

Newsletter 2: October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Autumn term. We have a lot of exciting things planned for this half term so please keep checking the calendar for updates.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening and thank you for your feedback via the parent questionnaire, we really appreciate the feedback you gave us.

The school has an exciting opportunity for you, we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This is a great way to get more involved with the school at a strategic level and learn more about the journey we are on. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor then please send an email to our clerk of Governors, Rebecca Wilson rwilson@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk with a brief explanation about your experience and why you would like to become a parent Governor. Rebecca will arrange a meeting with myself and the Chair of Governors, Eddie Lavery.



Frogs are organising a fantastic fireworks event next week, I hope to see you all there with your raffle tickets ready to win a fantastic prize.

Miss Bulpett, Headteacher.

Payment Deadlines

Just a reminder that trip payment deadlines are as follows:

- ✓ Year 5 & Year 6 – Millfield Theatre Shakespeare Trip
(OUTSTANDING: due 30th September)
- ✓ Year 4 – Residential 2nd Payment of £50.00 Instalment
(Due Friday 15th November)
- ✓ Year 6 – Residential 3rd Payment of £50.00 Deadline
(Due Friday 15th November)

The School Office

Reminder that the school office hours are: **8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

During these times you can contact us in person, by phone, in writing or via email.

Office emails will be monitored periodically throughout the day, therefore any urgent messages need to be phoned through or given in person to the school. If the phone is not answered please leave a voice message.

The office has monitors who deliver messages to classes at **10:30am** and **12:30pm**. If you have a message for the class please make sure these are given to the office by 12:15pm.

We cannot guarantee messages received after this time will be passed on; this includes changes to collection of a child at the end of the day.

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)

Tuesday 5th: FROGS Fireworks Night

Wednesday 6th: 9:00 AM Prospective Parents Open Day
: 14:30 Y1 Festival of Learning (Parents welcome)
: Bag2School bag drop off deadline

Thursday 7th: 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 – Non Uniform day for £1 donation

Friday 15th – Thursday 21st: Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 21st: Y4 & Y5 Cinema Trip

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)
: Y3 & Y6 Cinema Trip

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

DECEMBER 2019:

Tuesday 3rd: 9:00 AM EYFS Christmas Play

Wednesday 4th: 1:00 PM EYFS Christmas Play

Thursday 5th: Y3 & Y4 Carol Service, St. Paul's Church, Ruislip Manor

Monday 9th: 9:00 AM Reception Bluebell class Post Office visit

Tuesday 10th: 9:15 AM KS1 Christmas Play
: 1:00 PM Reception Snowdrop class Post Office visit

Wednesday 11th: 2:00 PM KS1 Christmas Play

Thursday 12th: Y5 & Y6 Carol Service, St. Paul's Church, Ruislip Manor

Friday 13th: Whole School Christmas Jumper day
Christmas Lunch Day
2:30 PM Cake Sale

Monday 16th: Celebration Assemblies (Pre-Invited Parents to attend)
- Reception & KS1 at 9.00 AM
- Y3 & Y4 at 10.00 AM
- Y5 & Y6 at 11.00 AM
Nasal Flu Vaccine

Wednesday 18th: Whole School Christmas Parties

Thursday 19th: **END OF TERM: SCHOOL CLOSING @ 1.30PM**

Friday 20th – Friday 3rd January: **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED**
[Dates may occasionally be subject to change, please regularly check the school calendar. We will communicate any amendments]

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

FROGS and everyone at Ruislip Gardens Primary School look forward to seeing you at the Fireworks Extravaganza on:

Tuesday 5th November 2019



Don't forget to get your raffle tickets as there are some amazing prizes up for grabs



Gold level accreditation 2019

The Junior Road Safety Officers: Alisha, Dylan, Matteo and Isabel - have been working tirelessly over the last year promoting road safety awareness with our pupils and community.

We are immensely proud of their dedication and we are delighted to announce that they have been awarded a gold standard for the next three years for their vision and hard work.

A new kitemark will be on the bottom of our letters - please look out for it!

Attendance Award Winners Year 2019/2020:

Whole school attendance to date = **97.4%**
Thank you for your support with this.

Congratulations to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance over the term so far - fantastic. The following pupils were the winners of the attendance raffle prize draw:

EYFS&Y1 - Arushi & Lyla / Y3&Y4 - Amy / Y5&Y6 - Louie

Well done also to **Sycamore** class who have achieved **98.6%** and **Elder** class who have achieved **98.5%** attendance so far this term - well done!

Sports News

The football team played their first match against Frithwood Primary on Wednesday 2nd October. Unfortunately we lost 5-2 but all the boys played well and kept a smile on their faces. Goal scorers were Ronnie and Ralph. Man of the match was Alfie.

RGS Netball team took on Deanesfield at home on Wednesday 30th October. The team showed great sportsmanship, tenacity and teamwork during their first ever matches. Unfortunately we lost both matches but it was still an enjoyable experience for the girls.



Primary School Applications – September 2019

Parents of **Nursery** children born between **1st September 2015** and **31st August 2016** must now 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**

Any questions please contact Mrs. Stockwell in the School office.

The Book Bus



The Book Bus will be visiting us on: **Tuesday 12th November 2019**

Each class will receive an allocated time to visit the Book Bus during the school day. Parents are welcome to visit after school for anyone to visit.

The sale of books generates commission for the school to spend on books for the curriculum and the school library.

Children in Need – Non Uniform Day



BBC Children in Need fundraising day is: **Friday 15th November 2019**

Children will be asked to bring a donation of **£1 cash** in return for wearing spots or bright coloured own clothes to participate in BBC's Children in Need. All proceeds will go to the charity and there will be a chance for children to win Pudsey prizes throughout the day.



