

Raysfield Federation News



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Newsletter

Following consultation with the Parent Council, we have decided to change the newsletter to a monthly issue. We will also be sending out other newsletters focused on particular school related subjects such as attendance, values, maths, handwriting etc.

Alongside this we will adding a Twitter feed to the website so that you can receive more regular and up-to-date snippets of news about what is going on in both schools. We will get this up and running during the Autumn term.

Please go to the website for key dates, information. Important dates for the year, policies and information can be found there and we are updating this all the time. Please let us know if there is anything else you would like to see on the website.

PTA / RHSA

Our fantastic parent teacher associations have been busy arranging their AGMs and planning events for the year. They do an amazing job putting on lots of fun activities for the children, raising money for both schools to enrich the curriculum for both schools and to buy equipment which we could not otherwise afford.

They do need lots of help however to be able to do the work they do. If you can help in any way at all please contact Bridget Prewitt (Infant Chair) or Kerry Barlass (Junior Chair) directly or via 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

Every Time I Write

Both schools are having a real drive this year to improve children's presentation and basic grammar and spelling when they write. These are known as 'Every Time I Write' non-negotiables and are a progressively more challenging set of standards which your children apply every time they write. This is already having a huge impact on the quality of writing; please encourage your children to tell you all about them and encourage them to use a neat joined style 'every time they write' at home.



Moans and groans

Could we please remind you that children are only allowed water in the water bottles they bring to school.

Also bracelets, wristbands (including festival type bands), necklaces and rings are not allowed and children will be asked to remove them. This is in order to keep our children safe at all times and in accordance with health and safety guidance for schools. Thank you for your support with this.

Raysfield Infants School

WOW Project



This Autumn the Year 1 and Year 2 infant school pupils will begin to join the juniors in taking part in the WOW project. Reception will join in when they have settled in fully.

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.

Census Day

Thursday 4th October is when the Local Authority take a census of the school population. This has an important impact on school funding. Part of the census looks at how many children take a hot meal. We have changed fish finger Friday to Thursday to encourage more children to have dinner on this day.

Assemblies

So far we have focused on the value of **RESPECT.**

The children have come up with their own definition of what respect means to them.

- Respect is when you are kind, polite and listen to others.
- Respect is when you care for people's feelings.
- Respect is when you care for something or someone.
- Respect is when you look up to people who do the right things.

The next value is independence.

RHSA AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. Thank you for to Mrs Dulcie Smith for her financial report; funds are looking very healthy so we can move forward with our redevelopment of the outdoor areas. Mrs Smith steps down as treasurer but takes on the role of Vice Chair alongside Mrs Bridget Prewett who will remain as Chair. We welcome Ms Lucy Anstey as the new treasurer and Ms Sian Griffiths as the new secretary. We said a goodbye and thank you to Mrs Tracey Willcox who steps down as secretary now that all her children have left Raysfield. All parents at Raysfield are warmly welcomed to be part of and join RHSA events. They form a vital part of school life and enrich the curriculum for all pupils.

Raysfield Junior School

Yate Heritage International Festival

Once again, Raysfield Juniors have been out performing at a local community event. On Saturday 15th September, Dance Club and Choir took part in the Yate Heritage International Festival. This year Choir sang a medley of Native American songs, accompanied only by a drum, in a 2-part round. This was followed by Dance Club's Totem Dance, choreographed by the children themselves, in which they portrayed animal characteristics in a stylised routine.

Thank you to all of the parents who came to support the dancers and to Mrs Samarra who organised the children so fantastically.



Welly Boots

If you would like your children to play on the field at lunchtime when conditions are damp, please send a named pair of welly boots (with a peg to secure them together) and some named old trousers in a plastic bag. These can be stored in school.

Only children with wellies and over trousers will be allowed to use the field if it is wet.

Harvest Festival

Don't forget that our harvest festival assemblies will be held on **Thursday 25th October**.

- Years 3 and 4 – 2pm
- Years 5 and 6 - 2.45pm

All donations will go to the Crisis Centre this year.



Change of Plan

If there are any changes to the usual routine for your child being collected at the end of the day (e.g. someone different collecting) we would be very grateful if you could let us know. You can do this by either:

- contacting the office in advance
- telling one of the adults on the door in the morning

That way we can ensure all of the children go home safely.

Raysfield Celebrates

Celebrations!

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

Achievements outside of school

Tiemme - 5m Swimming
Ridley - Bubble Rush

Go For It awards

Finch Class

Jasmine, William

Robin Class

Isla, Daniel

Kestrel Class

Kingfisher Class

Heron Class

Tamzin, Jude

Mallard Class

Jasmine, Ethan

Goldcrest Class

Natalie, Lewis

Merlin Class

Kezia, Rowan

GOLDEN BOOK

Lois and Mica

Hayden

Kezia, Brandon, Marli, Amelie and Finlay

Dates for your diary

Infant Calendar

September

Thursday 28th 10.45-11.45 and 1.30-2.30 Open Afternoon

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

October

Friday 5th 6-7.15pm RHSA Harvest Disco

w/c 15th Book Week

Friday 18th 6-6.45pm RHSA Bedtime Story

Friday 19th 9.15-10.15am YR Coffee Morning

Tuesday 23rd 9.30 Harvest Festival * date amendment

Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th Parent/Teacher Meetings * date amendment

Thursday 25th Last day of Term 2

Friday 26th Inset day

Inset days for 2018-2019 Raysfield Schools

Friday 26th Oct 2018,

Monday 25th February 2018, Monday 22nd July 2019 and Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Important Dates for December

Monday 10th December 9.30 – Grandparents dress rehearsal KS1 Christmas concert

Tuesday 11th December 5.30 – evening performance KS1 Christmas concert

Wednesday 12th December 9.30 – morning performance KS1 Christmas concert

Thursday 13th – Children's Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th 9.30 – YR Nativity

Junior Calendar

October

Monday 1st 7.30pm PTA AGM

Monday 1st 5.30pm Open Day for prospective Pupils

Wednesday 3rd Languages Day

Monday 8th - Year 6 Dean Field Week

Friday 12th

Friday 19th 5.30-6.45pm Autumn Disco

7.00-8.15pm Autumn Disco

Monday 15th Joint Book Week

- **Friday 19th**

Monday 22nd 4-7pm Meet the teacher

Wednesday 24th 3.30-5.30pm Meet the teacher

Thursday 25th Y3/Y4 2-2.30pm Harvest Festival

Thursday 25th Y5/Y6 2.45-3.15pm Harvest Festival

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Important Dates

Friday 7th December Children's Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13th December Christmas Carol Services PM

Friday 25th January Jobs Jamboree

Infants - 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 Brailsford

Name: _____ Class: _____

Sporting achievement: _____

RESPECT, INDEPENDENCE, POSITIVITY, RESILIENCE, HONESTY AND AMBITION

