



Raysfield Primary

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JUNE NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 15th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sunshine has arrived, yippee! **Nurture our Nature** is a theme running through Raysfield this term with every class taking an active role in improving our grounds for wildlife. Even our youngest pupils have been busy with their new wood workbench creating bug hotels in the forest outside their classrooms, lucky bugs!

As mentioned in my previous Newsletter, we have been busy planning for next academic year and I can now let you know who will be teaching which year group.



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| Reception | Fox and Hedghog class | Mrs Mullins and Miss Fletcher |
| Year one | Squirrel and Mouse class | Miss Jones and Miss Calver |
| Year two | Badger and Rabbit class | Miss Morris and Mr Botha (supported by Mrs Phillips in term 1) |
| Year three | Finch and Robin class | Mrs Sharp, Mrs Martin and Miss Beamson |
| Year four | Kestrel and Kingfisher class | Miss Redford and Miss Lockett |
| Year five | Mallard and Heron | Mrs Richardson and Miss Collins |
| Year Six | Goldcrest and Merlin | Miss Harvey and Miss Miles |
| | | <i>Miss Thomas continues to be our non-class based Deputy Headteacher. Mr Heath will not have his own class next year, but will be teaching in a few classes throughout the year as well as fulfilling his duties as Inclusion Lead.</i> |

KNOW MYSELF ...know our children

We pride ourselves on knowing the interests, friendships and needs of all our children and with this in mind we have decided to mix the classes for next academic year.

This process has taken careful consideration and significant planning. There are several reasons for this: Firstly, our children would hugely benefit from getting to know each other better. I was surprised when I first came to Raysfield that some of the children did not know the names of the children in the parallel class and whilst lots of good collaborative work since that time has helped bridge the gap, we believe it is great opportunity to build more

friendships. It will also prevent unhealthy rivalries. We're firm believers in healthy competition – and enjoy it when achieved correctly. Another reason for the change is to provide more balanced classes which will enable teaching staff to more easily meet the needs of **all learners** within their class.

Over the last month our senior team has consulted with the teachers, who know your children best, to consider their learning needs and friendship groups in order to draw up the new class lists. Please be reassured that any conversations parents have previously had with myself, have also been considered when placing your child.

On Friday 2nd July, you will receive a letter informing you what class your children will be in next year and it will also confirm their class teacher. We do not foresee that any changes will be necessary.

On Friday 9th July your child will spend some time with their new class teacher.

STAFF UPDATE

Mrs Martin is expecting her second child later in the year – I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her on this news. Mrs Martin will teach alongside Mrs Sharp in Term 1.

SPORTS DAY NEWS

In response to the government announcement on Monday, and after some guidance from the DfE we can confirm that our **Sports Day can go ahead as long as we apply some safety restrictions** to maintain social distancing, mask wearing and where possible maintain 'bubbles' of parents and children. Mr Gibbs, our PE lead, Mrs Martin and myself will be meeting this week to plan the logistics of how we can make this work. We still plan to have Key Stage 2 children in the morning and Early Years and Key Stage 1 in the afternoon so we will be sticking with these rough timings, if you have requested time off work. **However, the family picnic we had so hoped to have during lunchtime, will have to be cancelled.** Sadly, it is not possible or deemed safe enough to have so many people gathered on our site. **Please do look out for some communications coming soon regarding this event.**



MEDICINES

With many children suffering from hayfever, we ask that you administer any associated tablets, eye drops or nasal sprays before school. Following our administering medicines policy (which is a south Glos adopted policy) we are unable to administer any medicines unless they have been prescribed by a doctor. If you have prescribed medicine, please come to the office and speak to Mrs Smith or Mrs Marjoram, who will let you have a form to complete, and make sure the medicine gets to your child's teacher.

However, if your child needs any unprescribed medicine during the day, you are welcome to come to school at lunchtime to administer this yourself. We ask that you let the office know by emailing office@raysfield.org.uk.

If you have any exceptional circumstances please contact the school office to discuss.