Your child will have brought home a Bag2School refuse sack earlier this week.

Please return your bags to the school office by: **Wednesday 6th November**

The school PTA receives payment depending on the weight of the bags and previous collections have been a successful fundraiser for the school. Items acceptable for refuse include clothes, blankets, paired shoes, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels.

Poppy Appeal 2019

Poppies and other merchandise will be available for sale before and after school in the back playground from

Monday 4th November

More details will be sent about details of merchandise on offer.



Welfare News

Medical tracker - 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.



Packed lunches from home

Important reminder: We are a 'No Nuts' school. There are pupils with severe allergies

Asthma Friendly School Award - Ruislip Gardens Primary have once again been awarded this status from the Hillingdon Paediatric Nurse Team. Mrs Thompson and Mrs White are the school asthma champions, please keep them updated of any changes of your child's medication or asthma management plan.



Prescribed Medication - Please hand in and collect via the main office. If your child's medication is due to expire you will receive an electronic notification. If there are any problems obtaining replacement medication that is required as part of a NHS Care Plan please keep the welfare team updated. Expired medication can be collected via the office.



Colder weather - Please make sure that your child has a weather appropriate coat or jacket labelled clearly with their name on.

Nursery

We have really enjoyed our first half term investigating different Nursery Rhymes. We had lots of fun investigating with eggs whilst learning about Humpty Dumpty. We saw what happens to eggs when they fall on a hard surface. We investigated which material we could put down to stop Humpty from cracking. We also enjoyed boiling eggs and seeing what happened to them when they were cooked. We have been practicing putting our coats on independently and have been learning about the importance of daily routines such as brushing our teeth and washing.

Reception

What a fantastic term in Reception! We have been on a Bear Hunt, both in the classroom and in forest school. Everyone was delighted when we found our own puddle of thick oozy mud to play with. In maths we have looked at how to make pictograms and made our own Smarties colour graphs. Then of course we all had a couple of Smarties to eat. We have enjoyed going to the music room to explore beat and rhythm. We also created our own music to accompany the Bear Hunt story. In our ICT lessons we have learnt how to use and manipulate the mouse to create pictures and play interactive games.

As you can see it has been a busy time for us and we are looking forward to the next term with all the exciting things we will be doing.

Year 1



Our book 'Stanley Stick' has really helped to inspire our imagination and writing! During Forest School, the children were set the challenge of finding a stick and transforming it into a new object. Golf clubs, flutes, wands, ice creams and snakes were just some of the wonderful inventions that the children came up with. We then used our new objects to recreate new adventures for Stanley. Year 1 have also enjoyed exploring the local area and finding ways in which we can keep safe. We spotted a variety of different houses including flats, bungalows, semi-detached and caravans. Thank you to all of our parent helpers who joined us on our walk.

Year 2

Year 2 are proving to be such wonderful scientists, poets and artists too!

We asked the question; do humans get faster as they get older? After predicting the answer we conducted a fair test. A child, teenager and an adult ran around a circuit in the playground. What do you think the result was?

In English we wrote letters to Her Majesty, the Queen using formal language and informing her about our learning this term. We also wrote and performed repetitive poems, these included such imaginative ideas and were such fun to perform.

It was interesting to learn about the artist Lowry and that he only used five colours to paint with. We practised mixing with those colours and then painted London and some of its well-known landmarks.



Year 3



Year 3 have continued to stay busy with our first stay and read session at the beginning of the month to our cake sale before half term. Both of which were huge successes. There was a positive atmosphere during 'stay and read' the children were delighted to show parents an insight to reading and comprehension at school. We were amazed at the amount of cakes donated and baked for our cake sale. The children took pride in selling cakes and they did extremely well with calculating the costs, counting in 50's during maths has helped! We raised a whopping £422, thank you to everyone for your support.

In English the children had a giggle while we were performing poetry, they used the voices and body to create tone and effect.

Year 4

Year 4 really enjoyed learning all about the Egyptians this half term. One of the highlights of the term was our mummification of soft toys. We learnt all about mummification and then mummified our soft toys using natron, potpourri and bandages. Year 4 also made a moving scarecrow out of a cam and wood.



Year 5



It has been a busy half term for Year 5. We have explored Space: learning about the different phases of the moon, why we have night and day, which planets are the biggest and researched and created our own space probes! We finished reading our class book Cosmic and discovered that listening to our teacher's instructions can ensure that we do not get lost in space and remembering what we have been taught can help us get back safely!

On our way back from Space we accidentally entered a black hole and travelled back in time to the Elizabethan Era and entered the Shakespearean world of Macbeth. The children really enjoyed taking part in the Macbeth workshop and they are looking forward to their theatre trip later in the year.

Year 6

Year 6 finished their DT projects at the end of last term, this involved the children building shelters out of different materials and then testing it to see which shelter was best designed. Year 6 enjoyed working as part of a team during a Heathrow Cargo Challenge, whereby, the children helped Heathrow deliver aid to a natural disaster by choosing what cargo to send, getting the cargo to the airport sustainably, designing and writing a code to get the cargo to the planes efficiently. This term, Year 6 have started to immerse themselves with learning about the exploration of The British Empire. The children have started to investigate North American artwork, and identified the different patterns and the reasons behind their paintings. Soon to come, year 6 will have a Stay and Read session on Friday 1st November where children and parents can explore a range of reading activities. Thank you for your continued support and we will keep you updated with more to come!