

# Principal's News



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents,

It is the end of yet another successful year at Richmond Academy, but one that has been very different indeed. For the majority of our children, learning has been completed remotely at home and we have all had to get used to working in different ways, and this will be different again in September. I would like to reassure you that the happiness, safety and education of all our children is at the heart of what we do. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic we have continued to be open to key worker and vulnerable children and more recently we welcomed 52 children back to school in Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery. I look forward to September 2020 when we will gradually return to a 'new normal'. I know things will be different but if there is one thing that will get us through this difficult time, it will be each other.

## Year 6 Lockdown Leavers

It with such sadness that we won't have the opportunity for our Year 6 children to come together and to celebrate their time at Richmond before they leave us to go to secondary school. You have been our lockdown leavers who have had to stay home to save lives. With this in mind, **we would like to welcome and invite you all back to an awards ceremony to be held in the school hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 5pm – 6pm.** You have been an awesome Year 6, full of character and have always shown everyone your absolute best. Make sure you take all that you have learned from Richmond with you as you embark on the next chapter of your learning journey and we know that you will always be successful. We will miss you all. *#BelieveAchieveSucceed*

## Goodbye and Good Luck

This year we will say goodbye to Mr Butler who will be leaving us to work in an international school in Ukraine. Miss O'Brien and Miss Lee will also be leaving us at the end of the year. We wish them the best of luck in their future careers. Next year Mrs Khalil will be working in Key Stage Two at Greenhill Academy on a secondment along with Mrs Begum who will be moving to Westwood Academy in Key Stage One. This is an exciting opportunity which I know they will enjoy and be successful in.

As well as saying goodbye to staff, we also welcome back Miss Grenfell who has been working at Northmoor Academy since Easter.

## Congratulations

This year Miss Shabbir has successfully completed her Teach First Induction year and Miss Reilly has passed her NQT induction with flying colours. We are very proud of them and for their hard work this year.

## Parent Pay

From September 2020 **we will no longer accept cash in school.** All payment for items must be paid by ParentPay, this includes dinner money, school uniform and trips. In order for us to start ready in September, **please can you ensure school has your correct e-mail address by e-mailing: [info@richmond.theharmonytrust.org](mailto:info@richmond.theharmonytrust.org) with your child's full name and DOB.** For parents who have not yet signed up to ParentPay, we will be sending you your username and password via e-mail in the coming weeks. Please remember to sign up ready for September.

### **School Lunches**

As of Tuesday 2nd September, the price of a school lunch will be increased by 20p to £2.40 a day. **School Lunches will now be £12 a week.** Those who receive Free School Meals through the Universal Free School Meals programme in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will not be affected, neither will those children in Key Stage Two who are eligible for Free School Meals.

However, if your circumstances have changed and you are unsure about your eligibility, please speak to the Free School Meals team at Oldham Council on 0161 770 6688 or e-mail [benefits@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@oldham.gov.uk).

### **School Uniform**

From September, the price of school uniform will increase in line with the supplier's inflation price. School jumpers and book bags can still be bought from school and will be available from Tuesday 1st September. The new prices are:

Sizes 22—32 will be £10      Sizes S, M & L will be £12      Book bags will be £5.

### **Class Lists**

I am delighted to share the staffing list for 2020-21 academic year. We will be in touch before we start back in September to let you know your child's classteacher.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Staffing</b>
Pre- School	Amber	Miss Grundy, Mrs Khan/Mrs Bibi-Sobur & Miss Oswick
Nursery	Diamond	Mrs McCann and Mrs Ali
Reception	Opal Ruby	Miss Reilly & Mrs Begum Miss Smythe & Miss Khatun
Year 1	Sapphire	Miss Shabbir, Mrs Khatun & Miss Bibi
Year 1/2	Garnet	Miss Garvey, Mrs Sultan & Miss Rowe
Year 2	Emerald	Mrs Bramah & Mrs Begum
Year 3	Coral Moonstone	Miss Gregory & Miss Brown Mrs Baron/Miss Gilmour & Mrs Vickerstaff
Year 4	Citrine Amethyst	Mrs Nash & Miss Begum Miss Astley & Mrs Boyd
Year 5	Quartz Zircon	Mr Stuckey & Mrs Begum/Mrs Jarvis Miss Grenfell/Miss Smith & Mrs Bolton/Mrs Hughes
Year 6	Onyx Aquamarine	Mr Booth & Mrs Ahmed Mrs Booth & Mrs Worthington
	Jade	Miss Lippett, Miss Gittens, Mr Asif & Miss Al-Qasmi

**Thank you to pupils, staff and parents for all their hard work this year both within school and at home. We are an excellent team who work together to ensure all our children get the very best education. I am very proud how everyone has shown incredible resilience over the past few months and have continued to go above and beyond to ensure that we continue to be the best we can be.**

**Have a wonderful summer. Eid Mubarak to the families who will celebrate Eid-ul-Adha over the summer break.**

Warm Regards

*Mrs Rahman*

Mrs Rahman, Principal