



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Well, here we are at the end of the first half term already!!

We have crammed lots into this half term and have lots planned for the run up to Christmas. I have been in and out of classrooms lots over the past couple of weeks and I have been so happy to see how engaged, involved and enthusiastic the children are with their learning. I have also been listening to readers in lots of classes and have been really impressed with how their reading is progressing and how the books they are reading have been matched to their levels, meaning all children are able to access their books.

Thank you to those parents who have been able to join us in school for the different events over the last couple of weeks. The feedback from the phonics open sessions have been super and I know the children loved 'showing off' how much they have learned. It was also super to have parents evening back as a face to face event. So nice to see parents in school again! For those classes that had to be cancelled this week, please check your emails for details on how to book again. Apologies again for any inconvenience caused.

We now break up for the half term holiday and children return to school on **Tuesday 1st November**. The teachers will be in on the Monday training and we look forward to having the children back on the Tuesday for the start of a wonderful (and slightly crazy!) Christmas half term.

I wish you a wonderful week together,

V Bamforth

Headteacher

Hallowe'en Activities

A huge thank you to these wonderful (if not a bit spooky!) people who worked their socks off to create wonderful discos for our children. Thank you to all who supported and also with the dress down day on Monday. Great fun was had by all! As well as having a great time, these were fundraising activities and while we don't have a figure yet, it has been really successful and will go into the iPad fundraising pot! Thank you to all concerned.



Reception Intake – September 2023

I have been showing lots of families around school over the last couple of weeks, as prospective parents for September 2023. If you know of anyone who has a child looking to start school next September, ask them to get in touch with the office to book their individual tour.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I sent out details regarding a parent governor vacancy earlier last week. This is an opportunity for someone to really make a difference to our school and help shape the future. If you are interested, please return the forms to the office. Many thanks.

The Great Fundraising Sandwich Sale.

Early Tuesday morning our three Queen's memorial garden fundraisers, Luke, Lucas and Leo started making jam, marmalade and honey sandwiches to sell to our school. The boys worked very hard as a team and turned thirteen loaves of bread into scrumptious, delicious treats.

The boys were joined by Magnus from Great Oaks, who was soon taught by the boys how to make a sandwich and also how to add the number of sandwiches together. It was amazing to observe such good team work and camaraderie.

Once the sandwiches were made the boys all helped each other tidy up and clean the crumbs and sticky honey from the tables where they had worked. They even hoovered up!

Feeling very nervous the boys pushed the trolley stacked high with their wares down to the hall.

All four boys helped set up and get ready for their customers to arrive, which they did!

After a busy half an hour the boys were feeling very proud of themselves for achieving their aim, to raise funds to buy the first items for their project.

The leftovers sandwiches were passed to Busy Bees who kindly gave a generous donation to the fund.

Thank you to all the kind pupils and staff who purchased sandwiches and gave donations. The boys have counted the money and are overwhelmed to announce they have raised (drum roll please...)

£51.60!

What an achievement!

Look out for our next exciting projects coming up in November!





Children in Need – 18th November

On Friday 18th 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. We will also be selling Pudsey Ears and accessories when we get back from half term – watch this space, we will advertise when we are back!

Pots Plea!

The Queen’s Memorial Group would like to issue a plea for any unwanted pots (not plastic please!) and any unwanted, left-over gloss paint. This is go be used for their garden. If you can help in any way, please send them to the office. Many thanks.

Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who has bought a book from The Book Fair. There were lots of children being rewarded for great reports, which is super! As you know, we make commission on these books, so I will let you know how much we have raised once this is finalized. Many thanks again.

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.

October

W/C 24th Busy Bees open all week – contact to book
Monday 31st Training Day – Busy Bees will be open – contact to book

November

Tuesday 1st School reopens to children
Friday 4th R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Friday 11th KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Monday 14th PTFA meeting – all welcome
Thursday 17th Flu immunisations
Friday 18th Children in Need
R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Monday 21st Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 23rd Open afternoon – 2.15pm
Thursday 24th Penathlon – Calderdale College
Friday 25th Y6 Bikeability
KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Monday 28th Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday 29th Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 30th SEND coffee morning 9-10am

December

Friday 2nd Christmas Jumper Day – more details to follow
R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Monday 5th Secret Santa – more details to follow

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

January 2023

Tuesday 3rd School reopens

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.



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Growing Together, Reaching for the Sky

	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	
12			
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		

	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
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13	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm		
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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 2.15pm – 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
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				