



Newsletter 1: September 2019

We are well underway with the new school year and everyone has started the year positively.

Thank you to everyone who attended our meet the teacher meetings, I hope they gave you an insight into your child's new class routines.

Year 1 hosted our first Stay and ... session of the year on Friday 20th September. The children were proud to share their work with their parents. All other year groups have their Stay and ... sessions planned so please look on the calendar for these and wait for your invite from the class.

We sent out the home school agreement on Monday 16th September 2019. Please make sure you sign and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

As I mentioned in my first letter of the year we are looking for parents to volunteer to support a new parent group who will raise funds for the school and be the liaison between parents and the school. If you are interested in finding out more about this please leave your details at the school office.

A final reminder that we will be having celebration assemblies again this year to celebrate the children's work and efforts. The first of these will be taking place on Monday 14th October. Please look out for a letter from school inviting you to this.

Miss. Bulpett, Headteacher.



Absence

Please remember to call the absence line 01895 632 895 option 1 on days 1, 3 and 5 giving full details for the reason for absence.

If you request an early collection or late arrival for your child you will be asked for details of the reasons including proof of any appointments.

OCTOBER 2019:

Thursday 3rd: 9:00 AM Redwood Class Assembly (Parents welcome)
Autumn School Census lunch

Friday 4th: 9:00 AM Year 3 Maple Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)
2:00 PM Year 3 Willow Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)

Tuesday 8th: Year 1 Local Walk

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th – Young Shakespeare 'Macbeth' Workshop

Monday 14th: Celebration Assemblies (Pre-Invited Parents to attend)

- Reception & KS1 at 9.00 AM

- Year 3 & Year 4 at 10.00 AM

- Year 5 & Year 6 at 11.00 AM

Tuesday 15th: Parent Consultations [**SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1.15 PM**]

Wednesday 16th: 9:00 AM Prospective Early Years 2020 Parents Open Day

Friday 18th: END OF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSING NORMAL TIME

2.00 PM Cake Sale

Monday 21st – Friday 25th – HALF TERM

Monday 28th: All Pupils Return

Wednesday 30th: Year 4 Festival Learning (Egyptian)

Thursday 31st: 9:00 AM Ash Class Assembly (Parents welcome)

NOVEMBER 2019:

Friday 1st: 9:00 AM Year 6 Elm Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)
2:00 PM Year 6 Redwood Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)

Wednesday 6th: 9:00 AM Prospective Parents Open Day

Thursday 7th: 9:00 AM Year 4 Sycamore Class Assembly (Parents welcome)
Year 5 & 6 Millfield Theatre Trip

Friday 8th: 9:00 AM Year 5 Oak Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)
2:00 PM Year 5 Ash Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)

Tuesday 12th: Book Bus visiting

Thursday 14th: 9:00 AM Year 4 Birch Class Assembly (Parents welcome)

Friday 15th: Children In Need

Friday 15th – Thursday 21st: Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 22nd: 9:00 AM Year 4 Sycamore Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)
2:00 PM Year 4 Birch Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)

Friday 29th: 9:00 AM Year 5 Oak Class Assembly (Parents welcome)

[Dates may occasionally be subject to change, please regularly check the school calendar. We will communicate any amendments]

100% Attendance Special Mentions

Congratulations to **Birch Year 4** for achieving 100% attendance for the week ending 20th September. Keep up the good work.

Well done also to **Bluebell Reception** and **Cedar Year 2** who have both achieved 100% attendance for the week ending 13th September, a great start well done!

Safeguarding Communication

If you have any safeguarding concerns which you would like to raise confidentially, please either arrange to meet with one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads or send an email to safeguarding@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk. This confidential account is only accessed by the school's four Designated Safeguarding Leads who are:



Miss. Bulpett
Headteacher



Miss. O'Neill
Deputy Headteacher



Miss Elsworth
Learning Mentor



Mrs. Wilson
Inclusion Assistant



SAVE THE DATE...

Friends of Ruislip Gardens School
Ruislip Gardens School

Fireworks Extravaganza

5th November 2019

Tickets available via Parent Pay soon! 



Download your copy of the **School admissions** September 2020 brochure

Secondary School Applications – September 2020

Year 6 Parents/Carers you will have now received information with details of how to apply for your child's secondary school place. Further information can also be found on the Hillingdon Admissions website: <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary> or that of your local Borough for Non Hillingdon Residents.

Deadline for applications is: **Thursday 31st October 2019**

Primary School Applications – September 2020

Online applications are now open for **Nursery** children born between **1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016** to apply for their Primary school Reception place.

Further information can also be found on the Hillingdon Admissions website: <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary> or that of your local Borough for Non Hillingdon Residents.

Deadline for applications is: **Wednesday 15th January 2020**

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Stockwell in the School office.



