



# Newsletter Monday 6th July, Summer Term 2020

*Ofsted April 2017: 'The school lives out its Christian and British values with integrity and fervour. There is a tangible sense of community, care, respect of, and value for, others as soon as you enter the school and as pupils and staff carry out their daily work.'*

## Year Six Return for Final Week

### Key Dates

**Monday 13th July**  
School Closed to all pupils  
for deep Clean and Staff  
Training Day

**Tuesday 14th July.**  
School reopens for Year Six,  
Key Worker and EYFS & Year  
One pupils who require a  
space.

**Friday 17th July.**  
Virtual Leavers Service 10am  
Link to be sent out to all  
families.

**1pm Staggered end to school  
year for all pupils.**

**Monday 7th September**  
Staff Training Day

**Tuesday 8th September**  
School reopens following  
government guidelines for  
the return of pupils.

I would like to thank everyone who responded to our plans for the last week of term so positively when they were announced last week.

We were thrilled with the messages of support and the way as a community families have been able to give us the opportunity to welcome back our year six children before the end of term to say goodbye.

We will continue to be there for the key worker families and those families in year 1 and EYFS who need us during the last week.

We will shortly be sending out the group arrangements for Tuesday 14th July which will contain the class base, teacher and start and end times for every child joining us for the last week of the school year.

**THANK  
YOU!**

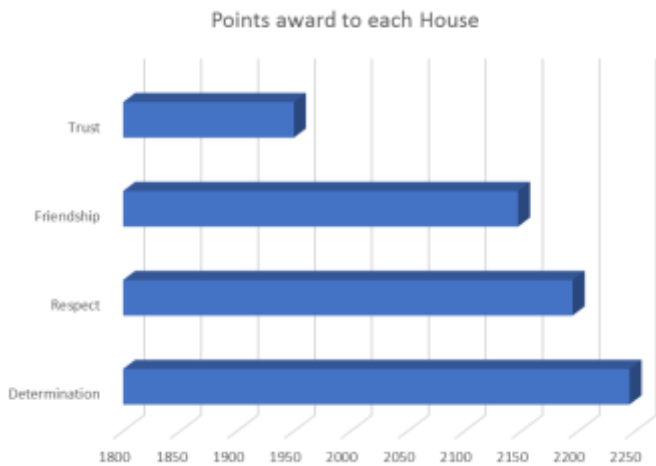
## September 2020. What will the New School Year Look Like?

On Thursday July 2nd the government finally published its guidance for schools with regard to a full re-opening to all children in September 2020. At Richard Taylor we will be delighted to see all of our children again back at school where they belong.

We will have a busy time between now and September preparing to expand our groups from 15 back to a full class of 30+ with many things to consider including, lunches, playtimes, staggered starts and ends, handwashing and cleaning. I am sure that we will rise to the challenge as we have throughout the crisis and make sure that we are ready for September. All families will receive a further communication with all of the information that they will need to return to school. This will also include information on the funded catch up programmes which will be used by the school in the autumn.



## Sports Day News



Our first virtual sports day has proved to be an amazing success. The weather stayed dry enough for over 85% of the school to find a space and get active completing the 4 chosen events. It was fantastic to see so many video clips posted from all over Bilton of children getting active and having fun. The final result saw team Determination come out as winners. Every child will receive a certificate for their participation which parents can print off and keep if they wish.

One member from every team was chosen for their outstanding contribution. They will each receive a special trophy to keep for the year and a certificate recognising their achievement. The winners were:

Sophie Bjelan: Team Determination. James Wilkinson: Team Trust. Cameron Murdoch: Team Respect and Elsa Partridge from Team Friendship.

Thank you To Mrs Saunderson, Mrs Warburton and Miss Speed for their hard work in organising the event and collating the results.

Thank you to every child who took part and the family members that cheered them on.

## Wildlife Garden News

Thanks to the amazing work of Mrs Crisell and Mrs Norton the wonderful wildlife garden is almost finished. The vegetable beds are full of peas, courgettes and pumpkins.

The flowers are in full bloom, the fairy garden is full of fairies and the bug hotel is already welcoming its first guests.

One very special new arrival is a hedgehog who has come to stay. I look forward to every child being able to enjoy this magical space in the new academic year.





## Fair Achiever Award

I am delighted to announce that the school has been awarded Fair Achiever status for its work in promoting Fair Trade through the curriculum .

The award runs from 1st July and recognises that the school has fully embedded Fairtrade into their daily life and work to raise awareness of Fairtrade in their local community.

The certificate has been proudly displayed in the main entrance and I hope you will all be able to see it when you are eventually able to return to the school building. The logo will sit proudly on the school letterhead.

## Bilton and Woodfield Library Poetry Competition Winners & Summer Reading Challenge



Silly Squad, the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge, is set in a fun house and this year is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The challenge started earlier than normal this year, on 5th June, but you can sign up online right through to September at [sillysquad.org.uk](https://sillysquad.org.uk) and find heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games, a place to keep track of your books and rewards to unlock along the way.

You can find out more on the Bilton and Woodfield Library website or at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The library is reopening its doors from Monday 6th July.

It is a challenge that lots of our children enjoy to participate in and It would be great if record numbers could sign up for this year.

Congratulations to the following children who have all been chosen as the library poetry competition winners, they are:

Eli Kwai = 1st Haiku Poem

Anni Lemmetyinen = Joint 1st Acrostic Winner

Emily Price = Joint 1st Acrostic Poem Winner

## 30 Days Wild Winners



Well done to everyone who took part on the 30 day go wild challenge. The children will be receiving their certificates shortly.

