



# Newsletter 14th July 2023

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It's hard to believe another school year is nearly over! We have had another successful year and all the children have made great progress and achieved well. Our summer production was a wonderful way to finish off the year in style. The final event will be leavers assembly for Year 6 parents on Wednesday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils lots of luck for the future and thank you for being part of our story.

## HUGE THANK YOU

Massive thank you for all the money you donated for the fun run! We raised a massive £1760!

Marnie in Year 2 raised £323! WOW!

Thank you



## WELL DONE YEAR 2

### AND YEAR 6

Huge well done to our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils who have worked super hard this year and smashed their SATs tests! They are fantastic results and we are so proud of them all, their individual progress is amazing!



## FULL YEAR ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the whole school **93%**. This is well below the expected **96%**

Well done Y6 95% and this years best attendance.

The local authority will be monitoring attendance very closely next year. Your child must be in school unless they are ill and school has been notified by 8.45am. Holidays will not be authorised and we strongly advise against taking them in term time. Lateness is also something we must improve in September. Regular lateness accumulates many lost minutes of teaching time. Lessons start as soon as the children enter school.

## OPENING TIMES AND ATTENDANCE - slight change please read!

Schools must meet the national requirements for weekly teaching time. This equates to 32.5 hours per week. This means from September we must open the school doors at **8.45am** and school will finish at **3.15pm**. This slight change brings us inline with national requirements.

## INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER



### UNIFORM

The uniform policy has been previously emailed to you. Can I point out ready for September, that children must wear black shoes, **not** trainers.

Leggings **are not** part of our uniform and should only be worn in PE. PE bottoms must be **plain black**.

Earrings are **not allowed** and never have been allowed at Richmond Hill. So, please if you are planning to get your child's ears pierced try and do so at the beginning of the holidays so they can be easily removed for school in September. Thank you.

### WATER

Reminder that children are only allowed water in bottles at school. As we are a 'Smile for life' school oral health is something we actively promote with our youngest pupils.

Water is good for the body - keeps joints, bones and teeth healthy, helps the blood circulate, and can help kids maintain a healthy weight into adulthood. Being well hydrated improves mood, memory and attention in children. And it's economical – tap water is much less expensive than sports drinks, sodas and juice. Choose Water for Healthy Hydration!

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<https://www.healthychildren.org>

### GOOD BYE AND THANK YOU

Unfortunately, this term we need to say goodbye to some of our staff members.

Our dinner ladies will be leaving us this term as I previously stated in an email we have had to make the very difficult decision to make them redundant. Again, this was not an easy decision or one we took lightly but budget restrictions forced our hands.

So, huge thank you to Bernie, Jane, Gillian, Christine and Sherry for the support they have given staff and children. We wish them lots of luck for the future.

Our cook Lyn is also moving to pastures new at another school in September. We wish her lots of luck and thank you for her hard work over the years.

Miss Dickinson will also be leaving us this term. Miss Dickinson has been a senior teaching assistant here for 24 years! Miss Dickinson is an exceptional teaching assistant and has cared for and supported hundreds of pupils over the years. As she embarks on her next exciting chapter we wish her lots of luck and huge thanks for everything she has done. She will be missed greatly. X

### Return to School

**ALL** children return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2023!