



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the year. I hope you have all managed to have a read through the Ofsted report which was sent out last week. As a school we are all delighted with the outcome and are looking forward to continuing the success. We will be holding a celebration event on Wednesday 10th July. There is more information in the newsletter about this.

I would like to share some information with you about what is happening in the new school year in order to prepare you.

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to talk to you about the staff that will sadly be leaving us in July and the staff that will be joining us in September. This year we will be saying goodbye to some teachers who have played an integral role in this school's success. They have been incredibly dedicated to the school and have taught the children with enthusiasm, vigour and passion. I would like to say a huge thank you to:

- Mrs Gibson, who has been at the school for 14 years and will be continuing her career in education at a school in Northwood.
- Mrs Cox, who joined the school in September 2017. She will be moving to a promotion at a school in Harrow.
- Mrs Underwood, who joined in September will be leaving the school in order to spend more time with her family.
- Miss Williams, who joined us at the beginning of this academic year. She will be returning home to Canada.
- Miss Roper, who also joined us at the beginning of this academic year, will be leaving us in July.

Mrs Sheldrake and Miss Hatton will both be on maternity leave in September. We wish them and their families the best of luck and look forward to meeting their new arrivals. Mrs Price will also be leaving us in July. She has worked at Ruislip Gardens for over 5 years with a number of children and will now be taking a well-deserved rest and enjoying her retirement.

I would like to welcome our new and returning members of staff for September. All of whom will be in school before the end of term to meet the children:

- Mr Ali, who will be joining us from a school in Slough and teaching in Year 6
- Mrs Lambert, who joins us from a school in Central London and will also be teaching in Year 6
- Mrs Sheriff, who will be joining us from a school in Hounslow and teaching in Year 5
- Miss Coburn, who was a student teacher with us in the Spring term and has already started working in school this half term
- Miss Codrington-Virtue, who will be joining us on 10th July
- Mrs Le Fevre, who is returning from maternity leave on 8th July
- Mrs Khunan, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, will be working throughout the school and has already started this term.

Class transition will be taking place on **Wednesday 17th July**. This is when the children will get to meet their new teacher and class. The classes will be mixed up again this year. The children have been asked to give a list of 5 friends to their teachers to look through when allocating classes.

The school will be selling stationery packs for all the children in Years 3-6. These will include all the essentials needed to start the new school year as well as handwriting and whiteboard pens. Children will still be able to bring their own pencil cases to put their stationery packs in. We will be sending out a form for parents to fill in to order the stationery packs and we will also be providing a stationery refill service which will enable you to buy single products to top up when equipment runs low. Stationery will then be available when the children return in September. More information will be coming out about this soon.

Our new website will be ready to launch in July. We are all very excited about this and have made sure it is up to date with all the information you need. Thank you to everyone who had an input into helping with this.

Miss Bulpett.

Whole school attendance to date = **95.9%**

(This is an improvement on this time last year however we aim to achieve over 96%)

Congratulations to **Year 5 Ash** class who are the winners of the Spring Term Attendance cup.



As a school we will be celebrating our Good Ofsted judgement on: **Wednesday 10th July.**

In the morning the children will be celebrating with a variety of activities organised for them.

At **12:15pm** we will be having our Family Festival, where families are welcome to join us. We will open the gates at 12:15pm and release the children to you to enjoy some food, fun and games.

We will be providing a BBQ for anyone who wants to purchase food. The afternoon will finish at 3pm. More details will follow in the coming weeks.



JULY 2019:

Monday 1st July: Year 5 British Museum Trip

Tuesday 2nd: KS1 Sports day (AM) **Parents welcome to attend**
: Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 3rd: KS2 Sports day (AM) **Parents welcome to attend**
: Reception The Lookout Discovery Centre Trip

Thursday 4th: Year 1 & Year 2 Whipsande Zoo Trip

Monday 8th: STEM day

Tuesday 9th July: 1.30 PM Year 6 Production
7.00 PM Year 6 Production

Wednesday 10th: 12.00 PM Summer Festival

Friday 12th: End of Year Reports to Parent/Carers

Monday 15th: Celebration Assemblies (**Pre-Invited Parents to attend**)
- Reception & KS1 at 9.00 AM
- KS2 at 11.00 AM

Tuesday 16th July: 6.30 PM Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 19th: LAST DAY OF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30 PM

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



Unfortunately, we are seeing a rise in behavioural issues deriving from mobile phone usage out of school. Please check your child's phone regularly to ensure that they are using it safely and appropriately. Bear in mind that many apps have a higher age rating than you would expect plus there is often a messaging service within. Security settings should be tight so that you can control who can message or view your child's content.

