



# Ripponden J&I News

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Dear parents/carers,

We are back in full swing following the half term break and lots of fun and engaging activities are taking place. The children have come back ready to learn and following pupil progress meetings with all teachers, it is so positive to hear of children taking ownership over their own learning and doing additional work at home too – just fantastic!

We have also been carrying out lots of monitoring in the classrooms and have been super impressed with the learning activities that are being provided, the level of support and challenge for the children and how the children are engaged with their learning. We are building up to end of term assessments and I am sure that the children will continue to work hard and do well with these assessments.

As well as this, Christmas preparations are in full swing! We are beginning to learn Christmas songs and some children may even have lines to learn. We are so excited to be able to perform our Christmas plays to you for real this year! For the first time in 3 years, we will be holding the nativities face to face in school for Reception and Key Stage 1 and in Church for Key Stage 2. We hope to see as many of you as possible! Watch this space for information about tickets for the Reception/Key Stage 1 performances. For the Key Stage 2 performances, tickets are not needed; just come to the church.

This is a lovely time to be in school, busy and exciting. Please make sure though, that all children bring a coat to school as the weather is dropping colder and they really must have a coat to play out in.

Have a lovely weekend,

Headteacher

## **Parent Governor Vacancy**

Thank you to the two parents who nominated for the parent governor vacancy. As there were two, this now needs to go to the parents to vote. You should have received a ballot form last week with anonymous personal statements. It is really important that you return these voting forms back into school by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. Please vote for which candidate you feel would have the biggest impact to supporting and driving our school forward. I have attached the ballot form to the newsletter, so if you want to return electronically, you can do. I will of course let parents know of the appointment following this. Many thanks.



### Children in Need – 18<sup>th</sup> November

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will be joining in with Children in Need. This will be a dress down day with the theme “Show Your Spots, Let’s Raise Lots!” so if the children wear spots and bring a donation to support, that would be fantastic. We also have a range of Children in Need merchandise on sale – see the photos below. Please send your money into school to buy these items.



### Nature photography competition

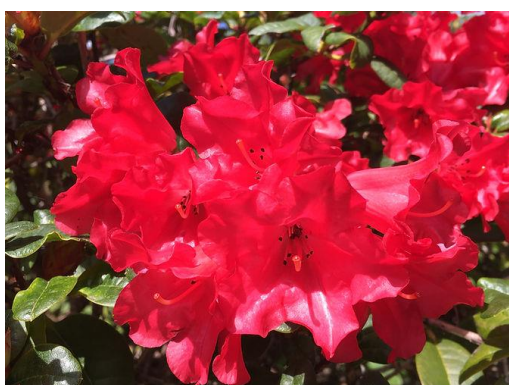
We are busily trying to get the Woodland Room up and running and have been looking at the finishing touches to make it look beautiful, peaceful and calm.

In order to make it a space for the children, as well as the lovely books that will be filling the new shelves we are buying, we would like to get the room decorated with some nature photographs of our local area.

If you remember, during lockdown one of the activities we set was to take and send us local nature photos. These were amazing and so gave us the idea to set a competition.

We are so lucky where we live. We would like you to get out into our lovely area and take photographs. Please then send them into the office – [office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk) by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** and we will judge them. The winning pictures will then be enlarged and framed and take pride of place on the Woodland Room walls. There will be a prize for each of the winning entries. Just pictures of nature though please, no people in them. Animals are fine!

These can be as traditional or as abstract/unique as you would like. Here are a few examples from last time to get your creative thoughts going!





### **Penny For Them Club**

The Penny For Them club had a very HAPPY session last week.

We started with a quick game of silent ball. The children passed the ball around so quietly. Mrs Holmes could only hear the feet moving on the floor!! The children communicated by waving their arms, moving into a space to receive the ball and used excellent eye contact and body language. You could hear a penny drop!

The children then took part in the rocking circle. Today's music was Happy and everyone rocked enthusiastically. They listened carefully for Mrs Holmes and Luke to shout, "freestyle" and then had to show off their dance skills, which they all did. (some amazing moves were observed!)

After discussion about where in our body we felt happiness and how this felt, the children drew a happy face or smile in the middle of their piece of paper and wrote around it what really made them happy. The children enjoyed this so much that all chatter stopped and they focused on their own thoughts and put pencil to paper to record them.

Next week we are going to share what makes us happy. I am sure there will be some interesting thoughts.



### **Year 5/6 indoor athletics**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, we took a team of year 5 and 6 children to Ryburn Valley High School for the annual Sportshall Athletics Competition. First of all, the children competed in the field events which included all the jumping and throwing events and well as 'speedbounce'. Then it was time for the track events where there was a variety of relay races of differing lengths. All of the children performed brilliantly and worked really hard to do their very best. When the scores were added up, we were very proud to come third out of seven schools and were especially proud to receive a runner up trophy. Well done to all of the children involved.



### **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 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA meeting 7pm – Silk Mill – all welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open afternoon – 2.15pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Penathlon – Calderdale College
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	SEND coffee morning 9-10am

#### **December**


Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day – more details to follow R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Secret Santa – more details to follow
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Secret Santa – more details to follow Full Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Christmas Production – 10am and 2pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree – more details to follow KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Clubs finish for Christmas
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	SEND coffee morning 9-10am Christmas Dinner – more information to follow
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Production at Church – 2pm School Closes for Christmas
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Training Day – Busy Bees open
W/C 19 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Bees Open all week – more details to follow
W/C 26 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Bees Closed all week

#### **January 2023**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School reopens
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### **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.

	October	November	December
1			
2			Christmas Jumper Day R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
3			
4	Individual and sibling photographs	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
5			Secret Santa
6			Secret Santa Full governing body meeting
7	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		R/KS1 Christmas Production 10am & 2pm
8			
9			Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Clubs finish for Christmas
10			
11	Y4 Handball Phonics open sessions for parents Full governing body meeting	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
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13	Photo mop ups		
14	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	SEND Coffee morning 9-10am Christmas Dinner
15			KS2 Christmas Production 2pm Close for Christmas
16			TRAINING DAY Busy Bees open
17	Hallowe'en Dress Down Day R/KS1 Hallowe'en Disco	Flu immunisations	
18	Parents Evening	Children in Need R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
19	SEND Coffee morning 9-10am KS2 Hallowe'en Disco		Busy Bees open all week
20	Parents Evening		
21	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Close for half term	Y6 Bikeability	
22			
23		Open Afternoon 2.15pm – see work so far and informal discussions	
24	Busy Bees open all week	Penathlon	
25		Y6 Bikeability KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
26			
27			
28		Y6 Bikeability	
29		Y6 Bikeability	
30		SEND Coffee morning 9-10am	
31	TRAINING DAY Busy Bees open		

	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
1			
2	Bank Holiday		World Book Day
3	School reopens	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
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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
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13	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		
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17			R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
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19			
20	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		
21		Parents Evening	
22		SEND Coffee morning 9-10am	
23		Parents Evening	Open Afternoon 2.15pm – 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		
28			Full Governing Board Meeting
29			SEND Coffee morning 9-10am
30	Maths Open Sessions time TBC		
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
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5		KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		
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7				KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
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9			KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
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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
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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				