



Raysfield Infant School

Raysfield Junior School

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Federation Newsletter - SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new academic year! Here at Team Raysfield we sincerely hope you had a great summer break and are looking forward to a new and exciting year with us.

We are very much looking forward to working with you this year. We would like to introduce you to our new team of teachers, and tell you more about the changes we have made, and the school priorities we have for this academic year at our Expectations Evening Event. Please see details below.

You are invited to an

EXPECTATIONS EVENING FOR THE INFANTS AND JUNIORS

THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER at 5:30 – 6:30pm on our Junior site.

Our Expectations Evening will include an introduction to our team, an outline of our school federation priorities and an opportunity to visit your child's class, including a presentation from the class teacher about year group specific topics and routines. **An information leaflet will be produced for those of you who cannot attend or have siblings and will need to choose which class to visit.**



Staff update

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Sarah Thomas to Raysfield. Miss Thomas has joined us from another school in South Gloucestershire where she was acting Head Teacher. Miss Thomas and Miss Sheppard will work side by side with each other over the following year as our Associate Head teachers. They will both lead developments over our Infant and Junior sites. Mrs Lamb left our school last Friday, following 20 years in the admin office to start an exciting new job opportunity. We thank her for her contributions to Raysfield and wish her well in the future.

Please look at the website for all key dates for the academic year – all main events have now been added and we will be updating the website frequently.

Future Communications

Effective lines of communication with our parents and carers is very important to us. This year we wanted to make it clear to you what to expect. We will be communicating in the following ways.

 Class Dojo This is an app, which will be updated weekly by class teachers. We will use it to communicate with you about what is going on in the classroom and wider school. Please do speak with your child's class teacher if you are not signed up. You will be able to write comments and brief messages, but it is not a platform for a complaint or an important message for a teacher.	Email If you would like to write to any member of staff please use the following email address office@raysfieldfederation.org.uk Staff will reply using this email address.	Newsletters These will be issued monthly. They will be emailed to you on the first Monday of every month. Please ensure the school has the correct email address for you in order to receive the monthly newsletter. They will also be posted on the school's website.	Face to Face We are also available for face to face meetings and phone calls. Our office staff will be happy to arrange either. Infants - 01454 867140 or Juniors 01454 866795 	School Website Our Website has been updated during the holidays and it is a great place to find out about the school. It is where our policies are shared; information about governors meetings is on there and it will explain our ethos, values, approaches as well as information about standards and Ofsted. https://www.raysfieldschoolsfederation.org.uk/
In addition to this, there will be Parent Consultation Evenings and other events where we can share what is happening within Raysfield. Communication is very important to us and it will be reviewed throughout the year to ensure it is meeting the needs of our community.				

OPEN DAY EVENTS

Do you know somebody starting school? Would like to find out a little more about our wonderful setting? If yes, please do come along to our Open school events for prospective new parents on:

Tuesday 8th October at 10:00 – 11:00 am

Tuesday 8th October at 6:00 – 7:00pm

Wednesday 6th November at 10:00 – 11:00am

To book a place please contact office@raysfieldfederation.org.uk, or telephone 01454 867140, and let us know how many people will be attending.

POLITE NOTICE: Year 6 hoodies

We do not allow our Year 6 pupils to wear these until the Summer Term.

They are allowed to wear them for PE lessons outside so they can keep warm, but they will be politely asked to remove them if they wear them as part of their daily uniform inside our school. Outdoor PE is on a Friday. Thank you.

School Meals

The new catering provider has cooked some wonderful meals and the children are very excited about the new experience. We do understand, in this initial stage, there may be some teething problems, but please bear with us. The long-term gain is that your children will be provided with a wide range of high quality hot meals throughout the year.

Many thanks for your patience.