Please also discuss how your child creates a digital footprint every time they use their phone, and despite deleting photographs, messages, videos etc., they are often retrievable.

Careful consideration should take place before your child shares photographs and videos of their peers - do they have that child's permission to share the content? Other children's personal details should **never** be released online whether it's on an app or when using a messaging service such as Whatsapp.

Discussions should also include how your child should present and conduct themselves online. Year 6 children who bring a mobile phone to school must give their handset to the office prior to walking to the playground. The office have provided named labels which should be attached to the mobile phone at all times.



KS1 Sports Day: Tuesday 2nd July 2019 9:15 – 12:00
KS2 Sports Day: Wednesday 3rd July 2019 9:15 – 12:00
(Please note times are approximate and may vary.)

If the weather is not on our side and we need to cancel due to safety, we will inform parents at the earliest opportunity.

Children are encouraged to wear their house colours and trainers.
Come to school dressed in full uniform.

Don't forget water bottles, hat and apply sun cream before arriving.

Please remember this is RGS sports day and not the Olympics, encourage and support everyone.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Keene.

Additional News



KS2 Spotty Bag

Girls in KS2 (Year 3 and up) are able to purchase a RGS spotty green satchels to be used as their school bag. These are available to purchase via ParentPay at a cost of £9.00 each.

If you wish to purchase a satchel you can make payment via ParentPay now and then collect the bag from the school office.

Please note that children in KS1 (Reception – to - Year 2) must continue to use the RGS book bag.

Boys may choose to bring a rucksack of their choice or to purchase a plain black rucksack, available from our uniform suppliers; Adams School wear in Ruislip Manor and Kevin's School Wear in Pinner.



During Wellbeing week, all the children from Nursery to Year 6 took part in thinking about how we can ensure we keep our bodies and minds healthy. The children benefited from external visitors, cooking activities, mediation activities, circle times, team building games and physical activities.

The Junior Road Safety Officers launched their competition, with all children having the opportunity to enter over the next few weeks. Children from Nursery to Year 2 will all have chance to take the class Walking Bear home and write in the diary. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 will all be given a watch pedometer each day for a week to see who can do the most steps.

We would be grateful of any plimsolls your child may have outgrown as we require lots for spares particularly for KS2 children, particularly larger size 3, 4, 5 & 6.



Also we require tissues, as the hay fever season approaches classes are rapidly using up the supplies, please hand them into your child's class teacher thank you.



Drop Off Zone

Please can we remind parents/carers, who use the Zone, to drive as far up the Zone as possible before children exit vehicles; that children must exit on the left side of the car/green side of the Zone and parents must not exit the vehicles. If cars have child locks that can only be deactivated from outside the vehicle, a member of staff can open the door.

Drop Off Smell

We have had several complaints about a bad smell in the drop off zone. This comes from the plant *Virburnum* "Tinus". The odour occurs when there is warmth in the ground and it rains. It would not be appropriate to remove the bushes and we want to reassure you that that it is not unhygienic.

Tooth Decay in Under 5's



The London Assembly has just released a report detailing that by the age of five, over a quarter of London's children are suffering from tooth decay.

They are making a number of recommendations to help improve child dental health, including raising awareness that in fact, dental care is FREE for children. They're also recommending every child should see a dentist by age one.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>

Safeguarding

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. Cox
Safeguarding and Inclusion
Lead



Mrs. Wilson
Safeguarding and Inclusion
Assistant

Punctuality and Attendance

Please do read to re-familiarise yourself with the procedures



Absence reporting

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS
Every Minute
in School Counts



Please call 01895 632895 (Option 1) by 9:30am on the **1st, 3rd and 5th** day of your child's absence with full details of their name, class and reasons for absence. If further information is required a member of the office staff may call you back.

The importance of Punctuality



Punctuality is crucial to ensuring that your child's day at school starts smoothly and that they are in the right mind set to start learning and working hard. Please allow sufficient time for your child to enter school and be ready for registration at the following times:

- ✓ **8:50 A.M Reception, Year 1 and 2**
- ✓ **8:45 A.M Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

The gates open at 8:20 A.M for a soft start and the drop off vehicle zone for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The gate are opened in the afternoon at 3.00 P.M

If for any reason your child arrives late please enter via Gate 4 of the main office and sign your child in at the screen by the reception desk.

