



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back!!!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are back, refreshed and raring to go!

The children have come back to school bounding with energy and the peels of laughter ringing around the school building is just wonderful to hear. There is a feel of getting back to a sense of normality, with some children mixing again, shared playtimes, lunches back in the hall, face to face assemblies – it's so wonderful, and highlights how much we have missed it!

Over the coming weeks, we are hoping to increase these activities, but it will all depend on the Covid cases, within the school community, in the local area, within Calderdale and nationally. As always, I will be taking and following public health advice at all stages and will share any changes with you as soon as is possible.

Thank you for your patience whilst we re-establish some 'old' routines....bear with us, some of the children (and staff for that matter!) need retraining in some aspects, but we will get there!

I wish you a wonderful weekend,

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

Headteacher

COVID-19 Testing

Covid guidance has changed. There is no longer a need for anyone who has been fully vaccinated or who are under 18 to isolate if they have been a close contact of a positive case. I will, in the interests of transparency let you know if we have any cases and ask you be extra vigilant regarding symptom spotting. If your child has any symptoms, please do not send them to school – please arrange for a PCR test and keep them at home until the result. If your child has been around a person who has tested positive, you can also arrange a PCR test for them, but they can still come into school while waiting on the results (unless they have symptoms) Please keep me informed of any tests being taken and any results. This is because I need to keep a track to see whether we need to invoke the outbreak management plan. Please use the office email office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk or text/call **07399 326030**. In all other cases, if your child would normally be well enough to send into school, please do. As always, contact us if you need help, support or advice. Thanks.

At present, we have a number of members of staff who are confirmed positive and awaiting a result, as per the email sent earlier. Please be vigilant with your children and if in doubt, please arrange a PCR.

Welcome to your new class meetings

Historically, we have always invited parents in in the second week of the new year, to meet the teacher, find out information regarding the new class, routines and expectations etc. We weren't able to do this last year and as our Risk Assessments asks to minimise people coming together, we have decided this year to have a virtual meeting.

These will all be on Google Classrooms (apart from Little Acorns, as this will be on Zoom – we will send out email links next week). Please access the Google Classrooms via your child's logins at the times below. If you have lost your login details or can't remember them, please contact the office and we can resend them. This will be a good opportunity to meet your child's class teacher find out any routines and ask any questions you may have.

Please don't worry if you can't make the meeting, we will record them and put this, along with the powerpoint on the class webpages following the meeting. We hope to see as many as possible there!

Class	Class teacher	Date of meeting	Time of meeting
Little Acorns	Mrs Kenny	Tuesday 14 th September	3.15pm (Zoom)
Saplings	Ms Gilmartin	Thursday 16 th September	3.15pm
Great Oaks	Mrs Hutchinson	Monday 13 th September	3.15pm
Chestnuts	Mrs Hamilton	Wednesday 15 th September	3.15pm
Willows	Mr Baldwin	Thursday 16 th September	3.15pm
Maples	Mrs Whitaker	Tuesday 14 th September	3.15pm
Redwoods	Mrs Lomas	Tuesday 14 th September	3.15pm

Premises Work

As you can see, we still have people working on the roof and in the boiler. These have both been massive jobs and the contractors have been working really hard on them. As you have also noticed, we have portioned off part of the playground for staff cars. This is to alleviate pressure on Greenacres. Hopefully, we are looking at an end of September finish, so the car park will be back in use. Better than that, we won't have a leaky roof and the boiler will be a lot more efficient!

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.

September

Monday 13th

PTFA AGM – 7pm (virtual) – all welcome

Tuesday 14th

Little Acorns, Maples, Redwoods (virtual) welcome meetings, 3.15pm

Wednesday 15th

Ukulele starts for Willows

Chestnuts welcome meeting, 3.15pm

Thursday 16th Saplings and Willows welcome meetings, 3.15pm
Friday 17th Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Monday 20th Clubs start

October

Friday 1st KS2 celebration assembly
Friday 15th Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Tuesday 19th Full Governing Meeting
Wednesday 20th Nasal Flu Immunisation
Friday 22nd Close for half term
W/c 25th Busy Bees open all week

November

Monday 1st Training Day – Busy Bees open
Tuesday 2nd Reopen
Friday 5th KS2 celebration assembly
Friday 19th Reception/KS1 celebration assembly

December

Friday 3rd KS2 celebration assembly
Tuesday 7th Full Governing Meeting
Friday 10th Clubs finish for Christmas
Thursday 16th School Closes for Christmas
Friday 17th Training Day – Busy Bees open
Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd Busy Bees open

January 2022

Tuesday 4th School reopens



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