



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear parents/carers,

We have had another busy few weeks here at school. New topics are being explored, sports are happening in earnest and choir rehearsals for Young Voices are in full swing.

We are really excited to go to Manchester Arena to Young Voices on Monday. This is always such a fantastic day and night and I look forward to sharing the photos with you on both the Facebook page and on the next newsletter.

On Monday, we also have our Maths Open Session, where parents/carers can come into classes and see maths in action. This is a super opportunity to take part in your child's learning, see teaching and learning methods and understand a little more about maths in school. No need to book, just come along! It would be lovely to see you.

We have also set up a new system for booking and paying for clubs, Busy Bees and lunches. This should make the whole system much easier for everyone. If you have any problems downloading the app, please get in touch with the office and we will sort it for you.

Have a lovely weekend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J Bamforth".

Headteacher

Maths Open Session

Don't forget that we are holding a maths open session on **Monday 30th January at 9.15-10am**. This will be an opportunity to come and see maths in action. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you!

Children's Mental Health Week

W/C 6th February

As in previous years, we will be recognising Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Let's Connect' – which sits perfectly with our Branch Out philosophies.

On Monday 6th February, to launch the week, everyone is invited to wear their own clothes with a theme of 'Dress to Impress' – reflect your personality! Donations are welcome to support the children's mental health charity Place2Be and can be brought in on the day.

During the week, each class will also have an 'off timetable' arts day – which was an idea suggested by the School Council. This may be filled with painting, sculpture, dance, drama, poetry – anything arty. There have been many links associated with the arts improving mental health and what a perfect time to do it!

Internet Safety

The Internet can be wonderful for children. They can use it to research school reports, communicate with teachers and other children, and play interactive games.

But online access also comes with risks, like inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and online predators. Using social media apps and websites where children interact, predators may pose as a child or teen looking to make a new friend. They might prod the child to exchange personal information, such as address and phone number, or encourage children to call them, seeing their phone number via caller ID.

Parents should be aware of what their children see and hear online, who they meet, and what they share about themselves. Talk with your children, use tools to protect them, and keep an eye on their activities.

At Ripponden we follow the SMART rules to keeping safe online:

S – Safe

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

M – Meeting

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

A – Accepting

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

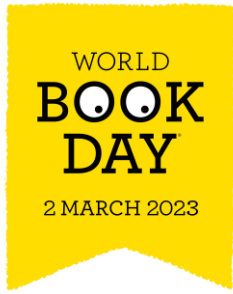
R – Reliable

Someone online might lie about who they are and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows. If you like chatting online it's best to only chat to your real world friends and family.

T – Tell

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.





World Book Day – 2nd March

A bit of advance warning...World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. Like last year, we are making the whole day about books and a celebration of reading, not costumes. Like last year, we are not going to be dressing up. The feedback last time was overwhelming from parents, children and staff that it was so much easier not to organise costumes and instead, buy a book for either our wonderful Woodland Room or the class libraries. Any books that are bought will have a personalised World Book Day 2023 book plate in the front as a legacy to reading in school. The wishlist is already open, so if you would like to look or buy already, you can do so. We will also be adding titles nearer the time. I am sure that you will all agree that buying a book is a much better use of limited resources than either making or spending around £15 on a costume that may only be worn once. The link for the wishlist is here - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1YIGCDRG9XNIN?ref_=wl_share

You were so generous in previous rounds of the wishlist and it would be incredible to keep replenishing the book stock with new titles. Thank you in anticipation for your support.



Queen's Memorial Garden Fundraising Committee

The King has lost his jewels! Please help!

The King has lost his jewels from his crown!
And he is left feeling rather down,
Were they stolen or lost?
How much did they actually cost?
We just don't know. But we really want to assist.
Or else the Coronation will be an opportunity missed
To show off the crown, jewels and all,
So, the King gave Ripponden school a call.

The committee got together and said you know what?
We will work together and see what we've got,
We will make our own crowns
And fill them with pounds! (All change will be greatly accepted!)
And make them look sparkly and bright,
So special that they glisten in the light!
Now, the King was ecstatic with this great idea,
And threw open they palace windows with a massive cheer,
He shouted out with a great big voice.
Hip, hip hooray,
Ripponden have come to save the day!