Please support your child to develop lifelong habits of good attendance and punctuality in order to allow them to achieve their full potential. Thank you.

At the end of the School Day



Picking your child up on time at the end of the day is just as important as getting them to school on time. Please remember school finishes at:

- ✓ **3:10pm for Reception, Years 1 and 2**
- ✓ **3:15pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.**

If, on a rare occasion, you may be late picking your child up, please ring the school office.

Children are supervised in Cloud Room by staff until 3.30 P.M, if children are persistently late being collected you will be invited to discuss the reasons with the Senior Leadership Team and possibly fined.

Please ensure arrangements are in place to collect your child on time.

Year Group Roundup

Nursery

Nursery have been busy booking holidays around the world in our Travel Agents. We have been reading the Snail and the Whale to help us look at different places we would like to go and how we might get there. The children have been looking at prepositions in "We're Going on a Bear Hunt..." "we can't go over it, we can't go under it, oh no, we've got to go through it". We have also been using obstacle courses to help us with this. Sadly our Lido trip had to be cancelled, but thank you to everyone who came to the Stay and Play session. The children loved showing off their nursery to you and we loved getting to see you all too.

Reception

We have been enjoying our new topic 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We have learnt about farm animals, wild animals and minibeasts. We are really excited to discover more about dinosaurs over the next two weeks and for our first big school trip!

We really enjoyed our sports day which we had been practising so hard for. We also had a wonderful time celebrating Father's Day with some special grown-ups! Dads, stepdads, granddads, uncles and some mummies came along to play in the classroom. We aren't sure who had the most fun - the grown-ups or the children?!



Year 1

Our theme this term is, 'I do like to be beside the seaside!' No seaside trip is complete without a yummy packed lunch! Year 1 have worked to design and create delicious sandwiches. We spent an afternoon tasting a variety of breads; describing their texture and smell. The children put their cutting and spreading skills to good use as they created their sandwiches. They then enjoyed an indoor picnic whilst reading to their friends and bears. We have really enjoyed learning about the seaside in the past so far! We have compared our own experiences through show and tell, watched videos about the past, written a diary from 100 years ago and have even put on our own puppet show. Both classes are looking forward sharing their facts in the seaside booklets we'll be making next week. On Thursday, EYFS and KS1 really enjoyed Elder Class' wonderful seaside assembly. They performed their lines, dances and songs with wonderful enthusiasm!

Year 2

Do you want to learn more about London? If you ask a child in Year 2, they can tell you all about England's capital city. The children have been engrossed in their learning of the city and have enjoyed reading and writing about Paddington and Katie in London. They have even studied pointillism and created a fantastic display using this technique to decorate London's famous landmarks. We have been on lots of Forest school adventures including 'the time' we used natural materials to make our own clocks!



Year 3

Year 3 watched Billy Band play in the afternoon and listened to the tuba, saxophone, trumpet, piano and violin. In addition to that they are still working with Hillingdon Music and they have thought of a band name. Willow class are called school of rock and Maple is called Maple drummers.

Year 4

Year 4 have been busy learning about Habitats in a variety of subjects this summer term. We've made shoe box habitats in Art and showcased them to Year 1 and 2 who then could vote on which shoe box they liked best. In Science, we have been busy learning about a variety of habitats and what effect humans have on them. Year 4 particularly enjoyed the 2 Forest School lessons we have done on the topic. During our first lesson, the children went out and explored what type of animals live on and around the playground. They found a rabbit hole, a bughouse and a roost. The second lesson, the children explored the plants in the habitat around the school and made a skeleton using natural materials only. They really enjoyed all the lessons involving Habitat this term.



Year 5

Year 5 are looking forward to going on our field trip to the British museum on July 1st.

We spent all last term learning about the Ancient Greeks and we are excited to see some artefacts in real life that we have been learning about.

In English, we have been working hard on suspense narratives. We have been using our imaginations to create tension and atmosphere in our writing.

What do you think is behind this door? Stay tuned as Year 5 have our imagination hats on!



Year 6

Year 6 have had a great start to their last half term of primary school.

In English, we have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom and have enjoyed taking part in role play to really understand the characters in greater depth. Science has been lots of fun as they have been able to experiment with electrical equipment, make a variety of different circuits and investigate how to make bulbs brighter and dimmer.

We have begun to plan for our 'Make £5 grow' enterprise project and have some great ideas to make profit! We will be selling our wares later this half term at the Summer Festival.

We have also begun rehearsals for the end of year production 'What A Knight' and are really looking forward to sharing this with the school and their parents at the end of the year.