



## Summer Term Newsletter One 2023

*Ofsted June 2022 'Pupils say that they love school, pupils work hard to meet the high expectations set for them by their teachers. The Trustees, governors and school leaders are united in their vision for the school where our Christian values ensure a strong duty of care towards pupils and their families.'*

## Welcome Back

You will see from the list of key dates that we have a very busy Summer term ahead of us at RTS. Please make a note of the dates that matter.

There is a lot to look forward to, including the national celebration of the King's Coronation in May. We will be sending more details of the events that will be taking place at RTS nearer the time.

This term will also include our annual Sports Day and Year Six musical performance.

Parents and Grandparents will also be invited to special worship times which will be led by each class through the term. In addition we will be busy with all of the preparations for next year with transition activities for all of our children. As always the school year will end with the Annual Leavers Service which is always a very emotional occasion. I hope that you will be able to join us for some of the many events taking part this term.

Andrew Symonds



### Key Dates

#### Holiday Dates

School Opens Tuesday 18th April  
May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May  
Bank Holiday Monday 8th May  
SATs Week Tuesday 9th May  
Scargill Residential 16th May  
Half Term Monday 29th May  
Last Day of Term: Friday 21st July  
School Finishes at 2.15pm

#### Key Dates

Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday
Mon 8th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 5th June	Water Safety Talks pm
Thurs 8th June	Tempest Class Photos
Tues 27th June	Sports Day 1.15pm
Wed 5th &	
Thurs 6th July	Yr 6 performance dates
Thurs 13th July	Meet New Classes and EYFS transition day
Fri 14th July	Community Tea 2pm
Thurs 20th July	Leavers' Lunch
Thurs 20th July	Leavers' Disco
Fri 21st July	10.30 leavers' service at St John's Church
Fri 21st July	School Closes for summer at 2.15pm

## Vision and Values

During the spring term the school has been working with staff and children to review and refresh the school's Christian vision and values. These are the foundations for everything that we do at school.

It is vital that we make sure that everyone knows what our vision and values are and so we have been working hard to create a symbol and sentence that allows everyone to share in making our vision a reality.

The symbol adjacent, is a reflection of the core words **RESPECT, TRUST and SERVICE** which are at the heart of our Christian foundation as a school.

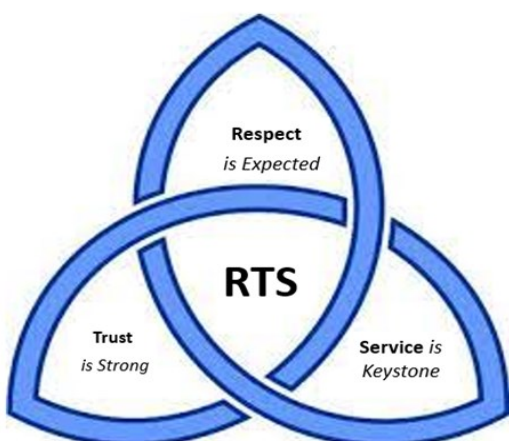
Our vision is supported by a set of Christian Values chosen by the children.

### Our Vision Statement.

The Foundation of our vision is that we are a school where all know that they are safe and loved as children of God. Our school is a place where Respect is expected, Trust is strong, and Service is the keystone.

### Our Christian Values

The child chosen values all grow out of the three key words in the vision statement. They are Respect, Friendship, Sportsmanship, Forgiveness, Trust, Peace, Knowledge, Determination, Service and Responsibility.





## Sky Access all Arts Week

Access All Arts week is a nationwide, week-long celebration of the arts, specially designed for primary schools between 19 – 23 June 2023 .

For 2023 the theme will be identity and pupils will be encouraged to use the arts to explore their own individuality and what makes each one of us unique.

**We are looking for help from our local community to bring Arts Week alive for our children. If you or anyone you know has a background in the Arts (in all its forms,**

**visual, musical, dance, drama) and would be willing to volunteer to run a session in school during arts week please contact the office or your child's class teacher to look at how you can get involved. Thank you.**



## School Worship News

The Themes for our worship times this term are Friendship and Respect. In addition to our staff and Clergy led worship times each class will be leading a special worship time for parents and grandparents during the term. The dates for each worship time will be shared in the next newsletter and I hope that you will be able to join us for these special occasions.

To mark the coronation we are hoping to hold a special Coronation service at St John's Church during the week of the coronation.

The final service of the year is the Leavers' Service which will start at 10.30am at St John's Church on Friday 21st July. We hope that you can join us for this special service.



The photograph shows the Worship Ambassadors alongside the worship board which they renewed last term.

