



RICHARD TAYLOR

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Key Dates

Sun 11th Sept Education Sunday 10.30 St John's TBC

Tues 13th Sept Friends Meeting 7pm

Fri 30th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.15am

Tues 4th Oct World Space Week

Wed 12th Oct Harvest Festival 9.15am

Wed/Thurs 19th/20th Oct Parent's Evening.

Mon 24th Oct Half Term

Fri 11th Nov Remembrance Service in school.

I hope that by the time you read this newsletter the latest Ofsted report will have been shared with you. The delay in publication was due to the extensive checking process which all reports go through and the holiday period, during which Ofsted do not publish reports. Everyone at school is very pleased with the outcome of the report which we are delighted to be able to share with you now. All reports highlight priorities for development. In the case of this report all of the identified actions were already targets for development this year, something which the lead inspector noted.

This Ofsted report is an excellent springboard for the year ahead and fully validates the vision of the school for all of our children. I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work during the inspection.

Up-Coming Events

The autumn term is always one of the busiest of the year and we are determined to ensure that there are lots of opportunities for parents to join us for the celebrations and events that make the school year so special.

We hope to hold the start of year service at St John's Church on Tuesday 20th September at 1.15pm (Please note this date is still to be confirmed) all are welcome to attend. Our Harvest Festival will take place in school on Wednesday 12th October at 9.15am, all new parents are welcome to attend.

The Macmillan coffee morning will take place on Friday 30th September and the first Friends Meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday 13th September starting at 7pm in school.

The key dates also provide an update for diaries. A full update of Christmas events will follow nearer the time.

Building Work

The building work to replace the original timber walls of the hall courtyard has been completed successfully during the holidays. The Peace garden has had new sleepers installed and the outside timber buildings have all been painted. Mr Giibbons has done a great job redecorating around the school and we are ready for the start of the year. Supply issues have delayed some planned works which will now be completed at October half term to minimize disruption to the school.

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Friends News



The Friends of Richard Taylor would like to invite you to their first meeting of the new school year on Tuesday 13th September at 7 pm in the staff room. We will discuss a variety of fundraising ideas and events.

On the 30th September we will be hosting a MacMillian Coffee Morning 9 am in the School Hall. More details to follow.

We will continue to sell our preloved good quality school uniform at various times after school. However if you need any in the meantime please email friendsofrichardtaylor@gmail.com

Lunchtime News

Jo and her kitchen team have been joined by Ange Beasley who previously worked as one of our MSA team. We have a brand new menu for the Autumn Term which the children are already enjoying.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Slinger who will be joining our MSA lunchtime team.

If you are a new parent who would like more information about our lunchtime menu please contact the school office.

Ashley Burton, our wonderful Senior MSA will be working until half term when she will begin her maternity leave. We will be announcing who will be covering Ashley during her absence in due course.



Inclusion News

A Message from Mrs Styes our school SENCo:

"Welcome back to everyone including our new families. I am really looking forward to supporting all our children to feel included and able to thrive this year. We have a wonderfully friendly and skilled Inclusion team here at RTS, which includes a 'Parent and Grandparent Wellbeing Group', so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need some advice or support.

Our Inclusive ethos is built upon the principles of nonjudgmental open-minded communication, understanding, belonging and community."

Our support involves helping with:

- Learning differences
- Behavioural concerns
- Emotional/ Social differences
- Mental health & anxiety
- Bereavement, loss & relationships
- Physical and medical needs
- Sensory needs

Watch this space for upcoming dates to join our open afternoons where you can chat to us and network with other family members from our school community. You can contact me via email on:

e.styles@richardtaylor.ycway.uk

NEW FREE COURSES FOR PARENTS: Unlocking Autism for Parents

Run by: NYCC Early Help Team

Staffing News

We said goodbye to a number of valued and long serving staff at the end of last term as many of them began a well earned retirement. I can confirm that they are all well and looking forward to September, whilst all saying that they will miss us!

It means that I am able to welcome some wonderful additions to our staffing team for the autumn term. I am sure that you will make them very welcome as they start their time at RTS.

