



RICHARD TAYLOR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Headteacher's Update Monday 10th February 2025

What is happening at RTS?

- Monday 10th Wharfedale Class visiting Barley Hall
8pm Clubs available to register on Arbor App
- Tuesday 11th 2pm Coverdale Class Anglo Saxon Parent Event
9am Parent Arbor Drop in Session 1
National Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 13th Wensleydale Class visiting Barley Hall
- Thursday 13th Spring Term friends Discos with Mr Shuffles
- Friday 14th 9am Bishopdale and Airedale Class Valentines Stay and Play Session
PM: Yr5/6 to see Sister Act at Royal Hall by St John Fisher High School
2:30pm Parent Arbor Drop in Session 2

Wednesday 5th March From 9am Coffee Morning with Mrs Styles for parents of children with SEND

D.I.S.C.O

Keeeeeeeeeeeeeeep helping! We *need* some Disco parent helpers! Contact the Office!

Tickets for the Disco are still available on ParentPay. Timings as follows:

Reception and Yr1	3:30-4:30pm	Years 2, 3 and 4	4:45-5:45pm
Years 5 and 6	6-7pm		

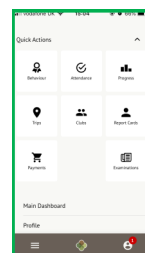


Parent Arbor Drop in Sessions

The Office Team will be holding two drop in sessions this week for parents who need help with Arbor. With the transition to Arbor for all payments, this may be of help to you?

...on that note...

We are also using Arbor for the registration of school clubs. This includes HTFClub for Years 3-6. **TODAY at 8pm**, the system will be live for you to book your child onto next term's clubs. Note that these require full payment in order to register, on a first come, first served basis.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday is national 'Safer Internet Day'. As well as special events in school and a newsletter for parents, our school website has a number of resources and links for you to access.

Safeguarding at Richard Taylor School



ParentPay debt

If you have debt on ParentPay due to school meals please contact the Office to arrange repayment. This is due to our move to ArborPay. The last meal payment date on ParentPay is this Friday 14th.

Knaresborough Bed Race update

Unfortunately, RTS are unable to enter this year.

Parent Questionnaire

<https://forms.office.com/e/13EFepfMzi>.

Please take 4 minutes to submit the survey which gives voice to our parent community. Remember that if you have any concerns, you can come and speak to us directly; we are always ready to listen and help.



Governor visit reports

Our board of Governors all come into school throughout the year to visit their assigned class and also to report on a specific area of school life. These roles are entirely voluntary and we are so grateful to have such a supportive, well equipped and dedicated governing body.

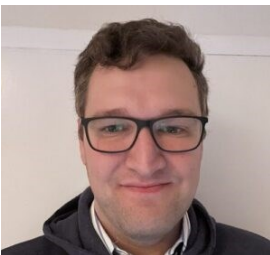
We are delighted to be in the process of onboarding Hannah Ruddy and Martin Whincup as our new parent and foundation governors respectively.

Below are excerpts from some of the recent visits that have taken place:

Philip Richardson

What a super term it has been and it has been my pleasure to be involved in a small part of it. Now, with all four children at the school, the greatest testament I can give is that they have loved the year so far. The positivity that you feel walking around the school is great and my children come back every day ready to share what they have learnt (I'm now close to being an expert on the great fire of London).

It isn't just the learning though but everything else that makes the school a special place. The afterschool art club, football training and chess club are just a few of the activities that have had a positive impact – I had the pleasure of being at the chess tournament in December and seeing the team compete was great but seeing them all support each other was the real treat (although my nerves were shredding by the end).



I was also able to enjoy the nativity this year and it was wonderful seeing all the effort that the children and staff had put in paying off with a wonderful production. Everyone loves a baby... and a good nativity.

Again, I consider myself extremely fortunate to be involved with such a wonderful school both as a parent and a governor. The first term has been so busy and here's to the rest of the year but equally as successful and fun.

Phillip Richardson, Foundation governor

Lucy Shaw

The Chair of governors and I had the opportunity to meet and chat to three children from Dentdale class about their RE work and experience. I valued my time with the children as they were clearly all very proud of the work they had produced, and they had a good level of understanding about the topics they had learnt. These learners in particular had covered Christian teaching on creation, looking after the world and prayer and all three were interested in talking about this and expressing what they thought.



Miss Watson is going to take some time in the next half term to develop the RE curriculum further and consider how the subject might best be assessed. I suggested she might be able to link up with other RE coordinators in the YCST to see if this is something that's been established in any other schools. Once developed she will communicate this to all staff.

Miss Watson is clearly doing a wonderful job, she is proactive and interested in curriculum development. She is keen to ensure that the RE lessons are delivered with a high standard.

Lucy Shaw, Parent governor



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Playground donations for lunchtimes

**Is it time to channel your Stacey Solomon and sort your space out?
Do you have any of the following at home, not being used/unused?**

**We would appreciate your pre-loved donations to replenish our
lunchtime play equipment .**



Outdoor games
like Jenga

With thanks in advance!