

The Richard Crosse C of E (A) Primary School

Newsletter Summer 1 2023 (May)



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,

I always feel so lucky working in this beautiful school building with amazing children and staff, especially in the sunshine!



This has been a short but jam packed half term! I would like to say a massive 'Well Done' to our Year 6 children who last week blew us away with their positive mind-sets and determined attitudes. We are so proud of you for the way you tackled the week, I think all of the extra PE and outdoor sessions went down a treat too!

It's not only the Year 6's who have been hard at it this term, last week was our school summative assessment week. During this week, we check in on the children's Maths and English progress against national standardised scores, alongside our own teacher judgement. All of this information will be available to you in the children's annual reports which will be coming out towards the end of next half term.

We have so much more to fit in before the end of this academic year, please keep an eye on the calendar and events section on the school website!

As always, there are lots of photos in our gallery! <https://www.richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/photo-gallery-category/school-gallery> and don't forget to follow us on twitter @RCrossePrimary1 . Following us really does help to raise the profile of our amazing school, both locally and nationally, ensuring that intake numbers are as high as possible to support our school budget.

Have a lovely half term holiday and we will see you all back on **Monday 5th June**.

Kind regards

Ms Bowring
Headteacher



The Richard Crosse Local Governing Committee (LGC)

A note from our Chair of Governors - Darren Walsh

The Local Governing Committee (LGC) was established recently as part of the governance arrangements for the school. The key functions are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the headteacher to account for educational performance
- Ensuring proper and effective use of the school's financial resources

To achieve this the LGC meet once each term. The LGC is comprised of parent, foundation and lay governors, who possess a range of skills and experience in both the public and private sector. This experience is used to discharge the key functions of the LGC.

So, what does this look like in practice? You will no doubt be aware of and are experiencing the challenges of rising food and energy prices. These issues also impact upon the school and its budget. As an LGC, we look at how the school is coping with these challenges and work with the Headteacher and the Trust to ensure that the budget forecast has considered these challenges and that a balanced budget is achieved. This is really challenging at present as the costs linked to food and energy have not decreased. The School and Trust have some reserves, which mitigate some of this impact, however, the reserves can only be used once. It is also these reserves and efficiencies that would be required to fund other expenditure that is not covered in the education grant - such as pay rises and maintenance work of the School's buildings.

The role of the LGC is both challenging and rewarding, if you are interested in becoming a member of the LGC then please contact the school office for further information.

Many thanks,

Darren

Congratulations Mr Davies!



For anyone who missed the parent letter emailed out, we are pleased and proud to tell you that Mr Davies has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Anson Primary School from September. We are so excited for him that he is able to embark on the next step in his career and thrilled for us that we have been able to keep him in our Trust.

We will update all parents on the new appointment of the Year 5/6 teacher next half term.

Choir ABBA

Thank you to everyone involved in the ABBA concert. What an amazing night of musical vibes! Well done to all The Academy Choir and Kings Bromley Village Harmony Choir for all of your months of hard work, it certainly paid off!



Attendance

At the end of Spring term our **whole school attendance figure was 96.63%** this is better

than national level of

93.6%. We really

appreciate all of the

support you give us in getting your children to school on time. With being such a small school, it does not take many pupils to have the odd couple of days' absence for the percentage to quickly go up.



Government departments track school attendance figures. It is considered that attendance of 90% or below is persistent absence which will be closely monitored by school staff. Failing to improve on this 90% can lead to prosecution, which school want to help families avoid.

It only takes **19 school days off** in the academic year for your child to fall into the **persistently absent** category. This equates to **95 hours of lost lessons**.

If you require any support with your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment.

Upcoming dates and events

Please check our website for more information about events:

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

Key dates for next half term:

- May 22nd - 2nd June - May Half Term
- June 8th - Year 4 Inspire Trip
- June 14th Green Power Race Day Y5/6
- June 23rd - PTA Summer Fayre 3.30pm-5.30pm
- June 29th - Sports Day
- July 6th - Reserve Date Sports Day
- July 17th - Year 6 Production 2pm & 6pm
- July 18th - Y6 Borth Residential
- July 24th - End of Year Service 9.30am
- July 24th - Richard has got talent (Pupils only)
- July 25th - Year 6 Leavers Worship 2pm in School
- July 25th - Last day of term - **Pre-loved uniform sale- details to come**

After school Clubs Summer 2

Don't forget to sign your child up to after school clubs for after half
(For information regarding booking and prices - see Clubs letter)

- Mondays - Archery - AH sports KS1&2 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Tuesdays - Soccer Stars 3.30pm - 4.30pm KS2
- Wednesday - Choir 4pm - 5pm KS2
- Thursday - Multi-sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm KS1&2 (Everyone Active)

Parent Survey Overview

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Survey. The feedback is invaluable in helping us to evaluate and move forwards together!

