



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays and into the Summer Term.

And didn't we start off with a bang! We had been expecting a visit from Ofsted and our call for notification was our first day back! While the inspection process is rigorous and thorough (and so it should be!) the staff and children really rose to the occasion and showcased our school so beautifully. The inspection report takes a number of weeks to be written and quality assured and until that time I am unable to share the outcome and findings, but I will share the report with you as soon as I am able to.

I must say a huge thank you, though to everyone who took the time to either speak to us or email in with their good wishes, it really does mean the world to us to have such a supportive community. Some of the comments that the inspector shared with us from Parent View were also incredible and very humbling, so thank you again. The whole process has once again reaffirmed how proud I am of this school and everyone associated with it.

As we now go into the weekend, don't forget that Monday is a Bank Holiday and Tuesday is teacher strike day, meaning that Little Acorns and Redwoods are in all day and Great Oaks and Chestnuts are in for the afternoon. All other classes are closed. We will return to full classes on Wednesday 3rd May.

Have a lovely weekend,

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

Headteacher

Staffing Changes for September

I know it feels very early to be thinking about September, but I am writing to let you know about changes for September. Mrs Hutchinson, who teaches Great Oaks, will be leaving us in the summer and is going off to new challenges. While we will really miss her and especially the work she has done on the emotional, mental health and wellbeing of the children and staff, we wish her every success for the future.

We currently have an advert out for a new teacher to join us from September. In terms of staffing for September, we may be making some changes to classes and adults in the classes. Once these have all been confirmed, I will communicate these to you.

King's Coronation Celebration Day

As we know, King Charles III's Coronation Day is Saturday 6th May and there is a Bank Holiday to celebrate on Monday 8th May.

In celebration of this historically momentous event, we will be having a celebration in school on **Friday 5th May**.

For the day, we are inviting everyone to come to school in either red/white/blue colours in support of the Union Jack flag, or dress as Kings and Queens for the day.

In the morning, we will be having a themed morning around the Coronation and what it is, symbolism and crafts, and in the afternoon we will be playing traditional British games.

For lunch, given the incredible success of the Jubilee picnic day, we will be serving a very British Afternoon Tea on the field (weather permitting!) and the whole school will be able to enjoy finger sandwiches, crudités, pastries, cream scones and buns. If your child doesn't usually have school dinner, but would like one on this day, please contact the office.

We are sure this will be a superb day for everyone involved and will be one that the children will remember for years to come!



Magic Show

The PTFA have organised for a Magic Show to come to school - fun for all the family!

Date: Tuesday 16th May

Doors Open: 6pm

Show Time: 6.15pm

Finish Time: 7.30pm

15 Minute Interval for refreshments and snacks to be sold by PTFA

120 Tickets available on first come first served & **all children must be accompanied by an adult**

Tickets to be purchased on the shop £5 per ticket - link is here - <https://ripponden-school-ptfa.sumupstore.com/product/magic-show-tuesday-16th-may-6pm>

All profit to be allocated to PTFA

Tickets to be sent home with children before the event.

**Florian represents Ripponden at The West Yorkshire
Finals of Cross Country**

A huge well done to Florian with his cross country successes. You may remember that Florian qualified to go through to represent our school and indeed Calderdale in the West Yorkshire finals and these were on 20th April.

Florian did incredibly well and came a very impressive 54th out of 139 runners! He also came 10th in Calderdale! What an achievement!

Well done, Florian, we are really proud of you – let's see what you do next year too!



Busy Bees for half term

In keeping with the coronation theme, Busy Bees for half term will be surrounding a Royal British Bake-Off. The activities will be surrounding baking (and eating!) some very traditional British baking. Not sure if Paul Hollywood will make an appearance, but I am sure there will be some handshakes! If you would like to book a place for the holiday club, please book via the app.

 Royal British Bake-Off 			
Tuesday 30th May Breakfast served between 8-9am	Wednesday 31st May Breakfast served between 8-9am	Thursday 1st June Breakfast served between 8-9am	Friday 2nd June Breakfast served between 8-9am
<i>Mini Malteser Cheesecakes</i>	<i>Jam & Cream Scones</i>	<i>Butterfly Buns</i>	<i>Crown Biscuits</i>
			
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
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.

May

Monday 1st

Tuesday 2nd

May Day Bank Holiday – school closed

Strike Action – only Little Acorns and Redwoods in all day, Great Oaks and Chestnuts in for the afternoon.

Friday 5 th	Coronation Celebration Day
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – school closed
W/C 9 th	SATs Week for Year 6
Friday 12 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 15 th	Ryburn staff visiting Redwoods Football match after school
Tuesday 16 th	Year 5/6 Cricket Healthy School Award Presentation in assembly PTFA Magic Show 6pm – information above
Friday 19 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 24 th	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
Friday 26 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm Finish for half term
W/C 30 th	Busy Bees Open Tuesday-Friday – book on the app

June

Monday 5 th	School reopens for Summer 2
Friday 9 th	First Aid Training for Years 5 & 6 R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Tuesday 13 th	Y3/4 Gym competition
Wednesday 14 th	Class photographs
Friday 16 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 19 th	Redwoods' Residential to Langdale all week
Tuesday 20 th	Little Acorns & Saplings to Hesketh Farm
Wednesday 21 st	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am September 2023 Little Acorns New Parents Evening
Thursday 22 nd	Maples to Manchester Museum
Friday 23 rd	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 26 th	Sports Week
Friday 30 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

July

Monday 3 rd	Open Afternoon – 2.45pm
Friday 7 th	Transition Day
Thursday 13 th	Great Oaks to St Anne's
Friday 14 th	Clubs finish for summer Reports to go out
Wednesday 19 th	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am Redwoods' Leavers Production 2pm and 6pm
Friday 21 st	Close for summer

Busy Bees will be open all 6 weeks of the summer holidays – we will publish the programme in due course.

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.

	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				