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TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are more than half way through Term 2 and the time is flying by which means 'it's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas...' 😊

Our new Reception children have settled so well into life at school. We are so proud of the way they have embraced learning and become a fantastic part of Team Raysfield already!

At the beginning of this term, EYFS walked into the classroom to find a crime scene with lots of vegetables trapped under baskets. Fox and Hedgehog classes decided that the Evil Pea was the culprit! They have been super busy trying to catch the Evil Pea ever since. They made some superhero capes, masks, Wanted posters and lots of traps until finally the Evil Pea was captured in the jelly that they had made.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last week. As a school we raised a fantastic **£373.50!**

Thank You

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Parking with consideration

I have written many times to remind parents to park with consideration and care. We text, go on the gate and speak to people who are parking in the wrong places. However, this is becoming a larger problem as the weather changes and more people choose to use the car to bring their children to school.

In addition to this, more people are trying to park on our site without permission or within the Doddington parish, which is putting the safety of our children at risk. We have decided to take the following action to keep our children safe whilst on our site:

- *All parents wishing to park on site will need to apply for a parking permit by writing an email to office@raysfield.org.uk The criteria for a parking permit will be a disabled badge for the driver or a strong rationale approved by Mrs Hill and school governors. Parking permits will commence from **Monday 4th December** giving people a week to apply. People with current permissions will need to reapply, unless already done so.*
- *School gates will be closed at the start and finish of the school day.*

To ensure we all have the same understanding of safety for our children when they come to school, please follow these simple rules:

- *Do not drive at speed down Finch Road*
- *Do not park on the double yellow lines*
- *Do not pull into the entrance to the school site and drop your children off*

We have asked the police to do more patrols outside the school and we regularly report unsafe drivers to the police when given registration plates.

We know that this will not be relevant for many of you reading this as you are considerate when using your cars. The majority of our parent community do park with respect for our neighbours and understand that the safety of our children is paramount. Thank you.

It is difficult for staff to be on gate duty every day, but if any parents were interested in a voluntary role to support road safety during these points in the day, please do let us know by emailing office@raysfield.org.uk



REMINDER

We are a nut free school. This does include the items you put into your children's pack lunches. It is an incredibly serious condition for some of our children and it's important that we do not take any unnecessary risks with their health.

Thank you to those who voted for our Parent Governor vacancy. It was a very close ballot but winning by one vote Kate Harrison will be joining the Governing Body at our next meeting in December.

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to those who came along to the Parent Forum meeting with Miss Thomas. It was good to get your feedback on the school's Ofsted report and hear your views on some of our events at the start of the year.

*Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th December at 5pm for 45 minutes**. Click the link below to join. A reminder will be sent on dojo.*

The focus for the meeting will be on Mosaic Partnership Trust. If you would like anything discussed, please do send in your questions with PARENT FORUM in the subject box.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

DIARY DATES

We have planned lots of Christmas events this year.

- PTA Christmas Jumper swap 27.11.23
- Christmas Lunch day 13.12.23
- Christmas Choir in Yate 13.12.23
- Christmas Carols from KS2 14.12.23



BLONDE ANGEL
STREET TEAM



Drop your donations on Friday
8th December at the end of
the school day by the MUGA

The lovely people from the Blonde Angel street team will be visiting Raysfield to receive donations to support them in their mission to help the homeless and a shelter for vulnerable women. They will be with us on Friday 8th December by the MUGA.

Pot Noodles/Pot Rice's
Pot Porridges/Individual cereals
Cuppa Soups
Cuppa Pastas

Crisps
Biscuits/Choc Bars/Breakfast Bars/Individual Malt Loafs
Sweets
Long life packed cakes/flapjacks/mini rolls

Drink cartons/Juice boxes
Long life Milk
Hot choc pouches
Small squash bottles
Bottles of water

Men's Hats/Gloves
Men's Socks
Men's Small/Medium Boxer Shorts (Must be New)

Women's Hats/Gloves
Women's Socks
Women's Small/Medium knickers (Must be New)
Scarves
Hot water bottles

Men and Women's Shower Gel
Shampoo
Men and Women's deodorant
Toothbrushes/toothpaste
Lip Balms

Men's Thermals/Jumpers/Hoodies/Body Warmers/Thick Coats
Women's Thermals/Jumpers/Hoodies/Body Warmers/Thick Coats