



Raysfield Infant School

Raysfield Junior School

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## Federation Newsletter - OCTOBER

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to begin our second newsletter by thanking all parents who managed to attend our successful Expectations Evening towards the end of September. We will be making this an annual event and next year, in response to your feedback, we will put on a crèche in order to make it possible for more of you to come. You should have all received a letter containing the information that teachers shared at the meeting. Please do speak with your child's class teacher, if you have not received this. In addition, our leadership team shared some important messages too, below is a summary of our presentation:

This year we will be working hard to bring our schools together and work as one. There are huge benefits for all our children if we bring our resources and expertise together. We have already spent our INSET days developing a new philosophy and approach to learning. We firmly believe that learning should be purposeful and fun – this is what makes it stick!

All topics will include three key elements, which we believe will not only secure writing, reading and maths skills, but also develop them as confident young people who make positive contributions to their community.



It is imperative our pupils understand what skills are involved in learning and how they learn best.

We want our learning to be current and linked to real world issues, important values and concepts which make us good global citizens.

We feel learning has to have purpose and we want to give our children opportunities to contribute positively to our local area through interesting projects.



Please do ask your children about their JIGSAW lessons. This is a new lesson for Raysfield too. It is a way of teaching our children personal and social education, with a mindfulness element and it is great fun with lots of games to connect children and understand behaviours better. It has already had a positive impact on how pupils treat each other.

### **Homework**

We have slimmed homework down to the core areas that truly help your children to learn: core facts for number; reading and talking about stories and spellings.

### **Attendance and punctuality.**

We have set ourselves a high, but achievable target of 97%.

Both sites will open their doors at 8:45, please ensure you are punctual. Attendance is an area where we could improve and with our new curriculum approach there is no reason why anybody would want to miss school.

We are encouraging you all to sign up to Class Dojo this year. It will be a great way of keeping in touch with your child's learning, accessing the homework as we move to using less paper and you will also be able to use the messaging aspect to communicate brief messages to class teachers.



**POLITE NOTICE:** Please respect our neighbours request and **do not** park in the Doddington Parish car park.



### **LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR OPPORTUNITY**

Are you interested in working with children in our setting? Do you enjoy setting up play spaces and encouraging team games?

**We need you!**

Please do call into our main school office on the junior site to collect an information pack about the position. **Post starts 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **Parent consultation evenings – APPOINTMENTS OPEN TOMORROW**

Appointments to meet with your child's class teacher, review their learning and see how they have settled into their new year group will be available to make from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

You are all welcome to join us to celebrate thankfulness at our Harvest festivals this year. We will be holding two festivals.

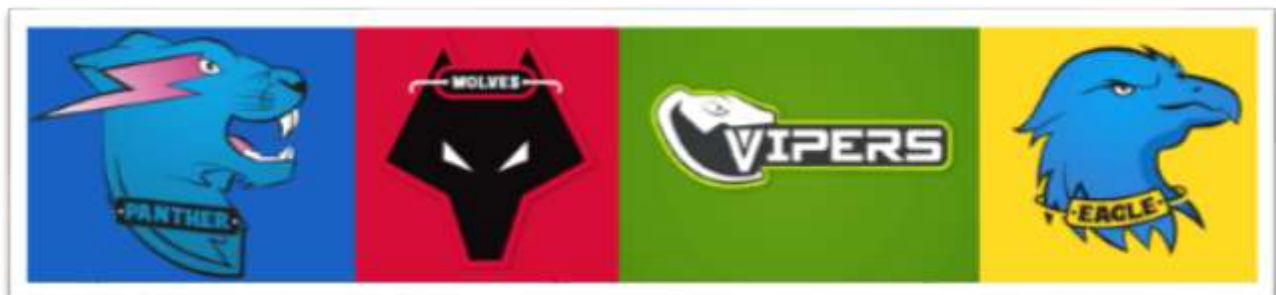
Our Infant festival will be on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00am** in our Infant hall.  
Our Junior festival will be on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00am** in our Junior hall.  
Over the next two weeks we will be collecting for our local foodbank. Any tinned or long life items will be gratefully received.



### GENTLE REMINDER

**We do not allow dogs onto our school grounds at any time of day.**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new House Captains. They performed excellent speeches and have already proved to be wonderful role models for other children at our school.



#### Panthers

Hali-Mai & Owen

#### Wolves

Bella and Jake V

#### Vipers

Daisy & Charlie

#### Eagles

Mitchell & Macey