



RICHARD TAYLOR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Key dates for the autumn 2nd half term.

Mon 5th November School Reopens.

Mon 5th Nov Bonfire Lunch

Mon 12th Nov Book Fair in School

Tues 13th Nov New parent's Information Evening

Fri 16th Nov Children in Need Day

Fri 30th Nov Non-Uniform Day

Mon 3rd Dec Advent Service 4.30pm

Fri 7th Dec Christmas Fair

11th/12th Dec Nativity Performances 1.15pm

Fri 14th Dec Christmas Jumper/ Christmas Lunch Day

Thurs 20th Dec Carol Service at St John's 10am

Fri 21st Dec School Closes 2.15pm

RTS Vision & Mission 2018

Over the last 12 months we have been working towards the goal of refreshing our school's mission and vision statement. It says who we are as a community and what we want for every child. It informs every decision we make and will guide our future development.

Our Mission and Vision

Richard Taylor School is a caring Christian community where all children in our safekeeping learn:

- Knowledge with skills**
 - Friendship with respect**
 - Confidence with humility**
 - Service with responsibility**
 - The resilience to succeed**
- That they are loved as children of God.**

Vision Statement

Our vision is to teach every child the wisdom, knowledge and skills to be creative lifelong learners enabling them to shape their future.

We achieve academic excellence by delivering a curriculum, rich in experiences, which stimulates and challenges all learners.

Our Christian faith and values are the living heart of a community where everyone's contribution is respected.

Our school is a place where all know that they are safe and loved as children of God.

We are a transformational community with a thriving culture of learning; celebrating success and inspiring children to achieve their goals. We give children a voice and an opportunity to use it to make a differ-

The Photos below show the children enjoying our fantastic LEGO Day 2018.



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Choir News

Following a fabulous choir performance at St, John's Harvest Feast, the Choir and orchestra have started looking at their Christmas repertoire, in good time for a busy festive period.



Kids Aloud

next spring's Kids Aloud concert is based on a folk tale from Nepal. Not only will our choir be involved in this concert, we have composed one of the songs and some of our KS2 children drew pictures to illustrate the story and have had them published in a book. The book - Monkey Boy, a folk tale from Nepal, is available from school £5 or from Waterstones £6.99. Sales of the book are helping fund the travel of the Nepali choir we are hoping will also join us at this concert.

Friends News

friends
of RICHARD TAYLOR SCHOOL



Thank you to the friends who helped to arrange and fund our special LEGO day. It was one of the best days anyone can remember at RTS with everyone agreeing that the only thing wrong was having to stop.

The Friends held their latest planning meeting on Monday 15th October for the big Christmas Fair fundraiser which takes place on Friday 7th December. It is the biggest event of the year and with plans to renovate the school's wildlife area all offers of help will be very gratefully received. The non-uniform day for chocolate tombola donations will take place on 30th November.

Thank you for all recent donations to 'Bags2School.

We will let you know the total raised in the new year.

NSPCC Sponsored Fun Run



As many of you will know the NSPCC have been working with the children and parents at RTS this term delivering the important messages around keeping children safe.

As part of our partnership we will be having a sponsored fun run on the last day of this half term. Everyone will have received their sponsorship packs and any donation however small will be gratefully received by the charity which does so much good for so many children.

The deadline for returning the sponsorship pack is Friday the 9th November.

Buildings Update

The good news is that the building work remains on track, the cement mixer will be arriving shortly and then the new entrance will begin to take shape.

From next week we will be asking anyone visiting the school between 9.15am and 3.00pm to enter via the car park gate. The Bilton Lane Entrance will be open for all normal school run drop off and pick ups. Our aim is to try to prevent visitors to school from wandering around the playground in search of the office.

Please remember that parents should not use the school car park for dropping off or collecting children. The increased amount of building traffic and the loss of a portion of the car park has significantly reduced the space available and can make getting out a very tricky operation. Thank you for your understanding .

Upcoming Events in 2nd Half of Autumn Term 2018.



