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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to a new school year, and to a brand new school! It has been a terrific week at Raysfield, despite the new restrictions and regulations due to COVID; Team Raysfield is ready to go. We have enjoyed a great summer and the site has been through some considerable environmental transformations – we hope you all like the changes!

These changes do not just serve an aesthetic purpose, they help significantly with creating the right learning environment for our children; stimulating, yet calm, nurturing and purposeful. We know this is working already as transition has been very calm in every class and there has been a marked improvement in behaviour as expectations are raised again this academic year.

New Library areas for our new books... Newly decorated classrooms....



New panels for us to teach from.....New signage so everyone knows where to go....

A huge welcome to our new Reception parents and to those of children who have joined us in other year groups this year. All our new children are already working hard and impressing us with their super attitudes towards learning. Please do ask them about 'The Tiny House' project.

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Communication

We do value your contribution to our school, and here are several ways you can communicate your opinions with us. Please note teachers are not expected to reply to dojo messages out of hours (8:00am – 5:00pm) Teachers will always read them and check them throughout the day, however they may not always be able to respond straight away.

 <p>Class Dojo We will use this app 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.</p>	<p>Email If you would like to write to any member of staff please use the following email address office@raysfield.org.uk Staff will reply using this email address.</p>	<p>Newsletters These will be issued monthly. Please ensure the school has the correct email address for you so you can receive the monthly newsletter. They will also be posted on the school's website and a link to them will be on class dojo.</p>	<p>Face to Face We are also available for face to face meetings and phone calls. Our office staff will be happy to arrange this 01454 866795 office@raysfield.org.uk</p>	<p>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. www.raysfield.org.uk</p>
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REPORTING ABSENCE Please ensure you use the new absence line to report your child's absence, stating their name and reason for absence. During COVID time, it is vital we know why your child is absent as we may be required to take further action to secure the school. **Please do not report absences on Class Dojo.**

What is going on this year?

We all know this academic year will be different, but we are not going to let that stop us celebrating and enjoying the school events we normally do. They may well look a little different, some **may be virtual** and some may be spread over longer amounts of time but whatever happens we will keep you posted!

Dates for your diary

PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING 1	Tuesday 20 th October Thursday 22 nd October
HARVEST FESTIVAL	Friday 23 rd October
INSET DAY 3	Monday 2 nd November
INSET DAY 4	Tuesday 3 rd November
OPEN DAY FOR NEW PARENTS Including a virtual tour and on-site visits. There will only be space for 5 people to join each date. Booked by appointment only. More information to follow towards the end of September.	W/C 9 th November – 20 th November. If you would like to book one please contact the office 01454 866795 office@raysfield.org.uk
CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	Key stage 1 and EYFS Wednesday 9 th December Key stage 2 Thursday 10 th December
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS	W/C 14 th December
YEAR SIX RESIDENTIAL TRIP	Monday 22 nd February – Friday 26 th February
PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING 2	Tuesday 23 rd March Thursday 25 th March
EASTER FESTIVAL	W/C Monday 29 th March
SPORTS DAY	Wednesday 26 th May
INSET DAY 5	Monday 7 th June
END OF YEAR REPORTS TO PARENTS	Friday 16 th July

It has been a very successful start to the year. However, like any new routine things take time to become normal and they do need to be practised in order to become habit. In response to several parents comments, we would like to clarify the routine for 'drop off time' and communicate the slight change in order to relieve some of the congestion we have observed during the morning and end of day.

- **All teachers will open their doors at 8:45 ready to receive your children. They will close them at 8:55.** This will give you all 10 minutes to walk around the **one-way system**, if your child is in Key Stage 2 and then you will be able to move on to the next class or walk off the site. Hopefully, this will stop the waiting on site.
- **We are still encouraging the wearing of face masks for the areas where it becomes congested.** We also ask that you respect each other's personal space.
- **The gates will be closed at 9:00.**

POLITE REMINDER: NO PARKING ON YELLOW LINES

Please do not park on the yellow lines directly outside the school building. This is dangerous. We encourage all parents, where possible, to walk to school.



Our wonderful PTA are also planning to still do some fundraising this year so please do look out for their news coming to you soon! If you are a new parent to Raysfield, you are automatically a member of our Parent Teacher Association, however if you would like to know a little bit more about how to become a member of the committee – we would like to hear from you! Look out for the **PTA AGM event**, which will happen in October or write an email to office@raysfield.org.uk expressing an interest, and they will pass your name and number to George Hitchings, chair of the PTA

Keeping our children safe online

Many of your children will enjoy using a range of technology at home; we love using it in school! However, this year we want to provide you, our parents, with some information about how you can keep up to date with the latest safety advice for online use at home. Every Wednesday Miss Thomas will be providing some information on Class Dojo about this subject.



I would like to finish by thanking you all for the confidence and trust you have given us this week. We recognise that it has been a hard year, but September represents a 'new normal' and Team Raysfield are looking forward to the academic year ahead! Have a great weekend ☺

Mrs Claire Hill