## Gardening News

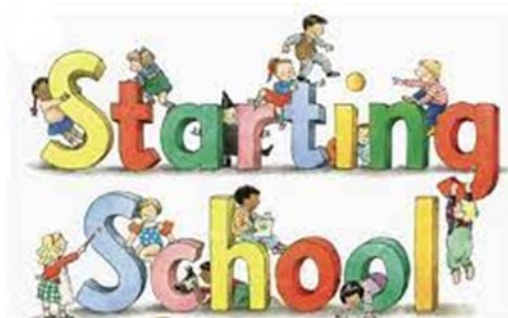
The warmer weather signals the start of a busy gardening season at RTS . The gardening club will be meeting Mr Groves at the start of term to begin to plan their veg box entry for this year's Great Yorkshire Show. Mrs. Crisell is planning to fill our wonderful polytunnel with a range of salad crops and summer vegetables.

Every class will be given their potato bucket at the start of term and we are looking to ensure that every class enjoys gardening and growing over the summer term. If you would like to help with some weeding please get in touch via the school office.



## New Starters News

On Monday 17th April, prospective parents were informed of their choice of primary school for September 2023. All parents of our confirmed new starters will receive their Starter Packs in the summer term and as soon as email contact addresses are confirmed, we will be communicating with them to ensure that we make their transition to the RTS family a happy one. If you know of any parent who was disappointed to not be offered a place at RTS in the first round of offers please ask them to contact the school office for further guidance.



**friends**  
of RICHARD TAYLOR SCHOOL

## Friends News

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Bunny Bounce, The children bounced magnificently and had a great time raising money; if you have not yet sent in your sponsorship money please get it to us as soon as possible so that we can announce a final total and let you know how we plan to spend the money for the benefit of every child.

**The next Friends meeting will be held in school on Tuesday 25th April at 7pm there will be cake and refreshments for everyone able to attend. It would be great to see lots of friendly faces as the Friends look to organise refreshments for sports day and the leavers disco.**



Looking ahead, September 2023 sees the school celebration 50 years on its current site and the school, with the help of the friends is looking to organise some special events to mark this special occasion.



## National Testing

The summer term is always a busy one for the school as it participates in statutory national tests for a number of year groups. The statutory assessment tests for year six children will take place during the week beginning Monday 8th May, immediately following the coronation bank holiday. If for any reason your child is unable to attend school on the day of a test please contact the school as soon as possible. This will allow us to make the appropriate arrangements for your child to access the test as soon as possible.

Other tests this term will include the multiplication tests for children in year four and the phonics test for children in year one.

The children in year two will undertake end of key stage assessments and the children in EYFS will complete their end of reception baseline tests.

All other year groups will participate in age appropriate tests to support teacher assessments.

In all cases we approach testing in a sensitive manner, working hard to ensure the children are in the best position to show the progress that they have made over the last twelve months.



## Spring Term Photo Gallery



If you look closely you should be able to see the Choir at Kids Aloud, Chess Club, Talent Show Winners, Wonderful Easter Dancers, Animation Club and Dentdale at Skipton Castle.

Don't forget you can follow the school via our Instagram page [rtsharrogate](#)

## Sports News

With the prospect of better weather Mr Starkey and the staffing team are preparing to enter a number of sporting events this term.

Confirmed events already include a Cricket Tournament, Quad Kids

Tournament, Golf Competition and Rounders Events.

Dates and squad lists will be confirmed in due course.



We are also delighted to say that the school's annual sports day will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 27th June. Last years event was blessed with lovely weather and lots of cheering supporters. We hope that many of you will be able to join us again for this very special event in the school's calendar.

We are delighted to announce a new partnership with Harrogate Town FC. From Monday 5th May they will be coming into school to work with some of our classes. As the partnership develops we will be looking at the possibility of working with their coaching staff to run after school coaching sessions.



## Flag Pole

Hopefully you will have noticed our lovely new flagpole complete with union jack flag which were kindly donated and are part of our celebrations of the King's coronation on May 6th.

We are hoping to have our own, specially designed RTS flag flying at other times of the year.

Thank you to everyone who helped us to make sure that our flag was the right way up.



## Arbor App

Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded the Arbor App. We had a great response on the first day of term. All parents should have received a message from the school to guide them through the set up process. If you have not received a communication from us please get in touch and we will guide you through the process.

Using the app will give you the best access to information from the school and will help us to reduce the rising costs associated with the texting service.

## Fifty Years Old

In September 2023 the school will be celebrating 50 years on it's current site as RTS and an incredible 248 years as a school in Bilton.

We are working with the Bilton Historical Society to teach the children something of the very special history of their school.

There will obviously be lots of celebrations through the autumn term.

If you are a past pupil and have any memorabilia or photos that we could copy, please get in touch; we would love to hear from you.

