



Striving for Excellence

Ryefield's Weekly Newsletter

08-09-2018

Welcome back

I trust that everyone had a wonderful summer break.

It was delightful to see all of the children arrive on Tuesday bright eyed and bushy tailed: we all swiftly settled down to catching up with friends and learning in our new classes. You may have seen your child's new reading record:



We hope you find them a useful way of recording your child's progress in reading and communicating between home and school. Please take the time to look at the middle pages of the books as there are many useful tips and lists. We would encourage parents to take the time to practise the word lists, phonic phases and multiplication tables: these are the building blocks of learning and success in school.



Similarly, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have also been given Home/School Maths books. These books were selected as they are in line with our approach to teaching mathematics. The first set of questions deal with fluency, the next set address your child's reasoning and ability to solve a multi-stage word problem, whilst the final set support mastery: applying their understanding in a different context. Your children will be told which pages to complete and additional work may also be given via MyMaths etc.

It is essential that you work through the book at the pace directed by your child's class teacher.

Parents **can** use the information in the appendix to support additional home/school learning, e.g. tables, conversion of measures, ratio, common factors, prime numbers etc.

Parent will have to fund replacement copies should any of the books be lost or damaged.

Reading Record: £0.60

Home/School: £1.50

Date for your Diary:



We would like to invite you to attend our Resilience Breakfast on Tuesday 25th September at 9am. When faced with a tragedy, natural disaster, health concern, relationship, work, or school problem, resilience is how well a person can adapt to the events in their life. A person with good resilience has the ability to bounce back more quickly and with less stress than someone whose resilience is less developed.

I have the privilege to announce our guest speaker, Ian Rose a Paralympic Medallist who now gives inspirational speeches. Ian focusses on 'motivating and inspiring others to achieve their full potential' and hopefully you will leave feeling inspired by him.

The children will be attending a workshop with Ian during the day, therefore once your child has had their breakfast, they will return to class while you have the opportunity to listen to Ian explain how you can support your child in what they have learnt.

A letter will be sent with a request slip for a place.

Sport and Clubs at Ryefield:

One of the common threads that appeared in last term's Parental Questionnaire was the desire for more extra-curricular activities. Over the course of this year we will be trying to offer a balance of clubs that are free to the school and ones which will have a small fee attached. In order to encourage our children to broaden their participation in extracurricular activities, Ryefield will be subsidising some of these clubs to keep the cost down: thus making it more affordable for families. Here is the draft timetable for the Autumn term. Please note that some of these clubs have yet to start as we are working with the coaches to find a suitable time and space.

In order to attend the paid clubs payment needs to be made on your child's sQuid account. Their place is not confirmed until you have paid for your child's place.

Day	Time	Club	Dates
Monday	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Football – Y5 & Y6 (£13 or £26 per term)	10 th Sept – 10 th Dec
	Lunch-time	Cross Country – KS2 (no charge)	11 th Sept – 11 th Dec
Tuesday	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Dance – KS2 (£13 or £26 per term)	11 th Sept – 11 th Dec
	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Basketball – KS2 (£12 or £24 per term)	18 th Sept – 11 th Dec
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Tag Rugby (no charge)	t.b.c.
Wednesday	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Gymnastics – Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5 (£13 or £26 per term)	12 th Sept – 12 th Dec
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Dance with Tracey – Rec, Y1 & Y2 (£13 or £26 per term)	12 th Sept – 12 th Dec
Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Multi-Skills – Rec, Y1 & Y2 (£12 or £24 per term)	13 th Sept – 13 th Dec
	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Change for Life – KS1 & KS2 (no charge)	t.b.c
Friday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Rugby Tots – Rec, Y1 & Y2 (£12 or £24 per term)	14 th Sept – 14 th Dec
	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Football – Y3 & Y4 (£12 or £24 per term)	14 th Sept – 14 th Dec
	t.b.c	Family Boot Camp (no charge)	t.b.c

Summer Reading Challenge 2018

I have enjoyed listening to so many children tell me about their favourite summer book and it is great to hear that for some individuals they have discovered a series or author that they have really enjoyed.

