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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 20th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the Summer Term! I hope you have all had a relaxing Easter break with your friends and families and started to enjoy again some of the new freedoms☺. We have all loved seeing your children return to school this week.

The school is buzzing with lots of discussions about the new projects and learning opportunities the children are going to be enjoying this term: A recycling centre has been set up, there's a magical project in Key Stage 2 as well as lots of talk about how to improve our fitness and why this is so important! 'What makes us British?' is being explored by Year 5 and it's all about Pirates in Year 1. *Why are they called Pirates? Because they 'Arrrrrrgh!'* ☺

COVID UPDATE

Whilst the news continues to be positive about reducing cases, we still must remain vigilant with our safety measures.

- Your children will continue to be in bubbles and our good hygiene routines which are already in place, will continue to be prioritised.
- We request that masks are worn when you are on site.
- Swift entry and exit from our site still must be maintained.
- Please continue to use dojo for a quick message to the staff team, instead of having the face to face conversation in the morning.

Any child with the three main symptoms (*new and continuous cough, high temperature and loss/ change in taste and smell*) must self-isolate, until they have received a negative COVID test.

My staff team continue to complete twice weekly tests, and several members of the team have also received their vaccine. We continue to be vigilant and determined to do all we can to keep our staff and families safe. Thank you for your continued support in this; it is hugely appreciated.

ADVERT – Lunch Break Supervisor- WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for somebody who enjoys playing games with children, can use their initiative to support our children at lunchtimes and be a part of a great team of people! There is no previous experience needed and we will provide you with any training required. Please do email or ring the office at office@raysfield.org.uk 01454 866795 to find out more information. **The closing date for applications is Monday 3rd May**

Congratulations to Raysfield!

It is with a huge smile, I write this good news story to let you know we have secured some funding from the Local Authority to continue with our plans to improve the play spaces for our children. The two areas which will be improved are the central area where the tyres are (sadly the tyres will be removed) and the back of the Key Stage One playground. We are confident that we would not have secured the funding without a robust plan, and the help of our Year 2 parents, who were very honest with their opinions about the Key Stage 1 entrance – thank you.



Here's some digital pictures of what we are hoping they will look like. The work is due to start in June, unfortunately we could not arrange for it to take place during the holiday and therefore there will be some small disruption to the drop off and pick up for our Year R, 1 and 2 parents in Term 6 but we hope you will understand that we did not want to delay in securing the building team and completion of the work. These projects are a large part of ongoing plans we have to continue to improve and develop our site. It is a shame many of you will not have been to visit the classrooms this year, but



the vast majority have been decorated and are now fabulous learning environments for our children. Taking a pride in our environment, and demonstrating to you and your children that we value them is very important to us and goes far beyond aesthetics. A learning environment should be purposeful, clean and enabling for our children to thrive in their learning and staff to feel proud.

PTA support

Our PTA have had such a difficult year of fundraising; it's been a REAL challenge. I know they are very keen to support us and raise funds to help us add to our newly surfaced areas. They are very keen to purchase the equipment shown in the diagram above as the funding the school has secured only covers the costs of the surface. In addition to this our PTA have felt a conflict in asking for money when so many people have suffered financially due to the pandemic. Any support is gratefully received 😊

DATES DIARY

In September there will be two INSET days when we return to start the new academic year.

THURSDAY 2ND September

FRIDAY 3RD September

Enrichment Clubs

During the summer term the staff would like to offer some enrichment clubs to the children. Please do look out for the letter coming your way very soon! Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.