

# Raysfield Federation News

Raysfield Schools' Federation

Two Schools - One Family 

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**Blue boxes – Federation news and dates**

**Green boxes – Infant school news and dates**

**Red boxes – Junior school new and dates**

## Welcome back

Welcome back to all the children, parents and staff of both schools, I hope you have all had a wonderful break full of fun, laughter and relaxation. All the children seem to have settled really well into their new classes and the year 3 children have appeared confident and happy in their new school.

We have welcomed some new staff into the junior school (see Junior Page). Mrs Tracy Norris has also joined the Federation as School Business Manager. She is very experienced in the role and brings an extensive range of skills which will enhance both schools, from budgeting and the efficient use of resources, health and safety, marketing and running an effective office and support staff.

## Website

I hope you have had site of our new website:

[www.raysfieldschoolsfederation.org.uk](http://www.raysfieldschoolsfederation.org.uk)

We will be developing it over the coming months so that it contains all the news and information that parents, both current and prospective need.

Please pass on any ideas / information that you would like to see to your parent councillor or the school offices.

## YATE & CHIPPING SODBURY FOODBANK: HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Both schools support this excellent local charity. You will find boxes for food donation in the foyers of both schools. If you would like to donate, the September Shopping List is as follows: 1 Litre Cartons of Fruit Juice, Tomato Sauce, Brown Sauce, Tinned Custard, Tinned Macaroni Cheese, Sachets/Boxes Smash, Toilet Rolls

## Free School Meals applications

Although ALL infant children, receive free school meals we still need those parents who would have been entitled to free school meals under the old system or whose older children currently do to apply because the government will give school extra funding which we spend to directly support your children; this is called Pupil Premium. **More information about eligible criteria and how to apply can be found on the South Gloucestershire Council [website](#), or come and have a chat to and we can help you.**



**Walk to school: Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September** – look out for more information closer to the time.

## Federation Improvement Priorities

1. Achieve highest quality consistent teaching and learning
2. Achievement is significantly above national
3. We will ensure that there is a consistently high quality learning environment and resources to enhance teaching and learning.
4. Develop an effective federation
5. We have strengthened community ties.

# Raysfield Infants School

## New Beginnings

A warm welcome back to the start of a new term, it has been wonderful to see you all returning looking smart in your uniforms and with big smiles. I hope you enjoyed the summer holidays as much as I did!

It has also been a pleasure to welcome a full cohort into Reception who are settling well.

## Updates

The work to regenerate and update the outdoor learning environment has continued over the summer holidays. Thank you to Mr Ovens who dismantled the old climbing frame that was no longer fit for purpose and disposed of the old wood. This space has now been tarmacked ready for us to design and build the outdoor classroom.

The outdoor area for Reception has been extended and the fence moved so that they have more space to learn and explore.

## Introducing the New School Council



## Assemblies

This term we will be exploring the new School Values. These were agreed and decided on by parents, children, staff and governors last term and will be explored over the coming year.

Respect, independence, positivity, resilience, honesty and ambition.

Effort service will continue to be on a Thursday and will celebrate children's effort and achievements. The handwriting award, star box and nominations will also continue. We will continue to sing as a whole school twice a week enjoying a wide range of music.

## RHSA AGM

AGM meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7pm in the Infant Hall. Look forward to seeing you there!

## Mrs Gloria Stephens

It is with much sadness that we have learnt of the passing of Mrs Gloria Stephen after a long illness.

"On behalf of the Staff and Governing Board of Raysfield Federation we are sad to hear of the passing of a former governor Gloria Stephen. Gloria's dedication and enthusiasm was vital to the school often providing valuable contributions in particular to the outdoor areas of the schools our thoughts are with her family and friends at this difficult time."

## Polite reminder

*To the parents and carers of our new intake*

Please try to walk your children to school; there is unfortunately no space to park your car in the staff car park, even for a short time. If you do drive and drop off please park on the main road and walk in using the pavement.

Please use the paths to walk as the car park is in constant use.

# Raysfield Junior School

## Welcome

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you had a good summer. It has been a real pleasure to welcome back all of the children in years 4, 5 and 6 and to hear about the myriad of adventures that they embarked upon during the holidays. I'm not sure what you have been feeding them but they all seem to have grown so much over the holidays!

It has also been great to welcome out new year 3s. I have been really impressed by their start here at the juniors: they have really risen to the challenge of change. I am looking forward to getting to know them all better as the term progresses.

Of course, it isn't just children who have started here this term, we have a number of new members of staff. To the teaching staff, we welcome Miss Bidder, Miss Hollywell, Miss Baker and Miss Morgan. In the office, Mrs Norris is our brand new School Business Manager. Finally, we have a new cleaner on board: Mrs Cheesman.