The challenge finishes in around a week so there is still time. All children who complete the challenge will get a medal and certificate from Hillingdon Library Service **PLUS a one time use voucher for a non-uniform day of their choice.** #RyefieldReads

W.R.A.P (Watford Recycling Arts Project)

We have set up a membership as a school with Watford Recycling Arts Project in Northwood Hills. It is a large warehouse full of resources to use for projects and junk modelling. As parents we welcome you to access our membership for any projects that your children may have..

Should you wish to use the membership our number is: **4432**

Address: **Unit 2-6, Ryefield Crescent, Northwood Hills, HA6 1LT**

****Note that you cannot park outside the Unit or you WILL receive a parking ticket. Park outside the parade of shops on Joel Street and walk in.****

Request for Boards Games

Do you have any board games laying around at home that your children no longer use? Mr Tucker is starting a new games club at lunchtimes and would like to have as many games as possible for the children to try out. Please drop any board games/card games to the office.



Ryefield's Family Support Advisor

Mrs Avery is our Family Support Adviser. She is based in the school and offers support and guidance to parents on issues impacting their own lives and that of their child. She is contactable through the school or via email familysupport@ryefield.org.uk

Parent Gym Workshop

Parent Gym Workshops are starting soon – there will be a taster session on 20th September and then the workshops start on the 4th October 2018. These will be held every Thursday, 9.00am - 11.00am in the Community Room.

What is Parent Gym?

- Parent Gym is an evidence-based, six week parenting programme.
- Our sessions help parents to develop their skills and confidence so that they can create the sort of family environment in which children flourish.
- To date, we have worked with over 6,000 parents in schools and centres across London, Brighton, Hove, Leeds, Bradford and Manchester.
- We have been independently evaluated by the Universities of Canterbury, Hertfordshire and Warwick, and quality marked by the national CAN Parent scheme.



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FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

What do we cover?

Week 1



Chat

Get you and your child talking in a positive way, every day.

Week 2



Love

Show your child you care and help them develop independence.

Week 3



Behave

Bring order to your house with rules and routines that really work.

Week 4



Care

Keep yourself and your family happy and healthy.

Week 5



Discover

Help your little one learn, grow, and achieve their dreams.

Week 6



Together

Keep your family rock solid and resolve conflict in a positive way.

+ Booster session (3 months or more after)
Discuss on going challenges, refresh on key techniques and catch up with coach and the group.

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FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs Avery or pop into the school office and pick up a leaflet.

Polite Reminder to Parents

Please label all your child's belongings that they bring to school with them! Our lost property pile is very big from last year and we don't want to make it any bigger.

In line with our Uniform Policy please ensure hair accessories are kept plain and minimal. More and more children are wearing large hair accessories, despite them looking lovely they are not part of the school uniform.

Children in years 3-6 should only be bringing a healthy snack for playtimes such as a piece of fruit or vegetable. Crisps do not count as a healthy snack. Children in Reception, Year1 and Year 2 do not need to bring a snack as one will be provided in class.



School Lunches

If you have unpaid fees for lunch - please ensure that your account is settled. Your child will not receive a school lunch until their sQuid account has credit!

If sQuid does not allow you to order due to owed funds then it is your responsibility to provide your child(ren) a packed lunch.

Please note that this does not apply to children in the Early Years (Reception) and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) as you automatically receive Universal Infant Free School Meals or families who receive free school meals in KS2 (Years 3-6)

Are you eligible for Free School Meals and access to the Pupil Premium?

Visit: <https://myfreeschoolmeals.com/> to check for eligibility

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

w/c Monday 10 th September	After school clubs begin
Wednesday 12 th September	Park 4 swimming lessons start
Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th October	Half Term
Monday 29 th October	Children return to school
Thursday 22 nd & 23 rd Friday November	INSET Days – no children should attend
Friday 21 st December	End of Term School finishes 1.30pm for Infants/1.35pm for Juniors