



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Here we are back for the final term of this academic year. It really seems to have flown by!

The children and have come back to school with increased vigour and ready for the challenges ahead. This term is always a lovely one, but is also one where lots of the work done this year and previously comes together with statutory assessments. We always minimise any pressure on the children and they are so used to completing assessments, that we treat it like all other assessments and impress upon the children that all we want them to do is their best and if they do that, then that is good enough for us.

There are statutory assessments in Year 1 with the phonics check, Year 2 with SATs, Year 4 with the multiplication check and Year 6 with SATs. I have attached some parents' guides for KS1 and KS2 SATs for your information.

It is for this reason that we implore you to send your children to school every day, unless they are poorly. For Year 1, 2 and 4 we can assess across a period of time and Y6 are specific days. It is so important that the children are here for all of the teaching input to enable them to show us how much they have learned.

On that, I have sent out 65 letters to parents of children where their attendance has dropped to below 95%. This is a staggering 34% of our school. Of these 65 children, 15 are classed as 'persistent absentees' where their attendance is below 90%. This is very worrying and I will be monitoring this closely. Please also be aware that I am unable to authorise any term-time holidays.

As Monday is a bank holiday, we will see you back to school on Tuesday, so enjoy the long weekend and hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

V Bamforth

Headteacher

Sustrans Big Wheel and Walk Challenge

As the lower end of the school don't seem to bring their scooters or bikes to school – we are now opening it up to all classes. If you would like to scoot or cycle to school, please do so and park your scooter or bike in the racks outside Learning Zone 1.



SPONSOR 2022

RUNNING UNTIL 28TH APRIL 2022

Try to raise £20.22 through whichever method you choose:

- Bake a cake...
- Sponsored run...
- Do the washing up...
- Sponsored silence...
- Mow the grass...
- Sponsored read...
- Car wash...
- Sponsored skip...

PRIZES ARE AVAILABLE FOR REACHING SCHOOL TARGETS:

•£2000 - 5 mins extra playtime •£3000 - 10 mins extra playtime
•£4000 - 15 mins extra playtime •£5000 - 15 mins extra playtime + take in a treat

PLEASE SEE SPONSOR FORM FOR PAYMENT DETAILS

PTFA 2022 Challenge

Thank you to those who have sent in their sponsor money so far.

If you haven't yet, there is still time! Please send it in as soon as you can, so we can get a total together.

Many thanks for your support with this sponsorship event.

Saplings Homework

From next week, Saplings will be getting paper-based homework weekly on a Thursday. This will be a Little Wandle homework and a piece of maths work.



Saplings are growing!

Saplings have started to learn about plants and we have some real budding botanists! Keep it up boys!

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 2nd

Tuesday 3rd

Friday 6th

W/C Monday 9th

May Bank Holiday – school closed

School reopen

Reception/KS1 celebration assembly

KS2 SATs Week

Thursday 19 th	Chestnuts to church for anniversary ***more details to follow***
Friday 20 th	KS2 celebration assembly
Tuesday 24 th	Full Governing Meeting
Wednesday 25 th	Young Voices – Manchester Arena
Friday 27 th	Jubilee Celebration Day ***more details to follow***
	School closes for half term
W/C 30 th	Busy Bees open Monday-Wednesday ***more details to follow***

June

Monday 6 th	School Closed – Queen’s Jubilee
Tuesday 7 th	School reopens
	Assessment window for Y4 multiplication check and Y1 phonics
Friday 10 th	Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Wednesday 15 th	Reception 2022 Parents’ Open Evening
Monday 20 th	Year 6 residential to Langdale all week
Friday 24 th	KS2 celebration assembly
Thursday 30 th	Musical Soiree

July

Friday 1 st	KS2 celebration assembly
Monday 4 th	Transition Day (TBC)
Tuesday 5 th	KS2 SATs results due
Friday 8 th	Y3/4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
	Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Tuesday 19 th	Full Governing Meeting
Friday 22 nd	School closes for summer



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