

The Richard Crosse C of E (A) Primary School

Newsletter July 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 Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another incredible school year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the achievements and milestones we have collectively reached. This year has been a testament to the hard work, dedication and community spirit that make Richard Crosse such a special place for our children to learn and grow. This half term we have been so fortunate to watch our choir children in a beautiful musical concert and Class 4 in an amazing end of year show, well done to everyone and thank you to all the staff who supported these events.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful children. Your enthusiasm for learning, your kindness to one another and your endless curiosity have made this year truly remarkable. You have all shone brightly and made us incredibly proud. Please take a few moments to look through our school picture gallery with your children and I am sure they will happily re-live some of the highlights of their year with you! <https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/photo-gallery-category/school-gallery>

No success is ever individual and takes a whole dedicated and passionate team to achieve a positive school culture and outcomes. I am delighted with our external audit and inspection outcomes this year. Our OFSTED inspection earlier in the year reflected the high standards of teaching and learning, outstanding behaviour and attitudes and personal development of children. This was echoed in our Attendance Audit and also shone through in our recent SIAMS inspection. Richard Crosse was highly praised for our commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where children are loved, respected and supported in their personal growth. This recognition is something I feel exceptionally proud of for our whole school community. I am so blessed to have such a passionate and committed team around me and the children, who without them none of the success highlighted this year and every year would be possible, thank you!

As we prepare for the summer break, I wish all of our families and staff a restful and enjoyable holiday. Take this time to relax, recharge and create wonderful memories with your loved ones. Thank you from all staff for the lovely gifts, cards and kind words we have received this week. We truly love our jobs and are very grateful for the support you give us on a daily basis. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new school year, ready to embark on another journey of learning and making memories! School reopens for Reception to Year 6 children **Monday 2nd September with the new school day start time of 8.45am.**

Thank you once again for a fantastic year. Have a safe and happy summer!

Kind regards,
Ms Bowring
(Headteacher)



We are an ECO School - with MERIT!!

Thank you to my brilliant ECO team who have worked so hard to gain this award for our school this year!

Here is what ECO-School England had to say about our application:

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at Richard Crosse C of E Primary School have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

It's fantastic that you have such a large Eco-Committee club in your school, it shows that your pupils clearly care about our planet and all plants, animals, and insects that live on it.

Your Environmental Review is packed with comments, and this is exactly what our team enjoys seeing. It's clear that completing it provided your Eco-Committee with plenty of ideas for creating an impactful Action Plan. By completing the Environmental Review, your Eco-Committee gained a deeper appreciation of their school's existing environmental initiatives, while also identifying areas for future improvement.

Your Eco-Committee club created an Action Plan using insights gained when completing the Environmental Review. This strategic approach will target areas where your school is less sustainable, empowering your Eco-Committee to maximise their impacts. Not intent on simply improving the sustainability of their own school site, your Eco-Committee extended their efforts to involve your wider school community, maximising their positive impacts. We particularly like how the Eco-Committee wants to increase the wildlife and grow vegetables and fruit in the school grounds for the school menu.

Environmental education in your school is practical and engaging, empowering young people with the knowledge they need to confidently discuss and address ecological issues. We greatly appreciate your creativity in addressing environmental issues within your learning. It's obviously not just about covering these topics in your curriculum; you're using them to enhance the overall learning experience in your school.

Your Eco-Committee club have placed a lot of emphasis on informing as many members of your school community as possible about their Eco-Schools work, including delivery of whole school assemblies, social media posts and parent workshops. You have worked with a very impressive array of different groups and organisations this academic year, we especially enjoyed learning about your work conducting questionnaires and surveys about environmental improvements in the local area. On top of this, collaboration has also occurred with a variety of stakeholders which include the Parish council, the horticultural society, Phunky Foods and this demonstrates a very holistic approach to your Eco-Schools work. Your digital Eco-Board display really helped bring your Eco-Schools' work to life, we loved all the colourful pictures that showed so many children and people being involved.

You've inspired enthusiastic young environmentalists who are excited about sustainability and empowered to make a difference, so it's no surprise pupil engagement has been a highlight of your journey. It was great to read that despite the challenges you faced including the children getting frustrated, you still managed to get the children to believe that their small actions have a big impact on the environment. The projects in your Action Plan are practical, awareness-raising, and behaviour-changing, demonstrating that there are numerous ways to create positive environmental impacts. We especially enjoyed reading about the children conducting surveys across the school to provided information to governors to suggest change. What an amazing concept!

