



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 17th March 2023



Dear parents/carers,

Well, what a funny couple of weeks we have had! It has felt a little disjointed with snow days and strike days thrown in for good measure!

It has been lovely to see lots of red and non-uniform today for Comic Relief. Thank you all for your kind donations for this charity – together we have raised **£205.66** for this worthwhile cause both in the UK and overseas.

Don't forget that next Thursday – 23rd March – we have our termly open afternoon. This is a chance to come in and see your child in their classroom, have a look at their work and have a chat with our wonderful staff. You will be welcome to join us from 2.45pm.

Clubs also finish for Easter next Friday, remember that we have a week either side of full terms with no clubs, so they will recommence after Easter on w/c 24th April.

This weekend is Mother's Day. I hope all our Mummies, Grannies, carers, Aunties and other significant women in our children's lives have a great day and truly feel appreciated. We thank you all for your love and care for our children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Headteacher

Queen's Memorial Garden Update

The Queen's memorial garden fund Committee have now added up all the money raised from the sandwich sale and the coin crowns. The grand total is £104.56! Amazing! The money will be spent on a flagpole, Union Jack flag, coloured pebbles, pots, compost and plants.

Huge thanks to everybody who has helped and donated to this great venture. The winner of the class prize for the most crown money, which is extra playtime will be announced in next week's assembly.

After Easter we will be asking families if they would like to send a pot or other vessel (wellington boots are popular) with an outdoor plant in it to be placed in the garden. The pots can be decorated if you wish.

The week before we break for Easter the Committee will be holding a playtime (warm) hot chocolate sale with the option of marshmallows and squirty cream!

Look out for more details next week!!



Yoga for Little Acorns

Following the success of the trial yoga session during Children's Mental Health Week, after Easter we will be offering children's yoga for children in Little Acorns. There will be limited places of 15 on a first come, first served basis and places will need to be booked on the App. We will send a message when this opens up, next week. The days and times for the clubs will be Monday mornings at 8.15am, starting 24th April.

Children's yoga and mindfulness combines yoga postures, breathing and mindfulness techniques with storytelling, songs, games and other forms of creative learning to help increase the overall wellbeing of children.



TRAVEL TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Tell us about your child's journey to school to be in with a chance of winning one of five £50 supermarket vouchers.



Scan the QR code above to take part in our survey or visit www.activecalderdale.org/SchoolTravelSurvey



Travel to School Survey

Healthy Futures Calderdale would like to hear about your child's journey to school. Fill in this quick survey to be in with a chance of winning one of five £50 supermarket vouchers: www.activecalderdale.org/SchoolTravelSurvey

The survey will stay open until Wednesday 5th April

PTFA Colour Run – Summer Term

A colour run is a type of fun run where participants start out wearing white T-shirts and by the end of the run they are covered in colour. Volunteers throw colour powder at the runners as they run by. The runners will pay to participate in the event.

We hope this event will appeal to our children and families and will be a great way to raise funds, but also a fun and effective way to entertain the children and our families, while keeping us active.

Organising a colour run is a huge task and we will need lots of dedicated volunteers to help with the planning, organising and running of this event. Before we are able to go ahead with this event we need to ensure we have enough volunteers to make it a success. We are holding a special meeting to discuss this on Monday 20th March at 7pm on Zoom. We are appealing to our parents and carers for you to attend this meeting in order for the event to go ahead and to hopefully raise lots of money for our school and to make fabulous lasting memories. If you think your family would enjoy this event, please consider joining us to make it happen.

We have chosen Zoom to hold our meeting in hoping this will be more accessible to parents, don't worry if you can't join at 7pm. You are welcome to join the meeting when you can. If you would like to join us please contact the PTFA Facebook page, email rippondenschoolptfa@gmail.com or office@ripponden.Calderdale.sch.uk. We will send the Zoom meeting details out closer to the date.

Thanks in advance for your support

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.

March

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

April

W/C 3 rd	Busy Bees open Monday- Thursday – more details to follow
W/C 10 th	Busy Bees open Tuesday-Friday – more details to follow
Monday 17 th	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 up dated regularly.

	March
1	
2	World Book Day
3	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
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10	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
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17	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
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23	Open Afternoon 2.45pm – see work so far and informal discussions
24	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Clubs finish
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26	
27	Musical Soiree
28	Full Governing Board Meeting
29	SEND Coffee morning 9-10am
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31	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Close for Easter

	April	May	June	July
1		Bank Holiday		
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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		
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14				Reports to go out Clubs finish for summer
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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	
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28	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		Sports Day	
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30			R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm	
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