

Raysfield Federation News



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School Improvement

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who took the time to attend the open forum hosted by the Governors and the LA. It was a very positive evening and as a school we were able to take on board comments and suggestions.

One suggestion was that the Federation could share its improvement priorities for the academic year 2018/19. These 5 key priorities are the basis for a detailed and strategic action plan that is working towards school improvement. The action plan is regularly reviewed and shared with the Local Authority.

To strengthen school improvement we are pleased to announce that Marion Borland will be seconded to the Federation for at least one day a week as a NLE (National Leader in Education). Marion is the Head of an outstanding school and a serving OFSTED inspector. Her role will be to strengthen the Federations middle leadership and support the Head teachers.

The Local Authority are supporting the improvement of Teaching and Learning by engaging an English and Maths SLE (Specialist Leader in Education). Both of these SLE's will directly support the Federation English and Maths leaders to drive improvement.

Mrs Rubel, who has been working with the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) will finish her work at the end of this term and we are very grateful for the support she has provided staff, to improve the monitoring of processes and procedures.

Mrs Howells and Miss Sheppard will continue to work in partnership as Head teachers of the Federation until at least Easter. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact either of them via the offices.

Federation Improvement Plan Key Priorities

1. We will ensure that all pupils receive the 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.**

Behaviour Policy

We will be proudly launching our new behaviour policy in January. The new policy will have focus on positive behaviour and rewarding those children who consistently do the right thing. This will be balanced with meaningful sanctions for those children who do not make the right choices. Parents will be receiving information via letter and will be able to view the new policy.

Gate Opening and site security

Thank you to parents who are dropping off children when the gates are open.

As the school site is used consistently during the day from the close of registration at 9am we have made the decision to close the gates as close to this time as we can to ensure the safety of all pupils. Heads will walk the school site at 9am and close the gates after this time. We would appreciate your understanding in the safeguarding of pupils.

Raysfield Infants School

Christmas is here!

The Year that Santa got Lost

Thank you to the wonderful children and staff of Key Stage one for their superb performances. Wonderful soloist, amazing dancing reindeer and fabulous acting. I hope the audiences enjoyed it as much as they did.

Carols around the Christmas Tree

A fabulous Reception choir told us the Christmas story through songs and actions. Well done for learning so many songs!



Thank you to the RHSA for providing refreshments for the morning performances and to Mr Pope for recording and producing the DVD's.

The silver collection raised **£345.43**.

All of which will be donated to the Grand Appeal this year. Thank you for your generous donations.

Message from Miss Sheppard

A personal message from me to say a heartfelt thank you for all of the support I have received from staff and parents across the Federation in what has been a busy and difficult term.

I would like to wish you all a very relaxing and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing all of you back on the 7th of January 2019.

Reading Rangers

We are still looking for support with reading in school. If you have any spare time during the week and would like to support children reading please see the school office. Research shows that children who read regularly do better in school than children who do not have the same opportunities. Regular reading supports fluency, stamina and opens doors to a wonderful world of knowledge and excitement.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Social Media Reminder

A polite reminder that school policy states that no photographs should be shared on social media. We do have children whose safeguarding could be at risk if you do this.

Also, I been made aware of comments and posts on social media regarding the school and would always encourage parents to come forward to discuss any concerns with me directly as social media is not always factually accurate and can be very damaging.

Christmas Jumper Day

A fun day with an amazing selection of jumpers raised an amazing total of **£155.85** for Save the Children.

Thank you!

Raysfield Junior School

Message from Mrs Howells

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, staff and children for the warm welcome I have received over the last 3 weeks.

Miss Sheppard and I will ensure high expectations and the drive for rapid school improvement continue in the absence of an Executive Head.

I will be based at Raysfield Junior School on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday alongside Miss Sheppard and Mr Williams who work here all week.

Last week I had the pleasure of listening to the children sing at the Carol performances and was very impressed with not only their singing but the supportive nature I witnessed between the children in the build up to the performances.