We love your collaborative approach to creating an Eco-Code, this approach has allowed young people to take ownership and create a statement for their school that is treasured by all. Displaying your Eco-Code in a wide variety of prominent positions is a great way to ensure that it is treasured by everyone at Richard Crosse C OF E primary school.

Your trip to Cannock Chase to examine the forest environment and animal habitats and Lichfield Cathedral which looked at Fair trade sounds like a fantastic experience. Your school has truly gone above and beyond to make environmental education engaging for young people. The thought-provoking questions submitted by your Eco-Committee club for next year's Environmental Review demonstrate intelligence and insight! We greatly appreciate their contribution and will certainly consider them when updating this resource for next year. Thank you! Your application really highlights your Eco-Committee's unwavering determination to create positive impacts in their school, local community, and beyond. They have delivered a fantastic programme of eco-action over the academic year, and we congratulate them for earning an Eco-Schools' Green Flag with Merit.

Note from the LGC Chair - Darren Walsh

The Local Governing Committee (LGC) has continued to develop its role in supporting and challenging the headteacher for educational performance and ensuring effective use of the school's resources. To enable us to do this better we have recruited further governors to the LGC.

Firstly, I am really pleased to have recruited a Parent Governor who brings expertise in SEND and child development. This will allow informed scrutiny and support of the SEND provision across Richard Crosse. Secondly, we have recruited a Foundation Governor who is an experienced educationalist with a wealth of senior leadership in schools and Ofsted inspections. Again, this experience helps to provide some real context of the challenges, both now and in the future that education is facing. It is these skillsets and others that allow the LGC to consider the quality of teaching and learning provision for the children at the school.

Finally, thank you to you, our children, all the staff at Richard Crosse and the PTA for the fabulous work you do and I hope you are able to enjoy your summer holiday.

Don't forget.....

Change to school times September 2024

School start time 8.45am

KS1 and EYFS finish 3.10pm

KS2 finish 3.15pm



Good luck to all of our Year 6's who are starting secondary school in September!

Thank you for all of the amazing memories, performances, church services and for just being **you** over the years!

Keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on!

Uniform reminder for September

We look forward to seeing you all back looking smart in your uniforms in September. Please remember that blazers and ties are compulsory in Key Stage 2. We have a selection of nearly new uniforms available

On PE days you will continue to come in your school PE kit but again this is to be smart and comprises of:

Plain black shorts

Plain black tracksuit bottoms

Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt

Plain black jumper

Plain black trainers

No logoed brands on clothing please - we have the same expectations in standards for our PE kits as we do for our school uniform.

For further information on uniform please visit:

<https://www.richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

We have lots of spare, good quality pre-loved uniform in school. Please contact the office if you would like to come and look at our stock.

Autumn 1 Sports Clubs

Monday

Dodgeball with SH Active
(3.15-4.15pm) KS1 & KS2

Tuesday

Football with Soccerstars
(3.15-4.15pm) KS2

Wednesday

Academy Choir
(3.45-4.45pm) KS2

Friday

Cookery Club
(3.15-4.15pm) (Years 3 & 4)

For more information and booking details see separate information letter

A note from Charlene Gethin - MAT CEO



It has been a fabulous Summer term culminating in so many wonderful events, thank you to all our amazing children, staff, Governors, families and communities for such a tremendous year. Attached with this newsletter is my CEO letter by way of an update before we break up. As always, it includes some fabulous photos of our children, an overview of some of the excellent Trust events and some updates too. We hope that our staff have a restful break, that families and children have time together and that everyone is replenished for our INSET days in August and children are ready for a September start! Regards, Mrs Charlene Gethin (CEO) and Ralph.

National Data:

Well done to all of our children who took national tests this year! We are very proud of you all for your hard work!

Here is a snapshot of our data...

Subject	National	Richard Crosse
Year 1 Phonics	No yet released	91%
Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check		
25/25	29%	47%
Average Score	20.2	23.3
Key Stage 2 SATS		
Maths	73%	100%
Writing	72%	82%
Reading	74%	89%
SPAG	72%	100%



Time is flying quickly and you are growing fast,
I can't believe this year has gone and now is in the past,
We've had so many lovely times; with fun along the way,
Your smile has always cheered me up each and every day.
So remember you're fantastic! A shining little star!
Go forward and just be yourself, perfect as you are!

Have a lovely summer holiday children!
Love from all of the staff at Richard Crosse
See you in September!