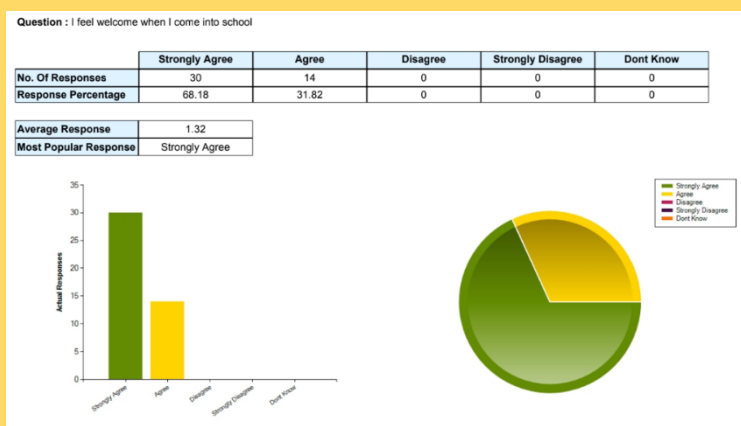
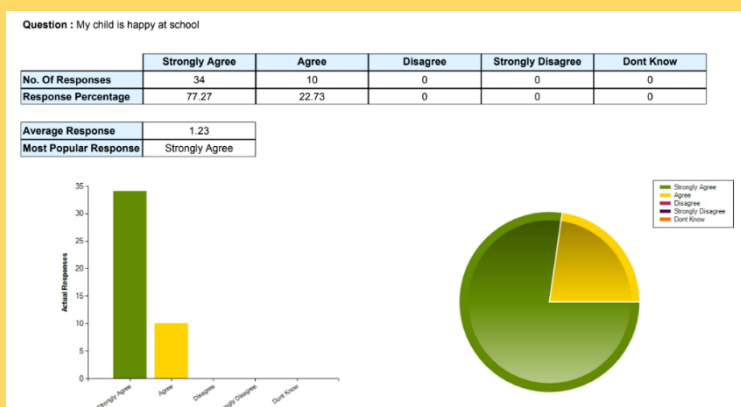
Here's a quick overview:

Highlights:

- ✓ Children's overall happiness
- ✓ Environment/atmosphere of the school
- ✓ General feel - welcomed - can talk to/approach staff - high expectations
- ✓ Look - tidy classrooms - standards
- ✓ Values - can be seen around the school and in the pupils
- ✓ Strong management
- ✓ Parental involvement
- ✓ Awareness of child's progress
- ✓ School Communication
- ✓ Schools trips and visits
- ✓ Positive views on behaviour

Areas to look into:

- Communication and understanding around the nutritional value of school lunches
- Communication with parents around the new governance structure
- Support for parents to support homework and learning at home



PTA Update - Summer Fayre Friday 23rd June - Update

Thank you to all of those who have supported already in giving your time, donations and support.

We have a few updates and key messages to pass on.

- June 5th - Raffle Tickets will go on sale
- June 12th - Entry tickets, wrist bands and tokens go on pre-sale
- June 15th - Wear anything day in lieu of raffle prizes (class specific categories to be communicated closer to the time)
- If you have any raffle prizes or business donations please send them into the school office

See attached posters for more detail:

Also please don't forget to nominate us as your chosen charity at the CO-OP in the village!!
The more nominations we get, the more of the charity fund we will receive!

The Richard Crosse PTA Summer Fayre

Come and join us for an afternoon
of fun and games!
In support of the well-being playground
project and educational resources

Friday 23rd June
3.30pm - 5.30pm
Kings Bromley Show Field
DE13 7JF

Parking on the show field next to
the fayre (will be signposted)



- Inflation assault course
- Traditional games ran by our year 5 and 6 pupils
- Face painting & tattoos
- Arts and Craft Activities
- Amazing Raffle
- Exciting External stalls
- Bar and BBQ
- Tombolas
- Silent Auction
- Tractors, Police vehicle
- Cake and refreshments and much more



Entry: £1 adults 50p kids (kids free entry with the purchase of a wristband for unlimited use of the inflatables)

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Hoar Cross Hall Spa
Voucher for 2

2 x Jangala Soft
Play Passes

1 x Jump Xtreme
Tamworth Pass

Beauty Treatments
and products

Gift
Hampers

Lichfield Beauty
Boutique Voucher

The Richard Crosse
PTA
Raffle Prizes

Body Shop Gift Set

Lunch for 2 at
the Royal Oak

And many
many more!!

Red Carpet
Cinema
Gift Voucher

Lunch for 2 at
the Golden Cup

Tier Alrewas
Hairdressers
Voucher

Lily & Robyn's
Gift Voucher

Kerrie's Cake
Emporium
Voucher

Ministry of
Doughnuts
Voucher

Green Door Yoxall
£20 voucher

Coates
Butchers
£20 voucher

Tickets go on sale 5th June 2023