

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year everyone! This is the first of two Spring Newsletters to remind you of all the great things going on at Raysfield this term and next.



Year 1 enjoying learning about the world and countries in the UK



Year 2 had a fantastic trip to the SS Great



Reception have been experimenting with ice.



In Year 6 they are experiencing life in WWII during a black out.



Year 5 creating a prototype for a ski lift.



Year 3 have been learning about what's inside the Earth.



Year 4 are classifying animals using Venn diagrams and enjoying new PE warm-ups.



Writing Champions



At the end of Term 2 we celebrated the wonderful writing of many children. Their work is now proudly displayed in our school hall.

*We also want to say a **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to our Year 3 children who have been recognised for their fantastic writing skills by **Young Writers!***

*They have sent the school **£100 in book vouchers** to help us grow our library. This was a writing competition they took part in last year, when they were in Year 2 and at the end of December we were sent a beautiful trophy for being selected the **winning school!***

Parent Forum – Friday 2nd February at 2pm

This term our Parent Forum meeting will be held in person on Friday 2nd February at 2pm. The focus for this meeting will be on reading in Key Stage 2. We are very interested in feedback on the Star Quiz, the reports you receive from teachers and our new Just Reading approach, where the children are read to and they all have their own book.

Mrs Botha, our Reading Lead, will be at the meeting to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to make the meeting, please do ask friends to pass on your questions about reading in Key Stage 2 or email in any questions and comments by **Thursday 1st February** to office@raysfield.org.uk with the subject Parent Forum.

Parent Forum is an opportunity for you to give us feedback on the focus for the meeting but also inform us of anything you think we ought to be aware of. Again, please email in if you would like your query discussed.

SCHOOL TRIP SURVEY

At school we love taking your children on a school trip. As educators we really value the opportunity to do this; trips have a long-lasting positive impact on your children. I'm sure you can remember your favourite trip from your school days? They are a brilliant stimulus for our projects and we all learn so much from the expertise shared by the people and places we visit.

However, some of you will be aware that we have found it challenging to raise the funds for planned school trips. We have reviewed our strategy for this in school and are looking for your feedback. Please look out for the survey which will be emailed to you today and we'll post the link on Class Dojo. **We really do value your feedback on this to help us plan our curriculum.**

Here are some key dates for Spring terms 3 and 4. Not everything is on here so please do check the school calendar on the website and use Class Dojo to see other events (remember you can use the 'view all' button in the top right of the screen to see all dates).

DATES FOR SPRING	
Monday 29th January	Cake Sale in KS2 hall after school
Friday 2nd February	Parent Forum at 2pm
Tuesday 6th February	Share My Learning in EYFS and KS1 at 9:00
Wednesday 7th February	Share My Learning in KS2 at 2:45pm
Thursday 8th February	Governors in school day
Monday 12th – Friday 16th inclusive	Half Term
Tuesday 5th March	SEN network coffee morning
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (dress up plans to be shared soon)
Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th	Parents' Evening (Appointments sent out on Monday 26th February)
Thursday 21st March	Full Governing Body meeting
Tuesday 26th March	Share My Learning in EYFS and KS1 at 9:00
Tuesday 26th March at 5pm	Parent Forum (on Teams at 5pm)

Thank you to all our fantastic parents who continue to respect our school premises and do not use the car park. The car park is a private car park and you will only be permitted to use it if you have a parking permit. **We very much appreciate your support with keeping our ground safe for all our pupils.**



Meet the super swimmers who represented Raysfield last Saturday at the South Glos Swimming Gala!

They were up against 24 other schools and we could not have been prouder of the fantastic sportsmanship they displayed! They were brave, respectful and showed great teamwork 😊 Their behaviour was exemplary and it was a pleasure being with them.

Particular strengths for us included: Boys Freestyle, Girls Back Stroke and the Medley Relay.

I am very proud of everyone who came and gave it their best; it was so impressive!