



RICHARD TAYLOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Key dates for the new term.

29/9 Macmillan Coffee Morning

4/10 Wizard of Oz

5/10 9.15am Harvest Festival

6/10 2pm Harvest Tea

17/10 Parents' Evening Early

18/10 Parents Evening Late

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year at Richard Taylor School. The term is only a few days old but there is already plenty happening in every classroom as the autumn term gets started.

This newsletter will contain information about new staff, events happening this term. Parent governor elections and a great deal more. Please remember that there is lots more information to be found on the school's website including a weekly head teacher's blog. I am delighted to be able to start the term with the wonderful news that Mrs Heard gave birth to a healthy baby boy towards the end of the holidays. Both mum and James William Heard are doing well.



New Staff Join the School Team.

The school year has begun with a number of new faces joining the staffing team.

Mrs Styles has joined the



teaching staff as our new SENCo and job share class teacher in Coverdale Class.

Miss Sherwood has joined us as the new class teacher

for Ribblesdale Class who will be with us to cover Mrs Heard's maternity leave.



It has been great to welcome two new additions to our staffing team and I am sure that you will join me in welcoming them to our school.

We hope to announce new additions to our support staff team shortly as well

as welcoming a new member to our office team to replace Mrs. Cloggie, who left us at the end of last term to take up a new post at Harrogate High School.

Finally two of our existing staff have started the year with new names. Miss Hatfield became Mrs. Rothera following her marriage over the summer and Mrs Beetham has reverted to her maiden name of Miss Robertson.

I will be testing everyone to see how many of the changes they remember later in the term.

Inside this issue:

Friends News	2
Buildings News	2
Kitchen News	2
Results Success	3
Parent Governor Elections	4
Prayer Group	5
School Values	6



Friends News

The first Friends meeting of the year will take place on Monday 11th September in the staffroom at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, tea and coffee are served and it is a chance for you to get involved in the life of the school.

New parents are especially welcome as they start their life as a friend of

RTS.

With the Macmillan Coffee Morning, Harvest Tea and Christmas Fair all taking place this term there is plenty to focus on. The fundraising of the friends has helped the school to purchase a new class set of touch screen laptops which are already being used by the chil-

dren. We are also very close to finishing the fundraising for new out-



door playground equipment in the key stage two playground.

I look forward to seeing as many people as possi-

Our New Kitchen Team

Mellors, our catering contractors have been busy making new appointments to their team for September and have made two excellent appointments.

Mrs Joanna Richter has taken up her post as cook in charge with Mrs Emma

Feather joining her as one of the catering assistant team. They have survived the start of the term and are settling in well. If you have any questions or queries regarding the school meals I am sure that Mrs. Richter will be happy to speak to you.



'The school dinners are lovely, my pudding was great!'
Quote from a child in KS1

Buildings News.

All of the summer building projects have been completed on time. New disabled access doors have been fitted throughout key stage two and new state of

the art interactive teaching boards have been fitted in every classroom. Repairs have been made to the peace garden and KS1 playground and the school is looking

bright shiny and ready for the start of the new year. We have exciting plans to improve the playground facilities at KS2 which we hope to reveal very soon.



Fantastic Progress Results in 2017

The government published the progress indicators for primary schools nationally last week. They aim to show the relative rates of progress made by children during their time in primary schools.

I am delighted to announce that the results show that the children

at RTS have made excellent progress compared to children in other schools. In both reading and maths the children have made progress which would place the school in the top 20% nationally. In both cases the progress made by children can be described as signifi-

cantly better than schools nationally.

These results support the SATS results for 2017 where the number of children achieving the national standard was clearly about national comparison in every case. Well done to all of the staff and children for their hard work.



Parent Governor Elections

At the end of last term Mrs Allison completed her term of office as one of the school's parent governors. I would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment to the role during her period of service.

This has left a vacancy which will be filled this term through a parent

governor election. Any parent of a child in school is eligible to stand. Further information regarding the process will be published shortly. If you are interested in standing please contact the school office who will be able to give you more information regarding the responsibilities involved and the time commitment re-

quired to take on what is a vitally important and interesting role.

Organising the parent governor election will be the first task for our newly appointed clerk to the governing body, Mrs Rennison, who took up her post at the start of term. Mrs. Rennison is a former parent at RTS and an excellent addition to the team.

“ The new computers are amazing, the touch screens are brilliant!”

Quote from a child in KS2

Upcoming Events

The first event on the calendar is Education Sunday which we will be celebrating at St John's Church at 10 a.m. on the 10th of September.

After that the events come thick and fast with the Mac-

millan Coffee Morning on 29th September.

A performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' on 4th October. Our Harvest Festival on the theme of 'An Environmental Harvest' will take place on Thursday 5th October at

9.15 a.m. with all new parents invited to join our celebration.

Tempest Individual Photos will be taken on Monday 9th October.



Richard Taylor CE Primary School
Bilton Lane
Harrogate
North Yorkshire
HG13DT

Phone: 01423 563078
E-mail:
admin@richardtaylor.ycway.uk

Friends Prayer Groups

The friends of the school also run a prayer group four times a term. The group meet on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm in the staffroom for prayer and Christian reflection. The dates for this term are below. All are welcome to attend but if you cannot attend you can still ask for someone to be remembered in prayer by leaving a note in the prayer box which can be found in the school's entrance hall.



**Don't forget to look at our website
Rtsharrogate.com**

School Values and School Prayer

The school has nine Christian Values chosen by the children which are at the heart of everything that we do at school the nine values are

*Friendship, Respect, Determination,
Sportsmanship, Peace, Forgiveness
Responsibility*

This term we are looking at the value of Responsibility and how we show this value in the way we live our lives.

This week the children have been creating their own class charters and considering how the school's values can help them to create the

rules that they will agree to follow this year. We have also been learning our school prayer as it has been six weeks since we shared it together. For anyone who has never seen our prayer it has been attached below for you to share at home.



Dear God,

Thank you for the friendly people in our school

and the wonderful environment where we learn and play.

We are sorry if we have not shown each other respect

or if we have not always been honest.

Please help us to keep safe and to try our best in everything we