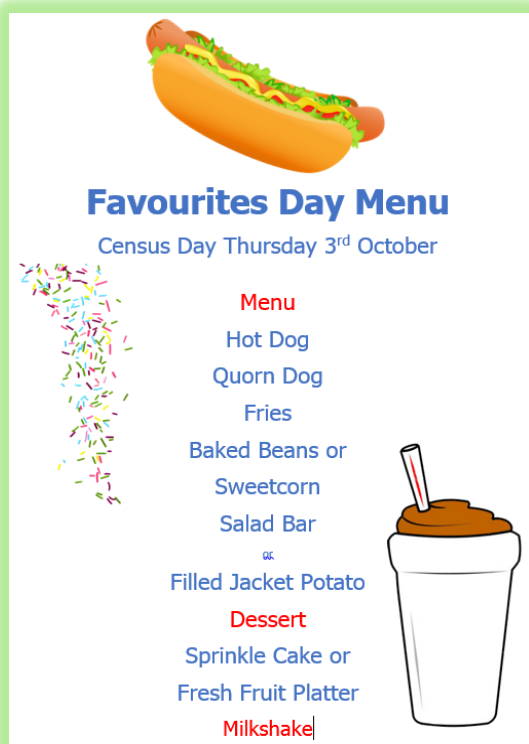
Aldi supermarket have teamed up with team GB 'GET SET to eat fresh' and are offering a chance for schools to receive new sports kits and a chance to win £20,000! Customers will receive a stamp when spending £30, which we are kindly asking you hand to your child's class teacher. We need 300 stamps to qualify, I'm sure that together we can reach that. Thank you for your continued support, Miss Keene.

School Census Lunch – Thursday 3rd October

Children will have the option to choose from a 'Favourites Day Menu' for the school census lunch on **Thursday 3rd October**.

We encourage as many children as possible to take up school lunch on this day as Ruislip Gardens receive funding from the borough.

If you think your child is entitled to free school meals please visit the office for an application form.



Favourites Day Menu
Census Day Thursday 3rd October

Menu

- Hot Dog
- Quorn Dog
- Fries
- Baked Beans or Sweetcorn
- Salad Bar
- or
- Filled Jacket Potato
- Dessert**
- Sprinkle Cake or Fresh Fruit Platter
- Milkshake**

Parking



We continue to work closely with the local authority and our community with regards to parking. A polite reminder that should you need to park a vehicle for drop off or collection that we ask you to:

- *Not park on the yellow zig zags - the local authority have installed cameras and you will be issued with a ticket if you park on the zig zags within the restricted time frame*
- *Not to park over neighbours driveways*
- *Not to park on pavements*
- *Not to park in disabled bays*
- *To make use of the drop off zone if your child is in KS2*
- *Please avoid leaving your engines running when possible in order to reduce pollution for the children and community*

Thank you to those who continue to park considerately.

If you have not yet, please do sign up for one of our Parent Parking Pledge stickers! It is wonderful to see so many of our parent community taking an active role in this and displaying their car stickers proudly!

To sign up for the pledge, please access via the link below and you will receive your car sticker. Please do pledge your support!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjOKwGis-PkgO_ULubkvsoMBUMaRBqFAwcz4c5MvXI_GlqXA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Welfare News

We will be using a new electronic system called 'Medical Tracker' to record injury, illness and the administration of prescribed medication in school. Email alerts will be sent to the priority 1 contact to advise you of first aid treatment or medication your child may have received during the day at school. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. Reminders for expired medication will also be sent via email from September 2019.

Please let a member of the Welfare Team know if there are any changes to your child's medication that is held in school, all medication should be dropped off and collected via the main school office. Any medication that has expired and not collected will be disposed of safely.

The Community School Nurse Team will visit the Reception children for vision and hearing and height and weight screening, the date has not yet been confirmed and further details will be sent to the Parents/Carers of Reception children.

Please name **all uniform items** especially logo items, the lost property trolley is displayed in the main playground before and after school. There are a number of unnamed plastic water bottles, please check the trolley if your child has misplaced something.

Second hand uniform is also available to purchase via the office.

Family Support Volunteers Needed Help Change a Family's Life!



Home-Start Hillingdon needs volunteers to visit struggling families in Hillingdon

- Are you a parent or grandparent? With 3 - 4 hours per week to spare?
- Are you looking for a new challenge?
- Do you know someone else who might be interested?

As a parent you'll know just how difficult it can be. Parents supporting other parents: it's a simple idea that really works. Why not use your experience & skills to help families in Hillingdon?

Volunteers visit a family in their own home every week to give support, friendship and practical help. As a volunteer you have such a huge impact in helping families cope when they are finding things really difficult. Professionals like Health Visitors and Children's Centres refer families to us, recognising the difference we can make to issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances. Full training, support and out of pocket expenses are provided.

Our next volunteer preparation course is starting on the 3rd October 2019.

The 10-session course takes place over 5 weeks, running on a Thursday and Friday, from 9.45am to 14.30pm, with a break over the October half term

If you would like to find out more, please call 01895 252804

Or Email: office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk

Find out more about us - www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk



The new school website is almost ready to be revealed.

Much work has gone into making a more user friendly platform for parents.