In preparation for our special Advent lantern service on 4th December we will be holding two special lantern building sessions after school where children can stop to help us build our 2018 lanterns. Look out for a letter after half term for the two sessions which will be on Monday 19th and Monday 26th November.

Bonfire Lunch is on Monday 5th November and Book Fair will be during the week beginning Monday 12th November.

Thank You for your Harvest Gifts



A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously for our harvest festival last week. The response was fantastic and following a super service, which included a 'Harvest Tango' the friends of the school did a wonderful job of creating over 30 hampers which were distributed to the elderly in the local community.

The school has already received lots of thank you letters from people thanking the children for their kindness and generosity. The remaining tins are going to be delivered to the Harrogate Foodbank by the end of the week.

No donations were wasted and any marrows and vegetables were turned into soup and enjoyed by the children in Dentedale. Harvest is a fantastic opportunity for us as a school to show our Christian values through our actions, thank you for helping us to do this.

News



Thank you to everyone who supported our recent non-uniform mental health day. It was a great success with all of the children learning the importance of wellbeing.

Following this day I have had two separate visitors to school who have congratulated the children on their resilience, confidence, communication and team working skills.

Well done to the children in Dentedale who decided that they wanted to help children from Indonesia hurt in the recent natural disaster. Their cake sale in KS1 was a great way of showing that they care and have fun doing it.

Sports News

Well done to our year 3/4 football team that came a very creditable 3rd in the Harrogate School Sports Partnership tournament this week. Thank you to Mrs Saunderson for taking the team.

Congratulations to all of the year six children from Wensleydale who successfully completed their bikeability course on the 16th November.

For all of the children interested in Chess our annual Chess Club will start again on 8th November after school. As a school we are hosting the annual Championships on Saturday 24th November in the morning.



Congratulations to Lucy Everson who won the regional cross country competition for her year group for the 2nd time at the recent event held at Harrogate High School.. She has qualified for the Yorkshire Cross Country Finals being held in 2019.

Congratulations to all of the children who gave their time to compete at the event.

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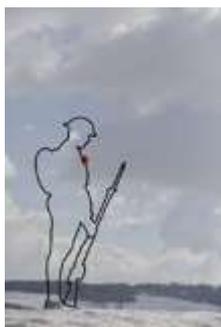
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 our website
 Rtsharrogate.com**

Parental Questionnaires

At this year's parents evening we will be handing out a questionnaire allowing everyone to share their views with us and helping us to provide some of the information evenings that you want. When completed please return your surveys to the school office.



School Prayer Group and Autumn Worship

The Friends will be holding their next prayer group meeting on November the 16th at 2.30pm all are welcome. We are also working with the prayer group to create Advent prayer stations for the children to enjoy in December.

Our Advent lantern service will take place on Monday 3rd December at 4.30pm with a lantern procession from School starting at 4.10pm.

Our Nativities are on Tuesday 11th December and Wednesday 12th December both starting at 1.30pm in the hall.

Finally our Christmas Carol Service will take place at St John's on Thursday 20th December starting at 10am. All are welcome.

Remembrance November 2018

Straight after half term we will be entering an important period of national remembrance as we mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One.

All of the children in school will be involved in decorating jam jars to remember 130 of the names on the cenotaph in town. The jars will then be transported to St Wilfrid's Church where they will be lit over remembrance weekend, everyone will be welcome to visit the church over the weekend and experience what will be a very moving exhibition involving over 800 named jars.



On The morning of Thursday 15th all of the children from year5 & 6 will be walking to Christchurch on the Stray to participate in a special service of songs and readings for Remembrance. If you are interested in walking with us please speak to your child's class teacher.

In November 2014 we created a display of poppies in the Hall to mark 100 years since the start of world war one. We would like to recreate our poppy wall to mark the end of the special anniversary events. We have attached a poppy template for every child to decorate in red using any medium over half term. If you wish to remember someone who was involved in conflict please write their name on the back and they will be added to our wall of remembrance.



*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 do.
 We love our school!*

Amen