## Wellbeing and SEN News

In May 2020 the local authority launched 'The Go-To' website as a site dedicated to supporting good mental health for children. In the first month over 1,000 children and parents visited the site to find resources and seek advice. If you have not yet checked out the website I would recommend having a look.



## New Starters September 2020

The new starters are being welcomed into school in some different and creative ways whilst they wait to join us in the new academic year. Staff are holding video calls to introduce themselves and the school has produced a special video welcome and tour of the Early Years. If you would like to see the tour, click on the link to the schools you tube page below.

<https://youtu.be/MnhdrWJz-q4>

## Art Week Gallery



The children produced some wonderful art work as part of our Arts Week Theme. Some of our key worker groups used newspaper, paints and pastels to create amazing feline faces. The year one children from Dentbubble were inspired by Matisse to create snail pictures whilst the children in Airebubble collected leaves and twigs to create fantastic nature characters.



## Jo's Cookery Corner

### Tuna Fishcakes

#### Ingredients

1 250gm tin tuna in brine	3 large potatoes
1 knob of butter	1 egg
Plain flour	White breadcrumbs
Seasoning	Chopped parsley (optional)

#### Method

Drain the tuna and set aside

Peel the potatoes and put in a pan with water and a pinch salt, bring to the boil and cook until tender enough to mash.

Drain the water, mash with the butter until light and fluffy.

Mix the tuna with the potato, add parsley and a little salt and pepper to taste. Leave to cool.

When cool mould the mixture into fishcakes size to suit.

Beat the egg into a bowl

Put a little flour in dish

Put breadcrumbs into a dish.

Coat the fishcakes in the, flour then egg and finally roll in the breadcrumbs until coated well. (If you can coat in egg and flour with one hand and use the other to coat in breadcrumbs it is easier)

Cook in the oven at 180c for 15 to 20 minutes until the breadcrumbs are golden brown.



## RTS Catering News

We are delighted to announce that from September Jo and her catering team will be joining the school staff. The school's contract with Mellors will end in August and the governors have taken the decision to bring the team on board and employ them directly. We are delighted to welcome Jo and her team to the staffing team and can't wait to be working with them from September.

## Mr Groves Garden Tips & News from the Veg Box.



The Veg Box Team have submitted the video of their veg for judging in the schools veg growing competition, see the photo below, and we wish them luck.

Mr Groves advice for young gardeners is that weeds are thriving in the recent wet, humid weather, so make sure you try and keep on top of them, before they have time to set their seeds. Use a hoe ideally on a dry day, making sure to remove all the roots, otherwise they will quickly grow back again.

All Brassicas will need netting to prevent birds attacking them and to stop Cabbage White Butterflies from laying eggs on their leaves. Another method of discouraging pests is companion planting. Plants such as marigolds can be planted around tomatoes, onions and carrots as their smell discourages pests. Happy Gardening!



## Prayer Group 2020

### Fruit from the Garden



The Peace Garden has been growing throughout the summer and is already producing a healthy crop of strawberries and blackberries as well as apples for the autumn.

In this time of great uncertainty we want you to be aware that there are parents in our school community who believe in the power of prayer and would love to pray for you.

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to:

**[prayeratrichertaylor@gmail.com](mailto:prayeratrichertaylor@gmail.com)**

Be assured that these will remain confidential and kept anonymous to those in the prayer chain.

Friends of Richard Taylor  
Prayer Group.



### Seesaw Superstars

Well done to everyone who continues to share their amazing work on Seesaw. The numbers continue to astound me with 23,738 pieces of work shared on the platform since the lockdown began.



Look out for Jim who has agreed to join me on Fridays to congratulate some of our seesaw superstars as nominated by staff at school.

Thanks to the Richard Taylor Trust we have been able to secure the funding to maintain the platform through the next academic year.

From Monday 13th July your child will be joining their new class on seesaw where they will receive a special video welcome from their new teacher and some activities which will help them to get ready for the start of the next academic year.

The pictures show work submitted on seesaw from amazing artwork to super bubble blowing science experiments I know how much the teachers have been impressed by the quality and variety of the work submitted.



## Friends News

The Friends of the school have been busy during lockdown recording their own welcome to new parents which can be seen via the link below.

There will be one further bags to school collection on Wednesday 15th July, this will be to empty the shed of pre-collected bags but if you have been sorting out during lockdown you can drop your bag at the collection point just inside the car park on the morning of the 15th. Bags must be sealed and parents are reminded of the need to maintain social distancing when dropping bags off.

The Friends are also planning a way to organise an online order system for 2nd hand uniform (all washed) . Look out for more details.

<https://youtu.be/wmKB0MD8Pr0>

*'Our School, a place where children find friendship, make progress, have responsibility and know that they are loved by God.'*

## Fun Club News

The government has now published it's guidance for holiday club and after school provides which will allow FunClub to plan for the summer break. Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire. We are currently working with FunClub and will shortly announce what the holiday provision for families who need it will look like at RTS.



## Science Week News

Science week proved to be one of the most popular themed weeks of the term with lots of budding

scientists experimenting both at home and at school.

Whether testing bridges, blowing amazing bubbles or creating their own rain-bows using capillary action the children have had an amazing time.

One of the groups at school even managed to catch up via video link with our partner farmer Tom who told the children how his potato crop was getting on this year.

Look out for the new logo on our letters which we can display to celebrate Mrs Crisell's wonderful Primary Science Teacher Award.