Aspiring Authors



During the summer term the current Year 6 children took part in a writing competition for Young Writers.

14,000 children entered the competition across the country and Ruislip Gardens were lucky enough to have 24 children chosen from the year group to have their story published in a book. It is with great pride that I congratulate: *Callum, Alina, Supriya, Hannah, Megan, Alisha, Alfie, Tyla, Bayley, Mahad, Kalina* and *Ava* from Elm class and *Isabel, Elena, Lily, Kara, Matteo, Daniel, Efrem, Ana, Nicholas, Dylan, Chase, and Ralph* in Redwood Class.

I wish you all the success with your future adventures in writing. Keep up the hard work. Miss Quickenden.

Harvest Collection



On Monday 23rd September we enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Celebration. As we are thinking about those who are less fortunate than us who may struggle to feed their families we asked for the children to make a donation to the Uxbridge Foodbank. On Wednesday this week we were delighted to be able to donate 29 bags filled to the brim.



Hillingdon in Bloom

We gained highly commended in the annual Hillingdon in Bloom competition held at the Great Barn, Ruislip on Saturday 21st September.

Thanks to the Year 5 girls Grace and Saranshi who helped plant it for all their hard work.



Nursery

We have now welcomed all our new starters in to Nursery and we are so impressed with how well they have settled. We have been enjoying exploring Nursery Rhymes. We started with Incy Wincy Spider and looked at spiders and how they make webs. We then sang Miss Polly had a Dolly and learnt all about the roles of doctors. We are now having some fun with Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow and finding out about Harvest and healthy eating. The children have been building relationships as well as having fun exploring activities in our inside and outside area.

Reception

The Reception children have had a brilliant start to their year. They have been learning everything about being in Bluebell and Snowdrop class and everyone has had a wonderful time exploring their new learning areas. The children have settled in well and are becoming more confident in their new routines. The children have begun to learn some new phonics sounds, and will continue to learn 4 new sounds each week. The Reception team want to thank all the parents and carers for their support already this year.

Year 1



Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the year! The children have settled in well and have shown great enthusiasm for our topic 'All About Me'. It has been wonderful finding out lots of different facts about the children through their autobiographies. Our Art topic has inspired some lovely, colourful masterpieces. We have been studying portraits and looking at the vibrant pieces of work Picasso produced. We used pastels and paints to create happy portraits! In English, we have been learning about instructional writing. Year 1 loved following instructions to create their very own 'Spoon-ees'. We have also enjoyed reading the text, 'A piece of cake'. We decided to encourage Mrs Large and her family to eat more healthily and created fruit kebabs. The children then wrote a set of instructions. Please come and see us if you'd like to make your own!



Year 2

The children in Year 2 are immersing themselves in our London topic. It is wonderful to hear the knowledge they have about London along with planned trips to the capital with their families. The models of the city's landmarks they have made as one of the homework tasks are very impressive indeed! The children have been working hard to improve their handwriting, challenge themselves in Maths and read every day too. We are looking forward to the year ahead.

Year 3

What a busy start to Year 3 we have had! The children have been working extremely hard and have settled into their new classrooms extremely well. In English, we have been reading Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' and both classes have really enjoyed imagining all the gruesome, cruel tricks Mr and Mrs Twit have been playing on each other. We have been working very hard creating different pieces of writing using the Twits such as, a narrative, a character description and a letter of complaint. In maths, we have been deepening our knowledge of place value. The children have been understanding the value of three digit numbers, comparing and ordering three digit numbers. We have used our knowledge from these lessons to try and complete a tricky investigation involving three digit numbers.

Not only all of this, we have been really enjoying our topic of Stone Age to Iron Age and in Science, we have been learning about rocks.

At the end of the half term, Year 3 will be organising and running the first cake sale of the school year. We are looking forward to decorating some cakes together and are hoping to sell a lot of them!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the academic year! In English, the children have been enjoying reading and exploring James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. We have started our swimming lessons and look forward to continuing these every Tuesday.

Did you know enamel is the hardest substance in the human body? Well, we have been learning this and more and have written some fantastic explanation texts on how to keep your teeth healthy. We also took part in an experiment to see how a variety of drinks effect our teeth, using egg shells!

Year 5

Year 5 have had a successful start to their new school year and have launched themselves into this terms Space topic. We are currently enjoying the class reading book, Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce, where we are discovering the adventures of Liam Digby and how he sort of accidentally ends up in space. We have started to explore Earth and

Space through our Science lessons and look forward to visiting galaxies far, far, far away during our Space Probe Design and Technology lessons. To help us complete our Space Probe project we would kindly like to ask all parents/carers to start collecting junk modelling, which the children may be able to use to create and complete their models.

Year 6

Year 6 have immersed themselves this year in a world of different biomes. They have been looking at a wide variety of sources such as Shackleton's Journey by William Grill, Holes by Louis Sachar and researching a variety of different landscapes. The children this term have enjoyed looking at the different climate and habitats that animals live in, and they have applied this to their writing this term. Year 6 will soon be moving towards creating their own shelters in DT!