Miss A Hamer has joined us as class teacher in Nidderdale. Miss C Lea has joined the job share partnership in Dentdale and will be teaching on Thursday and Fridays. Mr P Draper will be teaching on Fridays in Wensleydale and Mrs L Owen will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays in Bishopdale Class for the remainder of Mrs Rothera's maternity leave. We also welcome Mrs H Chase to our support staff team on a more permanent basis and Mrs Slinger who will be joining our lunchtime supervisors team.

CD Player

The EYFS team are looking for a small CD Player to use in the classroom. Before purchasing one I am writing to parents to ask if anyone has a CD player, similar to the one shown, that they would be willing to donate to the school. Any make, colour or model would be great. We really don't mind if it has been well used at home. If you can help us please contact the school office.



Governor News

The governing body will be preparing their next newsletter for parents at the start of the new year. We look forward to welcoming Mr Phillip Richardson who will be joining the governors as an appointment of St John's Church.

I would like to thank all of the governors and particularly Dr Johnson who were fantastic in their support and contribution to the successful Ofsted Inspection. The governors role is an important one and often goes unseen. I can confirm that they all represented the school community brilliantly and are a body that you as parents can be very proud of.



Fun Club News

Funclub have enjoyed a fantastic summer holiday at RTS, we were all raring to get back out on trips again and made the most of this by visiting Saltburn, Cannon Hall Farm and Thorpe Perrow amongst other places, we also had loads going on in and around school and were absolutely delighted to finish it all off by being nominated as finalists for Harrogate Mumber's Best Holiday Club!

If anyone wants to support us and vote please follow the link: <https://harrogate.mumbler.co.uk/awards/shortlist-vote/>

Despite all the summer holiday activity we are now ready for the new school year ahead and can't wait to see everyone returning and those new to the school. We have loads of fun planned so if you want more information about your child attending Funclub or to come for a look around please just get in touch. richardtaylor@funclubs.co.uk



Worship News Autumn Term

Sunday 11th September is national Education Sunday, The congregation at St John's have invited everyone from the community at RTS to join them for morning worship at 10.30am. Some of the older children will be participating in elements of the service. I hope that many of you will be able to join us for the service.

On Tuesday 20th September the whole school will be walking to school for our start of year service. All parents are welcome to join us as we celebrate the start of a new year at RTS.

The theme for our worship times each week this half term is generosity as a fruit of the spirit. Our new worship ambassadors will be appointed early in the new term and will play an important role in leading worship times.

Other dates for your diary include our lantern lit Advent Service at St John's Church on Monday 28th November at 4.30pm



Walk to School Day

The first walk to school day will take place across North Yorkshire on Friday 7th October We are always astounded by the support given by our families on these occasions. We regularly appear in the top 10 schools when participation figures are published and it would be wonderful if we could retain our position at the start of the new school year.

Look out for more information nearer the date.



Site Security

We have been lucky during the summer break to avoid vandalism on site caused by trespassing youths. We are aware of numerous incidents where teenagers have been spotted drinking on the school grounds.

We are working closely with our local community policing team to ensure we do not have damage caused by unwanted and illegal visitors on site.

If you do see trespassers on site when passing please contact the policing team using the 101 telephone service.

We know how much damage to the school grounds upsets our children and we appreciate your support in preventing it from happening.

School Uniform

At the end of last term I sent out a reminder to all parents about the importance of re-establishing our uniform policy from September 2022.

If you are struggling to source any uniform please contact the Friends who have a large amount of pre-loved uniform available at very low prices.

Thank you for supporting the school in ensuring that everyone looks smart at the start of the new school year.



Online Safety

Please look out for the first online safety newsletter, which has been e mailed to all parents. They are a very useful source of information for parents who want to ensure they are aware of the latest risks. In this month's edition there is information on Instagram as well as updates for parents with very young children. Please take the time to read September's edition.



Harvest Festival 2022.



This year's Harvest festival will be held in school on Wednesday 12th October starting at 9.15am. We are

delighted to be able to welcome all new parents to join us in the hall for this very special occasion.

