



## Summer Term Newsletter Two 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.'*

### Key Dates

**Please check the dates below and add them to your diary.**

#### Holiday Dates

Last Day of Term: Friday 21st July  
School Finishes at 2.15pm

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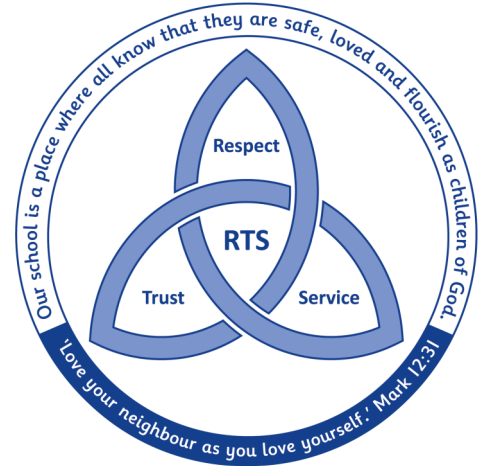
Mon 5th June	Zak Hull Anti Bullying Concert upper KS2 am
Mon 5th June	Water Safety Talks pm
Wed 7th June	Nidd & Swale visiting MAGNA Science Museum
Thurs 8th June	Tempest Class Photos
Wed 14th June	Aire and Bish visiting Hesketh Park Farm
Wed 14th June	Coverdale and Yr5 to Countryside Day
Friday 16th June	Internet Safety Talks
Mon 19th June	Sky Arts Week
Wed 21st June	Yr1/2 Athletics competition
Tues 27th June	Sports Day 1.15pm
Wed 28th June	Yr1-Yr4 Quad Kids Competition
Wed 5th & Thurs 6th July	Yr 6 performance dates
Thurs 6th July	Ribb & Dent visiting Harewood House
Fri 7th July	Ribblesdale Forest School Day
Fri 7th July	Rock Steady Music Group Concert
Mon 10th July	Reading Challenge Assembly
Tues 11th July	Yr6 Fire Safety Talk
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

**Save the date: September 2023 sees the school celebrate 50 years on our current site.**

**There are activities planned throughout the year to mark the occasion.**

## Vision Logo

The School has been working with Mrs Kunar, a parent and very talented graphic designer, to create an image that represents what makes our school special. The three words Respect, Trust and Service were chosen by the children to explain to everyone who Richard Taylor School is and what we want to be as individuals. You will see this logo in some of our communications moving forward. Ask your child what RTS stands for and see if they can teach you. Thank you to Mrs Kunar for her time and talents and to everyone who contributed to the process



## Coronation Service



The school had a day to remember on Thursday 4th of May when we crowned our very own King and Queen, Max Medley and Annabel Vose, to mark the King's coronation. Everyone looked magnificent in their outfits. The children also wrote prayers to mark the occasion which have been collected into a special book which will be kept as a historical record of a very special day.

## Staffing News

As well as the children in year six the end of this academic year will see a number of staff leaving RTS.

Mr Starkey has been with RTS since qualifying as a teacher in 2014 and has been appointed to join the leadership team at Starbeck Primary School as English Coordinator. He will be greatly missed by everyone and we wish him well as he continues his career.

Mrs Anthony has been a TA at RTS for almost 20 years and will be retiring at the end of this academic year. She is one of the longest serving members of staff and we will be marking her departure in the appropriate manner.

Mrs Littlefair and Mrs Dallaston are both valued members of the support staff team who will be leaving at the end of the year, Mrs Dallaston to take up a teaching post and Mrs Littlefair to work in a Primary School Nurture unit. We thank them both for their service and wish them well for the future.

The governing body has begun the process of advertising the posts and I will update parents as soon as appointments have been made.



## Online Safety News

Over the last half term the school has had to manage a number of instances where children have found themselves in difficult situations following unsuper-

vised access to apps such as whatsapp and snapchat. Take the opportunity, over half-term to speak to your child about staying safe online. There are lots of useful signposts on the school's website. The termly online safety newsletter highlights current issues for parents.

On Monday the 5th June the children from upper key stage two will receive a visit from Zac Hull who is an online anti bullying campaigner. On 16th June all of the children will be receiving age appropriate internet safety talks from the NY Community Police



## Environmental News

The gardening group have been meeting once a week and their peas, beans, kale and beetroot are all coming on nicely ready to go into our veg box for judging in July. Coverdale Class have been out in the sunshine completing an environmental study of the school grounds, recording what biodiversity looks like in a set area.



If your child is interested in gardening they can sign up to the after school gardening club that will run for an hour after school on Friday's next half term. We will be weeding and planting in the school's wildlife garden and raised beds.



