

# 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,

What a short half term this has been but with so much packed into it! As I write this I can hear the children practising their Easter Service in the hall, which only seemed like the Mothering Sunday Service 5 minutes ago, which only seemed like the Year 3/4 play dress rehearsal 30 seconds ago!

This half term has seen all of our KS2 classes go on a residential trip; Year 5/6 went to York and Year 3/4 popped down the road to Whitemoor Lakes. The staff on the trips reported back on how well the children behaved, interacted with the children from the other schools across the TSSMAT and just had a really great experience!

Check out our residential galleries:

<https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/photo-galleries/york-trip-2024>

<https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/photo-galleries/whitemoor-lakes-2024>

Thank you for your attendance at parents evening. It was really well attended again this half term and always highlights the partnership between parents and school in celebrating achievements and sharing targets for development.

This term's Outdoor Learning Days took place at St Mary's school in Colton and the children came back suitably muddy and full of tales to tell about their day! Once again thank you for the support with transport on these days.

Pictures for all of our events can be found at:

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

I hope you all have a wonderful, well deserved rest and some family time over the Easter Holidays. Next term is always a busy one and the last one at primary school for our current Year 6's, lots of memories still to be made here yet though! Looking forward to seeing you all back safely on **Monday 8th April**.

Kind regards

**Ms Bowring**

**Headteacher**



## THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

On behalf of all the staff and children I wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who has donated to our school stationery and resources wishlist, whether personally or through businesses. I can't begin to tell you how overwhelmed we have been with the generosity shown and what a huge difference it is making to a small school with such a tight budget. Unless you've worked in a school, I don't think you can actually comprehend the excitement that comes from staff when they see a delivery of pens, post-its and especially glue sticks!



We are constantly updating the link to reflect up and coming topics and needs. In the last few weeks we have received all of the art resources needed for next term through your donations!

Thank you , thank you, thank you!!!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/100GFMJ7LT214?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/100GFMJ7LT214?ref_=wl_share)

## A message from past parents...

A few weeks ago I sent out a link for past parents to let us know how their children are getting on at high school and beyond. The feedback so far has made us all feel so emotional and incredibly proud of our past pupils!

We have also had a very lovely offer of support for any parents of children going to high school from a 'parents' point of view. If you are worried about being a parent of a high school child or the transitional phase and would like to have a chat with a parent who has already been through the process, please just drop the office an email and I can put you in touch. The link will continue to remain open so please feel free to share it with any past parents you know.

<https://forms.gle/AGVCQawqcSekMXun8>

### **Are there any successes/achievements you'd like to share with us?**

*Name* has carried on being very academic at high school, she has excelled in French as not all of her peers had French lessons at primary school. *Name* has also consistently been on the netball team for her year. *Name* has made lots of new friends as well as retained some primary school friendships.

*Name* is exceeding and outstanding in most subjects at **High School**, he has taken everything he learnt at Richard Crosse and added to it. He has also taken all of his friends and they all still hang around together everyday, despite all being in different classes.

*Name* is doing really well in his first year of GCSEs and is doing his Silver DofE

*Name* is loving **High School** and is exceeding academically. Also in sport, in particular netball, where she often captains the A team. She is also a sports ambassador which means she represents the school in sport in the outside community, a responsibility she loves.

### **Were there any secondary school transition issues that your child faced? Have you any recommendations for supporting other children with their transition?**

*It's a difficult transition, encourage children to join clubs to meet like minded people. Be aware that making friends can take a lot of time.*

*Not really, she found the size of the school and teaching groups quite different to what she was used to.*

*RC helped massively with the transition to high school and ensuring the children went being the best possible version of themselves.*

### **How do you feel your child's time at Richard Crosse equipped them for their future?**

*The standard is very high and children are engaged with the subjects in a family environment.*

*Best possible start for all future learning. Could not have asked for a better learning environment and nurturing start to his education. RC also equipped **name** with other skills such as resilience, compassion, emotional intelligence and ambition.*

*The values which run throughout all the activities and curriculum at Richard Crosse have really helped set **name** up for life at high school. The teaching was also amazing, **name** has found he and other alumni are far ahead of their contemporaries at high school in a number of subjects, this has really helped him settle in and feel comfortable.*

*I think it gave him the confidence to try anything he wants to try without worrying what other people will think.*

*I think the way RC helps the children to be responsible has been a massive help. The way RC empowers the children to believe in themselves, work hard and be the best they can.*

***Name** has been asked which primary school she came from by a number of the teachers at John Taylor and when she told them Richard Crosse she was told that that has the best reputation amongst all the primary schools in terms of the children being academically ready for high school. It is widely recognised apparently that Richard Crosse pupils are a level above others when they arrive there. Something you should be very proud of!*

## Clubs after half term

### Summer 1 After School Clubs

Please see separate clubs  
letter for booking details and  
prices



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

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

**Tuesday** - KS2 Girls Football with Stoke City (for  
3 weeks only)

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

**Thursday** - Dodgeball (3:30pm until 4:30pm) for  
Years 1-6 (SH Active)

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

## Outdoor learning Days

Next term's Outdoor Learning Days will take place at  
different locations for different classes due to the  
school specific facilities that the teachers would like to  
use:

Class 1 - Thursday 6th June - Howard (Elford)

Class 2 - Thursday 20th June - St Mary's (Colton)

Class 3 - Thursday 27th June - - Howard (Elford)

Class 4 - Thursday 13th June - - Howard (Elford)

## 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



## Parent Annual Survey 2024

If you've not already completed the annual  
parent survey this will remain open until the  
end of the Easter Holidays. The more  
responses we get, the more patterns we can  
spot to help us develop further as a school.

