight at the moment in schools and are only getting tighter with the rising inflation rates, compared to the allocated government money per pupil received by school. Therefore, if you know of any companies or people that would like to donate towards our school stationery wish list, please click or share the above link.
Thank you!!

Terms Dates and Events

Reminder from last newsletter - We have had some queries regarding our term dates on the website. It transpires that problems are arising when people are Google searching 'Richard Crosse Term Dates'. Due to Google settings this takes you back to the first time you ever accessed this page and will not show the updated website page.

Please always check our term dates directly through our website for the most up to date version.

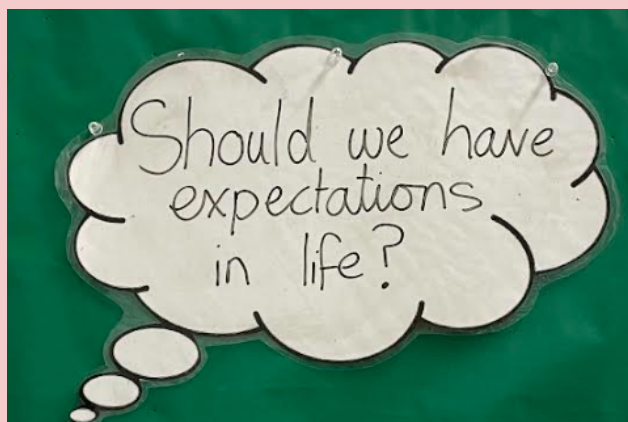
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Stay up to date with all events by synching to our School Calendar and checking our Events page!

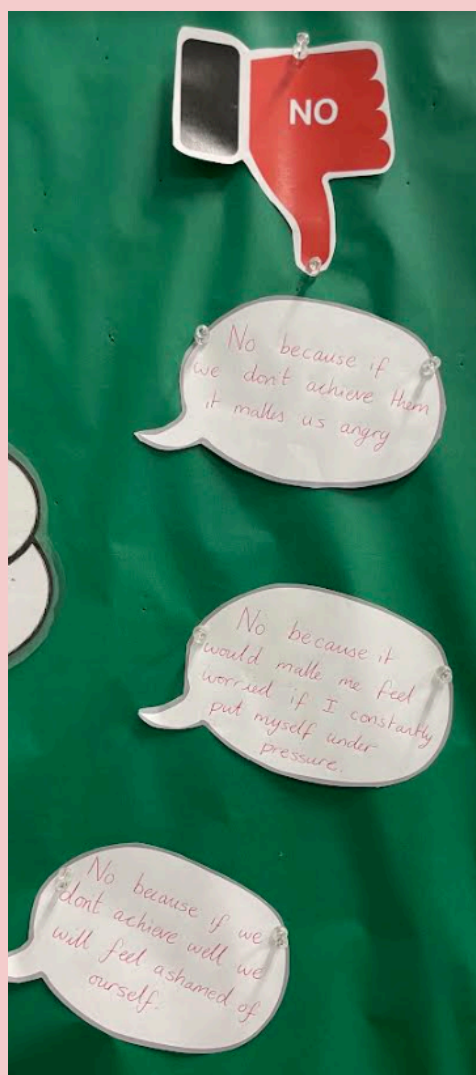
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The Big Question - Spring 1

We are trying to support our children to become deeper thinkers by posing and discussing questions that have no right or wrong answer. This half terms question was:



As you can see the children came up with some amazing ideas and had some beautiful, respectful discussions along the way!

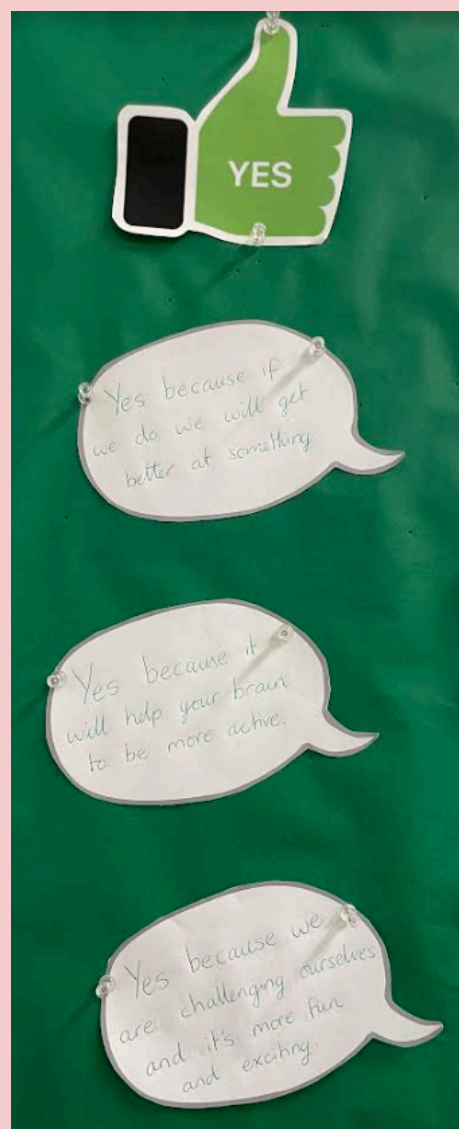


Children came up with some thought provoking points and had some in-depth, respectful discussions along the way!

Our BIG question
for next half term is:

Why do we need to make sacrifices?

It would be lovely for the children to come to school with some ideas that you have discussed as a family!



Note from TSSMAT CEO - Mrs Charlene Gethin

Dear all families and community members,

What a short but wonderful half term of 5 weeks we have had. I can't believe how much staff have packed in for our children and it has been so full of learning opportunities, in and out of school. Thank you!

Please find attached my CEO letter sharing some of the amazing things happening across our Trust in Spring 1! It can also be found at: [Letters from the CEO | The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust](#)

We hope you have a safe and happy half term, that staff get to rest ready for the next 'full on' run up to Easter half term and that families manage to juggle life. Maybe you are blessed to be able to go away, if you do so have a great time and, whatever you are doing, enjoy!

Regards Charlene Gethin (CEO) and Ralph.

PTA Update and News

Monday 26th Feb

PTA meeting at 2pm at school

If unable to attend in person, please contact a member of the PTA with your input/offer of support/assistance with future events. We will be reviewing the school disco and planning the upcoming movie night.

Mother's Day gifts

The PTA will be offering children the choice of a small selection of Mother's Day Gifts to bring home for Mother's Day. The cost for these will be between £3 and £4. If a member of the £1 club, this will be free of charge.

Further details to follow.

Wednesday 13th March - 6pm at school

The PTA AGM

This is a review of the previous year's PTA achievements and spending.

This is also when committee members are appointed. If you would like to take on a role within the PTA, you are welcome to nominate yourself whilst at this meeting.

Furthermore, we will announce the plan for spending the PTA funds for the next financial year.

March 15th Movie Night

There will be a choice of three movies, as per the last event. However, after reviewing the last event, we ask for parents/children to pre-select their choice prior to the event. This will be an additional question on the Google consent form.

Film options and further details to follow.

Snacks of popcorn, sweets/chocolate provided

£5 per child, if not a member of £1 club

Thank you

Kerrie O'Mara

Chair of the PTA