

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

## Newsletter July 2023



**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 lovely end to the year we have had, the children all played a huge role in our End of Term service and today we have had a special send off to the Year 6 children.

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Scarborough who has worked with us for the past 2 years, we wish her well in her exciting change of career path. Also to Mr Davies, who will be the new Deputy Headteacher at Anson Primary in September, for his many years of hard work, dedication and commitment to Richard Crosse Primary School, he has been instrumental in the lives of many past and current Year 5 and 6 children.

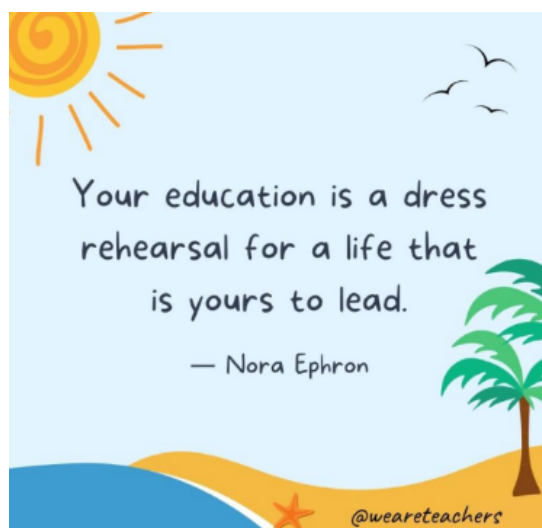
Thank you from all staff for the lovely gifts, cards and kind words we have received this week. We truly love our jobs and are very grateful for the support you give us on a daily basis.

More information regarding PE days, welcome meetings etc. will come out to you in our Inset week in August. Please remember to keep an eye on our website calendar and events in September, it will be updated with all of the key dates for next year.

We hope that you and your families have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday **September 4th 2023**.

Kind regards,

**Ms Bowring**  
**(Headteacher)**



## Summer 2 in pictures....

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



Richard Crosse has got Talent



End of Year Service 2023



Borth 2023



PTA School Disco



PTA Summer Fayre



MAT Spelling Bee

We have also started to update the website with the new pictures of current children, so if you've not had a look recently, see if you can spot your child!



Art



Computing



Design and Technology



EYFS



English



History & Geography



Maths



MFL



Music



PE



Phonics



PSHE

### Say 'Hello' to Mr Frame!

A warm welcome to Mr Frame who will be joining us as a Year 5/6 (Class 4) teacher in September.  
Welcome to the Richard Crosse Family!



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.

### Attendance

Thank you so much for your support with your child's attendance this year.

We are really proud that our whole school attendance rate is ...



# 96.78%

This is above the national average of **91.8%**

### Did you know?

Attendance is covered under the OFSTED "Behaviour and Attitudes Judgement". Inspectors will evaluate the extent to which pupils have high attendance and are punctual, looking for evidence of a strong focus on attendance and punctuality so that disruption is minimised. In order to receive an 'outstanding' or 'good' judgement in this area, students should have high attendance and be punctual.

### PTA News

The PTA with all your support have raised just short of £8000 this year, which is amazing.

We have also received generous donations in the form of cash, planters, benches and 16 chromebooks for which we are extremely grateful.

We have had a successful summer fayre, disco, stall at the Kings Bromley show and have some exciting events planned for the coming year.



The PTA have been able to support the school with new phonics and recommended reading books, developing the sensory garden area, supporting teachers with extra funds for classroom learning resources, end of year photos, world map outside the library and supporting towards the new windows the school building desperately needs. If you haven't already done so 2 great ways to support raising funds is by signing up at the Co-op to support the Richard Crosse PTA and by using Easy fundraising when shopping online.

Thank you again for all your support and remember, we are always in need of extra help if you able to donate some time. Have a great summer!  
The PTA team

### 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! As a school we were 'lucky' enough to be chosen for national writing moderation both at KS1 and KS2 this year. We are very proud to let you know that all of our teacher judgement grades were agreed and the standard of our teacher's moderation paperwork and our children's books have been anonymised and are being used next year as exemplary pieces for other schools across the county.



Here is a snapshot of our data...

Subject	National	Richard Crosse
Year 1 Phonics	79.5%	94%
<b>Key Stage 1 SATS</b>		
Maths	76%	82%
Writing	69%	82%
Reading	75%	91%
<b>Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check</b>		
25/25	31%	56.25%
Average Score	20.4	23
<b>Key Stage 2 SATS</b>		
Maths	76%	82%
Writing	71%	87.5%
Reading	73%	81.2%

## **School games mark GOLD!**

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



We are extremely proud of our pupils and staff for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



### **A note from Charlene Gethin - MAT CEO**

This is just a little message for our schools' newsletters to go alongside my summer term CEO letter which I write for staff and parents at the end of each half term. Our newsletters include important information tracking the development of our schools and Trust, together with local community connections and lots of pictures showing our many activities. You can review these newsletters at:

<https://tssmat.staffs.sch.uk/about-us/letters-from-the-ceo>

I've been in my wonderful part time CEO role for two years now and visit all our schools as regularly as I can to connect with staff and children, engage in events and enjoy school life whilst maintaining a strategic role of Trust development. This last year has been very busy and has seen the culmination of some big and exciting projects around school leadership and Trust growth. These impact directly on your children and strive to continue improving the quality of education that TSSMAT delivers. Some of the projects have included the constitution of 3 local governing bodies invested in your schools achievement and improvement, the development of the leadership structure to include an Executive Headteacher structure and Deputy Headteachers in each school as well as the next steps in trust Growth with a 'yes' from the Regional School Directorate (the local arm of the DFE Department for Education) for The Mease, Mary Howard and St Andrews Primary schools to join our Trust (subject to effective due diligence). We've had many more developments such as new menus and kitchen standards, all schools' assets have been surveyed and targeted and we have centralised safeguarding and school compliance systems as well as a big decarbonisation plan and work towards this around chemical and plastic usage - it's been fun and rewarding!

I am blessed to work with an excellent leadership team of Headteachers, our central team including our Finance Manager and Business Operations Manager and our new appointment of clerk and PA outlined in my letter, as well as our Trust leaders.

We have sent out an overview before but feedback suggests that some parents want to understand but don't understand our structure, it's hard to get to grips with Trust structures so here is a reminder! We have:

5 Members who play a limited but crucial role in safeguarding TSSMAT governance

9 Directors who are on the Trust Board which is the decision-making body of TSSMAT and is accountable and responsible for all of our academies equally in the MAT. The Trust Board is the employer of all staff. The Trust Board operates and makes decisions to further the Trust's charitable objectives and the general control and management of the administration of TSSMAT. They have the following roles.

1. Chair of the Board of Directors. Director of Curriculum, Performance and Standards.
2. Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. Director of IT strategy, security and data protection
3. Director of Finance, Trading and Risk Management. Director of Whistleblowing. Director of Environmental Responsibility. Chair of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee
4. Director of Corporate Affairs Human Resources, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.
5. Director of Wellbeing. Director of Stakeholder engagement
6. Director Pupil Care. (Safeguarding, vulnerable groups, nurture, provision and achievement.
7. Director of Strategy, Strategic Leadership and Development. Director of Christian
8. Director of Premises and Health and Safety. Director of Legal, Compliance and Audit
9. MAT Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer

4 Local Governing committees with between 5 and 9 Governors for each school.

I look forward to seeing parents, carers and wider families and communities as we enter our new academic year in September. I expect some of the first events will be Harvest Services, which we always love! Have a wonderful summer and see you soon.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Charlene Gethin (CEO) and Ralph.



**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!**

