



# Ripponden J&I News

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to another academic year here at Ripponden! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and made some wonderful memories together. The Great British Weather wasn't the best for us, but it appears to have brightened up just when we are back!

I would like to welcome, too, all of our new families joining us for the first time. You are so very welcome to our Ripponden Family. We will endeavour to share information with you as soon as we can, but please get in touch with the office – [office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk) if you need anything, we will be happy to help.

Today has seen the return to school for Years 1-6 and the first group of Little Acorns started too. When I have been around all the classrooms at various times today, the children and adults have been busily getting on with making new relationships and forging ahead with what will be a fantastic year. Miss Smith and Miss Wisniewski have settled in already and are sure to prove themselves a really strong Key Stage 1 team. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them the very best of luck.

Over the coming year, I will continue to send newsletters fortnightly with additional updates as and when needed. Our main form of communication is email, so please make sure we have an up-to-date email for you all. I would hate for you to miss out on important information.

We all know that the key to a happy and successful school depends on everyone working together in the best interests of the children and I am really keen to strengthen these home/school links. I am on the playground Monday-Thursday mornings (I am teaching Year 5 on Friday mornings!) so please feel free to come and speak to me if you have any concerns, or just come and say hello!

Thank you in advance for your support,

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

Headteacher

## **Curriculum Coverage**

Every half term, we send out Curriculum Coverage sheets to let you know what your child will be learning. These will come out on email and will also go on the website.

On the website too, under the Curriculum tab, you will find information about our curriculum learning pathways – what is being taught, when throughout the school in each foundation subject. In addition there are 'Sticky Knowledge' sheets – these are some key questions that each unit of work will be addressing and identified information that we will be revisiting throughout the children's time with us. If you would like to find out more, ask your child's class teacher.

### Welcome to Your New Class Evenings

Each year, we hold an evening after school to welcome parents into the classroom, to meet the teacher, to hear about expectations and routines and give an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have. These meetings are next week. If you are unable to make these, please don't worry; I will put the power points on the class webpages following the meeting and the class teachers will always be happy to answer any other questions or queries you may have at another time. The days/time of the welcome evenings are as follows:

<b>Class/Year</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Little Acorns Reception	Mrs Kenny	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm
Saplings Year 1	Miss Wisniewski	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm
Great Oaks Year 2	Miss Smith	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm
Chestnuts Year 3	Mrs Hamilton	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	4pm
Willows Year 4	Mr Baldwin	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	4pm
Maples Year 5	Mrs Bolton	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm
Redwoods Year 6	Mrs Lomas	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	4pm

We hope to see lots of you there!

### Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe is the number one priority for us here at school. We have a number of key people who you should contact if you have any safeguarding concerns.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is **Mrs Lorraine Bamforth** (Headteacher)

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are **Mrs Jude Kenny** and **Mrs Jo Lomas** (Assistant Headteachers).

In addition to this, we are training **Mrs Jo Holmes** and **Miss Lily Smith** to DSL level in the next few weeks, to further strengthen the safeguarding team in school.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; please speak to us if you have any concerns. There is also lots of information regarding safeguarding on our website.

### Attendance and punctuality

Here at Ripponden, we expect high standards of attendance and punctuality for all pupils. Attending school, on time, every day is essential for children to get the most out of their education and attendance impacts positively on attainment and wellbeing.

If your child is ill, please make sure you have made contact with school by **9.30am**. If we do not hear from you, we will follow up and this could also involve a home visit if necessary.

It is one of my statutory duties to closely monitor attendance. If your child's attendance begins to become a concern, I will be in touch with you to work together to improve this.

## **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 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA AGM in school – all welcome
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs start
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Phonics information for parents 3.15pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

### **October**

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics open sessions for parents – Time TBC
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair this week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn parents' evenings
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn parents' evenings
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
	Individual and Siblings photographs
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
	Close for half term
W/C 30 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Bees open all week – details to follow

### **November**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Training Day – Busy Bees will be open
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens to children

### **2023/2024 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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	September	October	November	December
1				
2				
3		Staff Meeting		
4	TRAINING DAY			
5				Staff Meeting
6			TRAINING DAY	R/KS1 Christmas Production 10am/2pm
7			Staff Meeting	
8	Aut 1 Curriculum Coverage Due			Clubs finish for Christmas
9		Y6 Bikeability		
10		Y6 Bikeability Staff Meeting	Aut 2 Curriculum Coverage due	
11	Welcome Evenings this week PTFA AGM	Phonics open session		
12	Staff meeting			Staff Meeting/ FGB
13		LDPs reviewed and renewed		
14			Staff Meeting	
15	Class LTPs and Aut 1 MTPs due			
16				
17		Parents Evening	Aut 2 MTPs due Children in Need	
18	Clubs start			
19	Disaggregated Staff Meeting FGB	Parents Evening		Staff Meeting
20				
21			Staff Meeting	KS2 Christmas production – 2pm Church Autumn 2 Data Due School closes for Christmas
22	Subject LTPs due in		Open afternoon – 2.45pm – see work so far and information discussions	TRAINING DAY
23		Y6 Bikeability		
24		Y6 Bikeability Individual and sibling photos Staff Meeting		
25				
26	Staff Meeting			
27	Phonics information session			
28			Staff Meeting	
29	Subject action plans due in			
30				
31				

	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
1			Spr 2 MTPs due
2		LDPs reviewed and renewed	
3			
4			
5			Staff meeting
6		Staff meeting	
7			World Book Day
8	School reopens		
9		Break Up for Half term	
10			
11			
12	Spring 1 Curriculum Coverage due		Staff meeting
13			
14			Open Afternoon 2.45pm – see work so far and informal discussions
15	Clubs restart		Clubs finish for Easter
16	Staff meeting		
17	EYFS Maths Information Session		
18			
19	Spr 1 MTPs due	TRAINING DAY	Staff meeting
20		Staff meeting/ FGB	
21			
22			Spring 2 data due Close for Easter
23	Staff meeting	Spring 2 Curriculum Coverage due	
24			
25			
26			
27		Parents Evening	
28			
29		Parents Evening	
30	EYFS Maths Open Session Staff meeting		
31			

	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
1				
2				Open Afternoon 2.45pm Staff Meeting
3			School reopens	
4			Staff meeting	
5				Clubs finish for summer Transition Day
6		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
7		Staff meeting	Class Photos Sum 2 Curriculum Coverage in	
8	School reopens			
9	Staff meeting/ FGB			Staff meeting
10			Y6 Residential all week	
11			Staff meeting	
12	Summer 1 Curriculum Coverage due			Reports Out
13				
14		Staff meeting	Sum 2 MTPs due	
15	Clubs restart			Summer Data due
16				Staff meeting/FGB
17		LDPs reviewed and renewed		Year 6 Production
18			Staff meeting	
19	Sum 1 MTPs due			School closes for summer
20				
21		Staff meeting		
22				
23				
24		Close for half term	Sports Week	
25			Sports Day Staff meeting	
26				
27				
28			Reports to LB	
29				
30	Staff meeting			
31				