



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Well, winter is here!!

This week we have seen the first signs of snow and ice. Thank you to everyone who travelled carefully to make it into school. The main and quickest methods of communication to parents is via Facebook and Class Dojo, so if in doubt check here. What this week has highlighted is the need to wrap up for every eventuality.

In school, festivities are well on the way, and I am sure your children have been singing Christmas songs and learning lines! We will be having our Christmas tree delivered on Thursday, so please make sure any baubles are returned by Friday, as the PTFA will be judging and presenting prizes for this then and decorating the tree. On Friday, too, we will be having our annual Christmas Jumper Day, where in exchange for children wearing a Christmas Jumper (or dress, or outfit!) please bring a coloured hamper item for the PTFA to then make up hampers – see advert overleaf.

Again, there are many dates being added all the time, please make sure you keep an eye on the diary dates section and any updates/reminders on Facebook and Dojo for the most up to date information.

Have a lovely weekend

With kindest regards

Headteacher



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to Children in Need, either by purchasing merchandise and/or contributing for our dress down day.

With sale of merchandise (£80.01) and dress down day (£154.10) we managed to raise **£234.11** for this worthy cause. Thank you everyone!



Christmas Jumper/Dress Down Day

On Friday 29th November, we will be having our annual Christmas jumper/dress down day. In exchange for coming dressed fabulously festive, please bring a hamper donation to be raffled off at Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree.

Like previous years, we are asking for a rainbow of treats, to ensure we get some vibrant and colourful hampers. Please bring an item in according to your child's class.

Little Acorns – Red
Saplings – Orange
Great Oaks – Yellow
Chestnuts – Green
Willows – Blue
Maples – Pink
Redwoods – Purple

Let's see how creative you can be!

Ripponden Goes Platinum!

I am sure you will remember, we managed to achieve the Platinum Healthy School Award for our work done in physical education and emotional health and wellbeing. We had our presentation of the award last week from Rebecca Antcliffe and Becky Greenwood from Healthy Schools and Naomi Marquis from Public Health. Thanks also to Sue Rosborough, our Healthy Schools Link Governor who came to the presentation. This award shows our commitment to the wider aspects of school. We are going for Diamond this year, meaning we will be developing the food and nutrition elements, and I will, of course keep you updated with the progress towards it.





Craft Club

Christmas is coming! A lovely session on Wednesday with craft club. They all had their own ideas of how to represent a Christmas tree. We used upcycled left over laminate sheets, which were kindly cut by Mr Calcott and beads and buttons that I have collected over the years. The children were really excited to start Christmas crafts, and they managed to finish all the activity in the time allocated.

Football tournament

After school on Wednesday 13th November, our Y5&6 boys' football team took part in the annual football tournament at Ryburn. The first two games against Barkisland and Triangle A team both ended 0-0; the next match was also a draw (1-1 against Triangle B team). Unfortunately, the team closely lost the remaining 3 matches but they did not give up and continued working hard until the end. Well done to the whole team and many thanks to our coach Lee Oxley.

We'd also like to thank the Oxley family for very kindly donating the new football kit for the boys - I'm sure that everyone will agree that they look very smart.





Indoor Athletics

On Thursday 14th November, a team of 29 year 5 and 6 children went to Ryburn to take part in the annual indoor athletics competition. First the children had to complete the field events: speed bounce, vertical jump, standing long jump, standing triple jump, javelin and the chest push. When these were completed, the children then had to participate in the track events which involved relay races of various lengths. Ripponden won many of the races and the following children came first in their field events: Ivan, Hannah and Charlie. Unfortunately, there was not an overall winner at this year's event but our children performed brilliantly and I was very proud of the whole team.



Bronze Medal Winners

Well done to all of our Bronze Medal winners this time. 25 miles! Fantastic!!



Open Morning at Stones

Stones Methodist Church, Rochdale Road, Ripponden

Saturday 30th November 9.30am – 12.00

You've seen the scaffolding.
Now come and have a look at
what has been going on inside



**Scrumptious
refreshments.**



Activities for children and adults
Come and have a go!



Find out what activities and events go
on at Stones

BUT, MOVING ON TO THE FUTURE

We need your views and ideas.