I would like to wish all of the families of Raysfield Schools' Federation a wonderful festive holiday and look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 7th January.

Thank you

A massive thank to the PTA for their ongoing support of the Raysfield Schools' Federation.

Last week they provided refreshments for the Carol concert and Carols by Candlelight.

They have generously offered to fund £50 per class towards wet playtime resources. If you would like to donate any suitable board games, Lego or small figures that you no longer need please contact the office they will be very gratefully received.

Reminders

Snacks should be healthy. There are a lot of unhealthy snacks being brought in e.g chocolate bars and crisps. Snacks need to be nut free.

The use of the Parish Hall car park is only for preschool parents and only if they have a child in for that session.

Office hours

Please note from January 2019, the office opening hours will now be:

Office Opening Hours

8.45am – 4.00pm Mon;

8.30am – 4.00pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday;

8.45am – 4.00pm on a Thursday.

You will still be able to use the Post Box

Save the Children

It was great to see all the children in their Christmas jumpers last Friday, we raised £150.80, well done all.

The Grand Appeal

We also collected donations from the Carol Service last Thursday, and raised £15.30 for the Grand Appeal.

Raysfield Celebrates

Celebrations!

Achievements outside of school

Reu M – Taekwondo Grade 4

Theo L – Swimming 5m

Oliver P – 15m swimming badge

Golden Book

Evan M

Frank D

Theo C

Alisia M

Eden L

Jackson D

Bobbi C

Harry S

Hudson G

Charlie L

Elijah F

Devon B

Teddy H

Hudson T

Go For It awards

Finch Class

Tia, Jack, Evie, Oliver

Robin Class

Alfie, Eva, Frankie, Keegan, Maisie, Archie

Kestrel Class

Lily, Summer-Grace, Lily, Alfie, Lily, Callum

Kingfisher Class

Megan, Dexter, Mia, Leon, Amelia, Alex

Heron Class

Pippa, Hali-Mai, Hayden, Aimee, Daisy, Mason

Mallard Class

Ethan, Lois, Daniela, Luke, Lois, Charlie

Goldcrest Class

Grace, Isaac, Maya-Louise, Caitlin, Millie, Finlay

Merlin Class

Amelie, Megan, Kezia, Caleb, Willow, Finlay

GOLDEN BOOK

Sean and Luke

Joss

Jake, Megan and Callum

Elaya

Isaac

Summer-Grace

Ben

Daisy

Akar

Grace

Jess

Alfie

Daisy

Eva

Lilly

Jasmine and

Mason

Aimee

Jack

Finlay

Leon, Liam and Amelia

Brooke

Lexie

Erin

Jamie

Dates for your diary

Infant Calendar

December

Friday 21st Christmas Creativity Day

Friday 21st Last day of Term 2

January

Monday 7th First day of Term 3

Friday 11th Film Night YR 2

Tuesday 15th Stay and Count YR R

Tuesday 15th Parent Council

Thursday 17th Stay and Count YR R

Inset days for 2018-2019 Raysfield Schools

Monday 25th February 2018,

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Important Dates

Thursday 23rd May Sports Day (pm) and family picnic

Friday 24th May Joint Dad's Day

Friday 28th June Joint Mum's Day

Junior Calendar

December

Fri 21st Last day of term – children may bring in board games to share, no electronic, battery or mains operated games

January

Mon 7th Back to School

~~**Tues 8th 5pm**~~ Year 5 Parents – Dean Field Meeting

Tues 15th 5pm Year 5 Parents Dean Field Meeting (please note change of date)

February

Fri 1st Year 6 Road Safety Training

Wed 6th 3.30pm Year 5 Parents SRE DVD

Fri 8th 5.30-6.45 Y3/Y4 PTA Winter Disco

7.00-8.15 Y5/Y6 PTA Winter Disco

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Thursday 18th July 6.30pm Year 6 Leavers Disco

Thursday 18th July 2pm Leavers Assembly

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: _____

Please note: we do not necessarily endorse outside sports activities/clubs