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=1f4acf16-c494-4628-9dea-41663a0c5756>

## Terms Dates and Events

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

<https://www.tssmat.staffs.sch.uk/about-us/term-dates>

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

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

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Dear all families, staff and community friends,

It's been another swift but jam packed half term. As always, we are grateful to our staff for their hard work juggling teaching and learning, events such as the residentials and the wonderful Mothering Sunday, children's performances and Easter services. Again, it's been a vibrant time for our children and families and our children continue to show us just how magnificent they are, such good friends, caring and looking out for each other with compassion. They embrace their learning and talk excellently, with pride about their schools.



I offer my Spring 2 CEO letter with reflections over the last half term, some great pictures of your children on residentials, in plays and leading events. I also offer an update on growth and The Mease, Governors and Ofsted.

Have a blessed and restful Easter if you can, take time to embrace the reflection and enjoy the celebration.

Kind regards,

*CS Gethin*

Mrs Charlene Gethin (CEO) and Ralph!





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## Triumph at TSSMAT Netball Tournament for Richard Crosse

by Mr Frame

In a dazzling display of athleticism and teamwork, the netball tournament hosted by Richard Crosse within the TSSMAT (The Small Schools Multi-Academy Trust) concluded with Richard Crosse emerging as the undisputed champions. The tournament featured an exciting format with two competitive leagues.

Richard Crosse set the tone for their triumph in the opening match, securing a convincing 6-1 victory. The star of the game was undoubtedly Zoe, who showcased her scoring prowess by netting an impressive five goals. The crowd erupted in cheers as Zoe's precision and finesse on the court left the opposition in awe.

The following game saw Richard Crosse face a tougher challenge, yet they navigated it with finesse, triumphing 2-0. The players demonstrated remarkable resilience and strategic prowess, securing their spot in the much-anticipated final against St Marys.

The grand finale was nothing short of a spectacle, with Richard Crosse squaring off against St Marys in a match that captured the essence of netball at its finest. The final score stood at 6-0, a testament to the impeccable teamwork and stellar performance of the Richard Crosse team. Sophie emerged as a key player in this game, scoring an impressive five goals, while Xander added another to seal the victory.

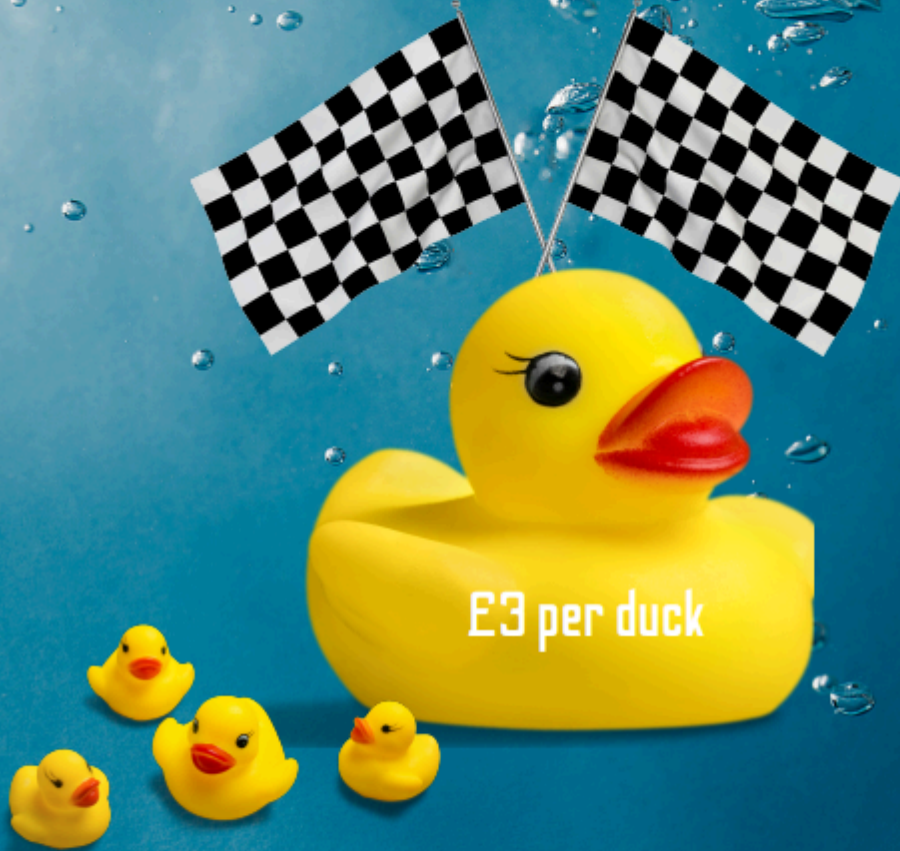
The tournament's success was not just measured in goals and victories but also in the joy and enthusiasm radiating from the players and spectators alike. The Richard Crosse team's performance was a shining example of what can be achieved through dedication, teamwork, and a passion for netball.



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**SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2024**  
**2PM**



# **Rubber Ducks Race the River for Richard Crosse School**

*Sponsor a duck, watch them splash.... all in aid of raising cash!*



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