

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

## Newsletter February 2023 (Spring 1)



**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,

You should all feel extremely proud of your children, they have started 2023 with the most amazing attitudes towards school life. Learning walks constantly highlight their superb work ethic and also their inquisitive minds! We are so fortunate to have highly skilled teachers who plan lessons where children are not passive learners but engaged pupils who really take ownership of their learning journey. They learn from their mistakes, ask amazing questions, are able to discuss their learning with their peers and work hard to retrieve prior learning to find connections with their new learning, deepening their knowledge. Classroom behaviour throughout the school is outstanding.

Thank you all for bearing with us through a period of change in our school office and for making Mrs Hayward feel extremely welcome. She is doing an amazing job and is already a key player in the Richard Crosse team.

Parking at drop off and pick up times still continues to be a major worry of the school. Thank you for the positive response and support to the most recent email that went out this week regarding this.

Last week we held our PTA AGM. We would like to say a huge thank you to Louise McGuffie and Amanda Taylor who have been chair and treasurer for many years now and have decided it is time to step down. They really have been integral in making amazing memories for all of our children and we truly appreciate all they have done. Unfortunately, there is some potentially worrying news for the future of the PTA, more information later on in the newsletter.

I hope you all had a positive and productive parents evening. Remember our door is always open, if you have anything you wish to discuss about your children please do not feel that you have to wait until parents evening. Catch us at the end of the day or for a more detailed chat, drop a message into the office so that we can arrange a meeting.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and enjoy not having to set those morning alarm clocks for the week!

Kind regards

**Ms Bowring**  
**Headteacher**

## Local Governing Committee (LGC)

This is a really exciting time for Richard Crosse; for the first time since becoming a federation and then an academy, we have now established a Local Governing Committee. Our new Governors have generously given up their time and shared their amazing skills set for the good of our school. Having a Local Governing Committee means that we (Richard Crosse) will have people who will know our school inside and out, and who can support us in monitoring, evaluating practice and supporting possible future changes that are key for our school, whilst also ensuring that the school's key vision and values remain at the forefront of everything we do.

Our Local Governing Committee:

Mr Darren Walsh	Chair - Parent member	<b>Our school really does need even more passionate governors to support the school, we still have spaces! Please contact the school office for information and application forms.</b>
Dr Ann Shilton	Vice Chair - Foundation Member	
Ms Jodie Jenkinson	Parent member	
Miss Lyndsey Derry	Staff member	
Ms Emma Bowring	Headteacher member	

To find out more about the LGC, ask any member of the governing team, contact the office or visit:

<https://www.tssmat.staffs.sch.uk/governance/local-advisory-groups/the-function-of-our-lgc-s>

## PTA News

**We really NEED your help!!** - We don't currently have enough members to run the PTA and may have to stop. You only need to give a couple of hours of your time a month and it will make a huge difference to our children!

The next PTA meeting will be at The Royal Oak Wednesday 8th March 7.30pm  
It would really help us if you could complete the following form to help us gather views on the PTA <https://forms.gle/zscTUMboQqUGuDK19>

**Keep a look out for a separate PTA email coming today**

**59 Club** - As some of you may know, the PTA run a weekly 59 club lottery, however the uptake on this has continued to dwindle. Therefore, looking at the funds raised and workload required, we have decided to close this down. We will speak to all members about cancelling their standing orders and refunds will be due for annual payers for weeks after the end of February.

## Clubs next half term

It is really beneficial for children to have interests beyond the school day and we know that a lot of our children already have hobbies, which is great!

Next term we will continue to offer:

Tuesday - Lunchtime recorder club (KS2)

Tuesday - Soccer Stars (KS2)

Wednesday - Academy Choir (KS2)

Thursday - Everyone Active Sports Club (Y1-6)

Please contact the office or follow the links on the Club's letter coming out this week if your child is interested.



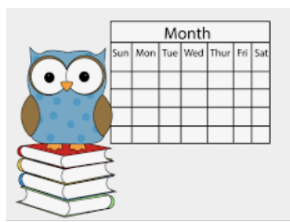
## Upcoming events

Please remember to keep an eye on our events page for upcoming events and activities

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

You can also subscribe to our online calendar for automatic updates to your own calendar!

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



## Safer Internet Day

This year's Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday, 7 February 2023.



We spent the day in school raising awareness of safe internet use around the theme of:

**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.**

As parents and carers, you play a crucial role in empowering and supporting children and young people to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Indeed, parental influence, guidance and education have a significant and long-lasting impact on children's safety and wellbeing in the online world. Therefore, there are plenty of ways for you to support your children, whether it is by ensuring an open dialogue with your children, educating them to use digital technologies safely and positively, or acting as digital role models.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

## NEU Strike Action

The next strike day is due to take place **Wednesday March 1st**. It is highly possible that all classes will be closed again on this day and I would urge you to make alternative childcare arrangements. I will of course inform you as best as I can on the first Monday back after half term.

Thank you for your understanding



## Everyone has a voice!

We are really proud of our children and their willingness and 'want' to be involved in making positive changes in the school. Over the week we run a variety of different councils where children from Year 1 to Year 6 work together to make a positive impact on everyone in the school. Here's what the children had to say:

### School Council

**Robyn** - Being on the School Council is important because it benefits the whole school and we make everything as fair as possible.



**Oscar** - Being on the School Council is important because it helps to bring issues to Ms Bowring

### Sports Council

**Lottie** - I love Sports Council because it gets other children involved in new sports.



**Zac** - Sports Council gets people involved who maybe don't usually get involved with sport.

**Jess** - Sports Council helps to show others how to be healthy through the food they eat and exercise they take part in.

### Worship Council

**Sophie** - I enjoy being a part of the Worship Council because we are with other people from other classes and we help the school improve worship. My favourite part was when we delivered worship to the whole school. I feel like we have made a positive impact on the school by teaching people more about our Christian values and bible stories.



### Eco Council

**Harvey** - I loved weeding the garden

**Torja** - I love seeing our flowers starting to grow

**Oscar** - We're looking forward to delivering messages in worship

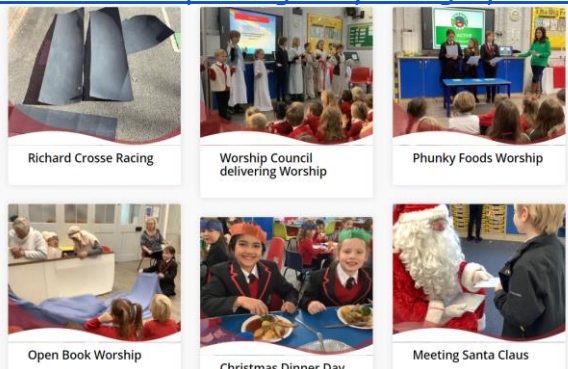
**Elsie** - We would like to plant more plants



## Our Website Gallery

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 please do!

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