The theme for this year's celebration will be 'Water.'

Every class will participate in our festival and we hope lots of our new parents can join us.

We are asking for donations of tinned and packet food as well as fruit and veg which may have been grown on al-



lotments and in gardens. The donations will be shared between the Harrogate District Foodbank and the elderly in the local community.

If you know of someone who would appreciate a small food hamper please let the school office know.

We will also be hosting a community tea for the elderly on the afternoon of Friday 14th October from 2pm. If you know anyone who would benefit from an afternoon of tea and chat with our year six pupils please let the office know.

Request from Bishopdale Class

Bishopdale Class are on the lookout for some rectangular pieces of artificial turf for the children to use.

If you have any off cuts or know someone who may be able to donate small sections of artificial turf please contact the school office.

All donations will be very gratefully received.



Admissions Applications September 2023



The cycle of admissions begins for those children due to start school in September 2023. Full details of our admissions criteria can be found on the school website. If you know of anyone whose child is due to start school in the next cycle and would like to know more about all aspects of school life please ask them to contact school via the office.

There is a virtual tour of the school as well as an updated prospectus for all prospective parents. We are always happy to answer any questions regarding the school and the admissions process. We are delighted to be able to welcome prospective parents back to school for a tour of the classes. Booking are being taken now and can be made via the school office.

The deadline for this year's applications is 15th January 2023.

Snack Time New

A reminder at the start of the year that all children at key stage one receive a free portion of fruit at morning breaktime provided by the government.

Children at key stage two need to provide their own morning snack if required. This should be a healthy option (not chocolate) examples could be fruit, cheese or breadsticks.

Please bear in mind that many children in school have significant food allergies and so foods containing nuts are not appropriate for snacks



Mental Health Support



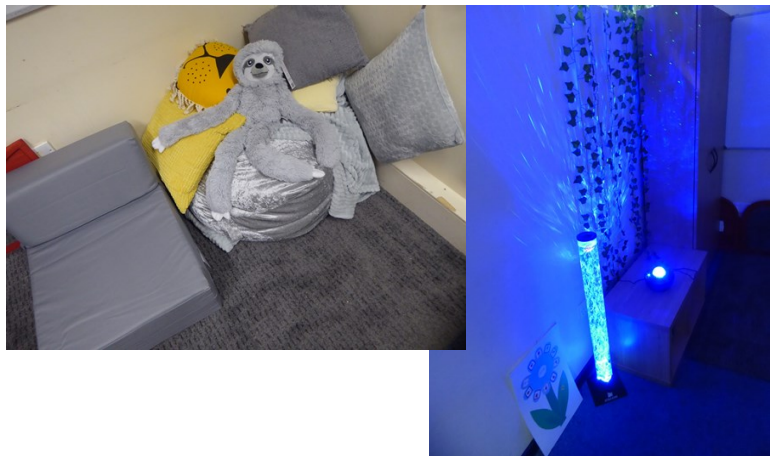
If you're a **parent or carer** who wants to provide emotional support to a child or young person with mental health difficulties, there's help for you.

Your local NHS and partners have launched a pool of resources dedicated to support Children and Young Peoples Mental Health. Visit the "useful resources for parents" via www.thegoto.org.uk for access to the Marketplace and Needs Based Guidance resources for support and guidance.

Sensory Room

Over the summer the school has created a new sensory room for children to access when they need a period of calm time. As well as space to chill, the room contains mood lighting, soft furnishing and wellbeing activities for the children to access.

I would particularly like to highlight the hard work of Mrs Bonson in creating such a wonderful resource over the holidays.



Staffing Vacancies

We still have a small number of vacancies for midday supervisory assistants to join our lunchtime team. We can offer full time or part time roles to work with our children during lunchtime. If you are interested please contact the school office for more information.

If you are a qualified TA or Teacher looking for an opportunity either at RTS or within any of the Yorkshire Causeway Family of Schools please check out the YCST website where all vacancies are advertised.