## Late Arrivals

As a school we understand that there are times where events can conspire against you and getting to school on time is not possible. The start of the day is such an important time when the pattern for learning is set. Arriving late can unsettle children for the day and cause them to miss important teaching points.

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving after 9am.

Arriving safely is the first priority for everyone but after the half term break we would ask everyone to set their alarms 5 minutes early and help your child to make the best possible start to the school day. Thank you.



## Friends News

The focus for the friends of RTS is supporting the end of year celebrations.

On Tuesday 27th June they will be selling refreshments at our annual sports day starting at 1.15pm.

On Friday 14th July, from 2pm they will be supporting the summer term community tea. Finally the Leaver's Disco takes place on Thursday 20th July.

If you can help at any of these events please contact the friends.

Next year there are already plans to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the school with a quiz, competitions and summer fair. Please look out for the date of the next friends meeting in the Autumn term, we would love you to help us plan and deliver these events..



## Worship News

Thank you to all of the parents who have been joining us for our class led worship times on Thursday afternoons. So far we have enjoyed wonderful worships led by Swaledale and Dentdale. The next class led worship will be led by Coverdale Class on 5th June at 2.30pm Please come along and support if you can.

There are a number of special worship times in the last half term of the year. On Tuesday 20th June we will be joining a special online worship time led by the Sanctuary organisation.

We have a number of safety talks, during worship including an important water safety talk by the Canal and Rivers Trust on Monday 5th June in the afternoon.

Finally, the most important occasion of the year is our Year Six Leavers' Service that will take place on Friday 21st July at 10.30am. Please join us at St John's for what is one of the most emotional and moving events in the school year.



## Trips and Visits

There are a lot of trips and visits taking place next half term. We are very grateful to the Friends of RTS who have subsidised transport costs which have allowed us to hire coaches that would otherwise be unaffordable. Trips this term include 'Magna Science Museum' for Swaledale and Nidderdale; Harewood House for Ribblesdale and Airedale; Hesketh Farm Park for Airedale and Bishopdale and Countryside Day for Coverdale and the children in Year 5.





## Year Six Residential



The children from Year Six have returned from their residential trip to Scargill House high in the Yorkshire Dales above Kettlewell. You can see from the photographs what an amazing time the children had. Pony Trekking, Walking, River Studies and Camp Fires as well as Games Evenings and amazing cakes all helped to give them experiences that they will never forget. There are many more photographs on the school's website gallery and Instagram feed. Taking the children on a residential visit takes a huge amount of planning and hard work. I would like to thank all of the staff who gave up their time to ensure the children had such a wonderful experience.



## Nidderdale's Special Visitor

Nidderdale welcomed Miss Hamer's dog, Monty to school this week where he was made to feel very special. He behaved impeccably and the children had a lovely afternoon learning about how to care for pets.



## Photo Gallery

Below are a section of photos showing just some of the amazing clubs that have been happening at school this half term. Including Model Club, Games Club and Gardening Club.







## Sports News



It has been great to see RTS sports teams competing again this term. The rounders team came a very credible 2nd place in the recent rounders tournament

while the year 3/4 golfers won their TriGolf Tournament at Harrogate Golf Club. There are many events planned for after half term including Yr1/2 athletics and Quad Kids Athletics events. Good luck to all of the teams participating. We are preparing for the autumn term 2023 and we have already committed to a number of competitive events. Harrogate Town FC will continue their coaching programme after school next half term.



## Eid Mubarak Day



The children in Ribblesdale and Dentedale Classes enjoyed a fantastic Eid Mubarak Day this week. They learnt about the festival and enjoyed taking part in some of the cultural celebrations.

Thank you to all of the staff who worked hard to plan and deliver such a great day.

More photos of everything happening at RTS can be found on the school webpage photo gallery or by following the school's Instagram account @rtsharrogate.



## Forest School



The children in Ribblesdale Class have enjoyed their Forest School lessons with Miss Sherwood on Friday afternoons. On 7th July they will be holding a special Forest School Day to celebrate what they have learned. The children in year 5 have also been experiencing learning activities in the wildlife garden and we hope to be able to run these activities for the year 5 children in Coverdale in the final half term of the year. The photograph shows children from Ribblesdale cooking sausages on the campfire last week.

## Dinosaur Afternoon



Thank you to all of the parents who joined the children in Bishopdale for a special dinosaur afternoon. Everyone had great fun with dinosaur slime and frozen dinosaur eggs. There was dinosaur writing and stories to enjoy.