A rather plain cardboard crown is going to be given to each class this coming week. We would love to cover the crowns with coins to decorate them to make them look Coronation worthy! We will attach the coins to the crowns until they are full and look rather special. The money that is raised from the event will go towards the fund-raising pot for the Queen's memorial garden. The class that has the largest amount on their crown will receive a small prize.

So, empty your money boxes and let's make those crowns sparkle!

Busy Bees Programme for February Half Term

Please contact to book your child in for February fun!

Disney Villains Week				
Monday 13th February Breakfast served between 8-9am	Tuesday 14th February Breakfast served between 8-9am	Wednesday 15th February Breakfast served between 8-9am	Thursday 16th February Breakfast served between 8-9am	Friday 17th February Breakfast served between 8-9am
Ursula Paper Craft 	Cruella De Vil Cupcakes 	Make your own Spell Book 	Maleficent Slime 	Wanted Posters 
Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch
Make Captain Hook's Hook 	Mirror Mirror Craft 	Villain Hama Beads 	Villain silhouette art 	Villain Party 
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm

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.

January 2023

Monday 30th Maths Open Sessions – 9.15-10am
 Young Voices – Manchester Arena

February

Wednesday 1st Teachers' Strike – previous letter gone out regarding classes.
 Friday 3rd Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
 Monday 6th Children's Mental Health Week
 Non-Uniform – Dress to Impress day! Donations for Place2Be
 Tuesday 7th Full Governing Body Meeting – 4pm
 Friday 10th Reception/Key Stage 1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
 Finish for February Half Term
 W/C 13th Busy Bees Open All Week – contact to book
 Monday 20th School reopens
 Tuesday 21st Parents Evening – more information to follow
 Wednesday 22nd SEND Coffee Morning – 9am – all welcome

Thursday 23rd Parents Evening
Friday 24th Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

March

Thursday 2nd World Book Day
Friday 3rd Reception/Key Stage 1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Friday 10th Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Friday 17th Reception/Key Stage 1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Tuesday 21st Y5/6 Gym competition
Thursday 23rd Open Afternoon – 2.45pm
Friday 24th Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Clubs finish for Spring Term
Monday 27th Musical Soiree – 6pm
Tuesday 28th Full Governing Body Meeting – 4pm
Wednesday 29th SEND Coffee Morning – 9am – all welcome
Friday 31st Reception/Key Stage 1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
School Closes for Easter

April

W/C 3rd Busy Bees open Monday- Thursday – more details to follow
W/C 10th Busy Bees open Tuesday-Friday – more details to follow
Monday 17th School reopens for the Summer Term

2022/2023 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.

	January	February	March
1			
2	Bank Holiday		World Book Day
3	School reopens	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
4			
5			
6		Children's Mental Health Week	
7		Full Governing Body Meeting	
8			
9	Clubs start for spring		
10	Maths Workshop for Parents – 3.25pm	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Close for half term	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
11			
12			
13	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		
14			
15			
16			
17			R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
18			
19			
20	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		
21		Parents Evening	
22		SEND Coffee morning 9-10am	
23		Parents Evening	Open Afternoon 2.45pm – see work so far and informal discussions
24		KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Clubs finish
25	SEND Coffee morning 9-10am		
26			
27	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		Musical Soiree
28			Full Governing Board Meeting
29			SEND Coffee morning 9-10am
30	Maths Open Sessions time 9.15am Young Voices		
31			R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Close for Easter

	April	May	June	July
1		Bank Holiday		
2				
3				Open Afternoon 2.15pm – see work so far and informal discussions
4				
5		KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		
6				
7				KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
8				
9			KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
10				
11				
12		R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		
13				
14				Reports to go out Clubs finish for summer
15				
16		Writing Open Sessions	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
17	School reopens			
18				
19		KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	Y6 Residential all week	SEND Coffee morning 9-10am Year 6 Production
20				
21	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		SEND Coffee morning 9-10am	Close for the summer
22				
23			KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
24	Clubs restart for summer	SEND Coffee morning 9-10am		
25	Writing Workshop for Parents			
26	SEND Coffee morning 9-10am	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Close for half term	Sports Week	
27				
28	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		Sports Day	
29				
30			R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
31				