

BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back!

It has been absolutely lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. I have had the pleasure of hearing all about the exciting things they got up to during the summer holidays. It has been great to see them return enthusiastic and ready for the year ahead.

We have already 'hit the ground running' with our learning and I hope your children have shared with you some of the exciting things they will be learning this term, as well as some of the key highlights and opportunities planned for the year ahead.

Last year, I made the decision to use Class Dojo as our main method of communication with families. We know you lead busy lives, and we recognise that finding the time to sit down and read a traditional newsletter isn't always easy. We therefore want to make sure that important information is shared with you in a way that is accessible and easy to find.

Going forward, we will continue to use our whole-school Class Dojo page to share key dates, events, reminders and important information. Please do keep an eye on the page regularly so that you don't miss any updates or news from school. We will also continue to share important information via email.

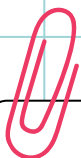
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together and to working in partnership with you to ensure that every child has a happy, successful and memorable year at school.



GOOD NEWS!

We are also pleased to share that Mrs Hambly, who has been away from school for some time due to ill health, has recently had a successful operation and is now recovering well. She is very much on the mend, although she will need to remain away from school for a little while longer as she continues her recovery. She will pop into school when she is able to.

If you happen to see her out and about in the community, please do say hello!



BENEDICT'S LAW

You may have heard about Benedict's Law, which aims to help keep children with serious allergies safe in school. As a school, we will continue to be nut-free so please make sure that your child does not bring nuts or products containing nuts into school, including in packed lunches and snacks.

If your child has an allergy, please make sure we know so that we can work with you to keep them safe.



Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a fantastic communication tool and allows us to keep in regular contact with you, sharing reminders, updates and celebrating the children's achievements. We would like to remind families that Class Dojo is intended for informal communication only. To ensure that questions, concerns and complaints are dealt with appropriately and reach the correct member of staff (and are overseen by senior leaders), these should be directed through the school's official email address: office@raysfield.org.uk

- For absence, changes to collection arrangements or if someone else is collecting your child, please contact the school office directly. This ensures that important information is recorded and communicated through the correct school procedures, supporting safeguarding and ensuring we have an accurate record of arrangements.
- Please be mindful that staff may not check or respond to Class Dojo messages immediately. Staff have different responsibilities and commitments during and beyond the school day, so messages should not be sent with the expectation of an immediate response. We ask that Class Dojo remains a friendly and informal way of keeping in touch, with more formal queries and concerns directed through the appropriate school channels.
- Please also note that, to support clear boundaries around the school day, Class Dojo messages should not be sent before 8.00am or after 5.00pm. Staff will not be expected to read or respond to messages outside these hours.



ATTENDANCE

We would like to remind all families of the importance of regular school attendance. Every school day matters and being in school consistently gives children the best opportunity to learn and feel confident in their learning.

Registration remains open from **08:45 until 09:05**. However, learning begins as soon as children arrive at **08:45**.

From 08:45, children complete morning work, which revisits and consolidates prior learning. This is a really important part of the school day as it helps children to recall key knowledge and strengthen their understanding. We therefore encourage all children to arrive promptly and be ready to learn from 08:45.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that you phone the school absence line to report their absence as soon as possible.



CONTACT INFO

Please make sure your details are up-to-date on Arbor.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

We are currently adding dates for events to the school calendar. Following a great suggestion from a parent, we have included a backup date for Sports Day this year - fingers crossed we won't need to use it!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss O'Brien who works in our nursery, on the safe arrival of her beautiful baby girl during the summer holidays.

We are delighted for Miss O'Brien and her family and wish them lots of happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter. 💕👶