We are all really looking forward to a fabulous year of learning.

## School Values

Last year, with the help of the staff, governors, parent council and, most importantly, the pupils, we created a set of six values that we think will help to promote excellence across the federation. The values are:

RESPECT, INDEPENDENCE, POSITIVITY, RESILIENCE, HONESTY AND AMBITION

We will be exploring the values in our assemblies and in class throughout the year. This term's focus will be on respect.

## WOW Project

This year we will again be taking part in the WOW project. This is aimed at encouraging children to find active ways of travelling to school. There are a number of benefits to active travel: it is good for children's health; it reduces levels of pollution; it reduces the carbon footprint; fewer cars means that the roads are safer, especially for crossing and it is fun.

Each day, the children record how they got to school. If they travel by bike, scooter, walk or Park and Stride (Park your car 5 to 10 minutes away and walk in – please note parking on Finch or Heron Way does not count), they get an active travel mark. Three active travel marks every week will earn them a badge at the end of the month.

## Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Cater who gave birth to a little baby boy during the summer holidays.

That makes a total of 3 healthy Raysfield baby boys in 2018! And that's just the staff.

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# Raysfield Celebrates

## Celebrations!

Each week Effort Service celebrates children who have put in a good effort in class and lunchtimes for various reasons.

### Effort service

Y1 Grace DL, Charlie L, Izzy A, Bobby D

### Hand Writing

Y1 Mason K, Beatrice

### Lunchtime awards

Y1 Jasper J, Lily W, Joey M, Paige W

### Star

Y1 Lily W, Ivy R

### Achievements outside of school

Olivia R - 5 M Swimming

Sam R – 1K race

Isla N – 15 M Swimming

### Attendance

w/e 08.09.17 Class 4 Badgers 100%

w/e 15.09.17 Class 7 Squirrels 99.37%

## Go For It awards

### Finch Class

Matthew E

### Robin Class

Korey D

### Kestrel Class

Leila A

### Kingfisher Class

Logan G, Lewis R

### Heron Class

Marli M, Willow D

### Mallard Class

Cassie F

### Goldcrest Class

Connor C

### Merlin Class

Alexander C

### GOLDEN BOOK

Luke H

Eve H

Hannah T

Charlotte H,

Hayden C

Kezia S

Marli M

Brandon L,

Noah H

Finlay J and Jack S

Natalie H

Grace B

# Dates for your diary

## Infant Calendar

### September

W/c 25<sup>th</sup> Joint walk to school week

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 1.30-2.30 Open Afternoon

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm RHSA AGM

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.45-10.45 Open Afternoon

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.45-10.45 Open Afternoon

*Please note these Open Afternoon sessions are for the prospective 2018 cohort only.*

### October

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 6-7.15pm RHSA Harvest Disco

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> YR Parent/Teacher Meeting Afternoons

w/c 17<sup>th</sup> Book Week

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm Harvest Festival

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 6-6.45pm RHSA Bedtime Story

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.15-10.15am YR Coffee Morning and last day of Term 2

#### Inset days for 2017-2018 Raysfield Schools

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017,

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

#### Important Dates for next year

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January Jobs Jamboree

## Junior Calendar

### September

W/c 18<sup>th</sup> Y4 (Kingfisher) swimming

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Joint walk to school week

### October

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 5 trip to the Ernest Cook Trust

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2pm Parent Council Meeting  
(Jnrs The Lodge)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm PTA AGM All welcome

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 4pm Meet the teacher

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm Meet the teacher

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm Autumn Disco

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 2

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## Celebrating Sporting Achievements!

We would like to celebrate children's out of school sporting achievements. Please fill in, cut out and return this slip with details.  
Mrs Robinson.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sporting achievement: \_\_\_\_\_

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## School Vacancy

### Cleaner

Raysfield Schools Federation is looking to recruit a conscientious, hard-working person to join our friendly team to help maintain a clean school environment for our staff and pupils.

The post is all year round for 10 hours per week, 3.30pm and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday and based in the junior school. There is some flexibility on when the two hours a day are worked during term time, and in the school holidays hours can be worked to a different timetable.

Duties include cleaning of classrooms, toilets, hallways, emptying bins, and will involve the use of a Hoover, mop and certain cleaning products (chemicals). Experience preferred, but not essential.

The post is a Hay 14 and the salary £4,430.81 - £4,458.11.

If interested please contact the junior school office for an application form and job description, or email the school at [raysfieldjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:raysfieldjuniorschool.org.uk).

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.