Take part in our **survey**.

What would you like to see here?



Music to entertain you.
Maybe a world premiere
Performance from our
new Guitar Club. You'll have
to come to find out!



See what our new book club have
been reading.

Bring any books you've finished
with for a book swap!



Diary Dates

Lots of dates will be added regularly – keep an eye on the diary dates section! We will add more detail in the coming weeks.

November

Monday 25 th	School Council Travel Survey Mental Health & Wellbeing information session for parents – 3.30pm
Friday 29 th	Christmas Jumper Day with Hamper Donation Bauble deadline back into school R/KS1 celebration assembly – 2.45pm

December

Tuesday 3 rd	Christmas Pudding Order deadline
Wednesday 4 th	Cross Country
Friday 6 th	Secret Santa KS2 celebration assembly – 2.45pm Clubs finish for Christmas
Monday 9 th	Rocksteady concert
Wednesday 11 th	R/KS1 Christmas productions at 10am and 2pm Film Night for Y3/4/5
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 13 th	Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree
Monday 16 th	Year 3/4 Christmas Party PM
Tuesday 17 th	Year 5/6 Christmas Party PM
Thursday 19 th	Year 1/2 Christmas Party AM KS2 Christmas Production – Church – 2pm School closes for Christmas
Friday 20 th	Staff training day – school closed, but Busy Bees open
Monday 23 rd	Busy Bees Open
Friday 27 th	Busy Bees Open
Monday 30 th	Busy Bees Open

January 2025

Thursday 2 nd	Busy Bees Open
Friday 3 rd	Busy Bees Open
Monday 6 th	School reopens

2024/2025 Calendar of main events

This is a summary of main events. Please keep looking at the half-termly diary dates section on the newsletter, as they get updated regularly.



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Growing Together, Reaching for the Sky

	September	October	November	December
1				
2	TRAINING DAY			
3				
4		KS2 Celebration Assembly	TRAINING DAY	
5				
6				Clubs finish for Christmas KS2 Celebration Assembly
7				
8		Tempest Photos – individuals and families	KS2 Celebration Assembly	
9	Welcome Evenings this week	Parent coffee morning		Rock Steady Concert
10		Phonics open session		
11	SEN coffee morning	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		R/KS1 Christmas Production 10am/2pm
12				
13	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		Parent coffee morning	
14		Book Fair Y6 <u>Bikeability</u>		
15		Y6 <u>Bikeability</u> Parents Evening	Children in Need R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
16	Clubs start			
17		Parents Evening		
18		KS2 Celebration Assembly		
19				KS2 Christmas production – 2pm Church School closes for Christmas
20	KS2 Celebration Assembly			TRAINING DAY
21		Y6 <u>Bikeability</u>		
22		Y6 <u>Bikeability</u>	KS2 Celebration Assembly	
23				
24	PTFA Meeting			
25	Open Minds Workshops Phonics information session	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly Break up for half term		
26				
27	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly			
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29			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
30	Nasal flu vaccinations			
31				

	January	February	March
1			
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4			Parents Evening
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6	School reopens		World Book Day Parents Evening
7		KS2 Celebration Assembly	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
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12			
13	Clubs restart		
14		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly Break up for half term	KS2 Celebration Assembly
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17	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		
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21			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
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24	KS2 Celebration Assembly	School reopens Young Voices	
25			
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28		KS2 Celebration Assembly	Clubs finish for Easter KS2 Celebration Assembly
29			
30			
31	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		Rock Steady Concert

	April	May	June	July
1				
2		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	School reopens	
3				
4	Close for Easter			Clubs finish for summer Transition Day – TBC R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
5		BANK HOLIDAY		
6			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
7				Rock Steady Concert
8				
9		KS2 Celebration Assembly	Sports Week	
10			Sports Day	
11				KS2 Celebration Assembly <u>Reports Out</u>
12		Y6 SATs Week		
13			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
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15				
16		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	Y6 Residential all week	Year 6 Production
17				
18				School closes for summer
19				
20			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
21	BANK HOLIDAY - EASTER			
22	School reopens			
23		KS2 Celebration Assembly Close for half term		
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27			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
28	Clubs restart			
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