



## Farewell Mrs. Strong

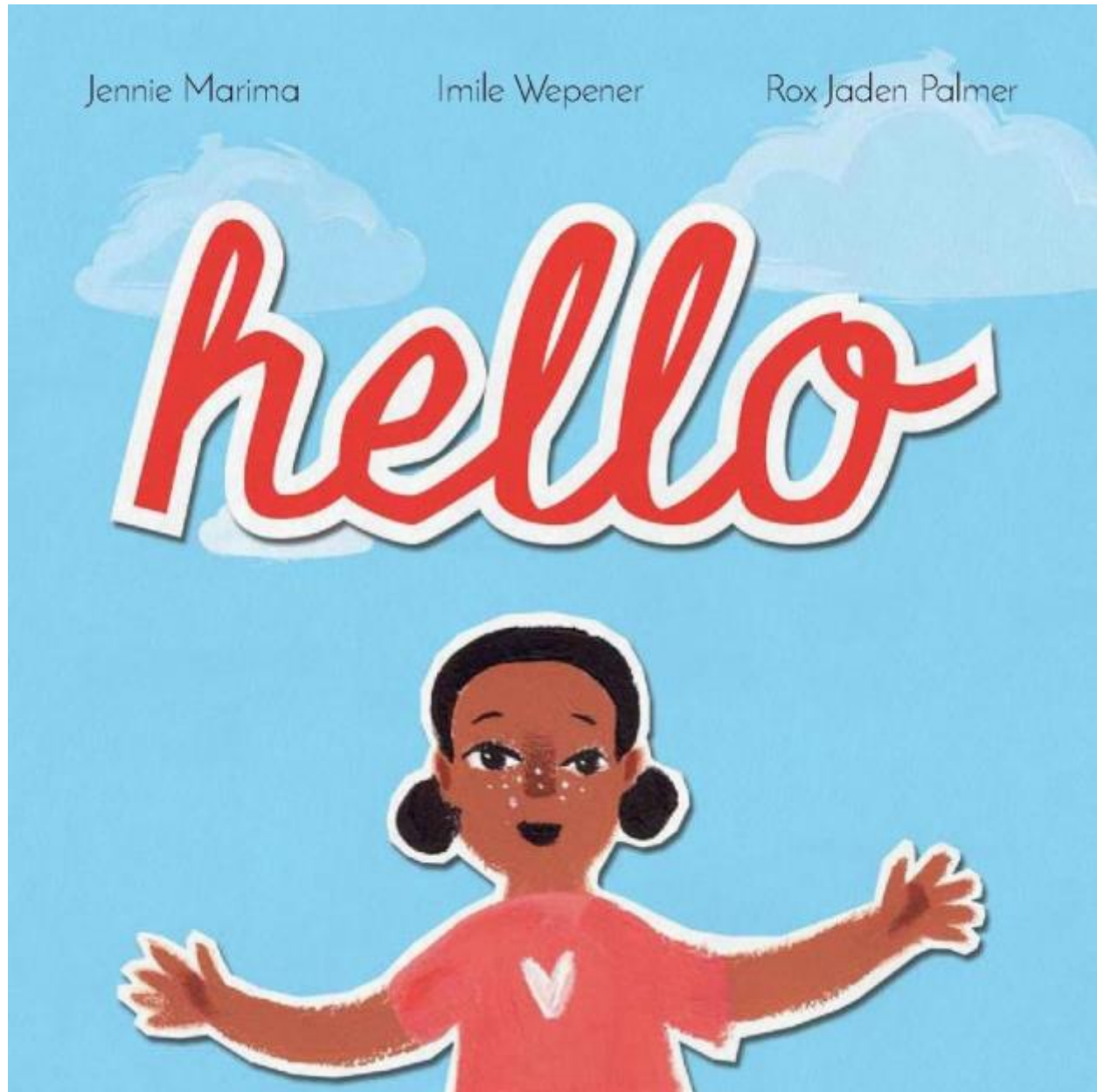
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*Newsletter 12/03/2021*

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**This newsletter will bid farewell to Mrs. Strong, as well as provide tips on on reading at home. It also includes last week's update on the adjustments that were sent out at the end of the autumn term, along with the existing arrangements that are in place to ensure that we can continue to minimise the spread of infection at Ryefield.**

## Return to Ryefield



Two months have passed since the corridors buzzed and hummed with the sounds of learning. Across those weeks the school has undergone a digital revolution. Less than 12 months ago, few of us would have anticipated our class teachers streaming live lessons into your homes, and children as young as six years old becoming adept at logging into their online learning portal and uploading their work to the cloud. As we edge towards stability, we can start to consider what the 'new normal' will look like.

Are there new elements that we can incorporate into our day to day teaching? Have there been alterations and innovations that parents want us to continue with? When permitted, shall the school revert to its previous opening and closing times, or do we try something new?

These are all questions we are asking of ourselves. Whilst the future may seem uncertain, it needs to be viewed as an opportunity to innovate and accelerate progress. For example, the digital revolution seen at Ryefield has moved the school 18-24 months forward in terms of the use of IT, the cloud and platforms that support targeted learning. Consequently, the school has made the bold decision to commit to providing all children in KS1 and Lower KS2 with 1:2 access to either an iPad or Chromebook, we are also committed to developing digitally proficient pupils in Upper KS2 and aspire that each child will have 1:1 access to a Chromebook for use in school. We do not want to lose any of the momentum gained during January and February; with home and school working together we can bridge the divide caused by both of the lockdowns.

I would therefore welcome any interested parents joining workshops that will seek to gather parental views on potential future changes. More information will follow in next week's newsletter.

Good luck Mrs. Strong.



Today, marks Mrs. Strong's last day with us at Ryefield.

Mrs. Strong has been a key agent of change at Ryefield Primary. She joined Ryefield shortly after my appointment as Headteacher. With operational responsibility for improving the teaching, learning, and outcomes for pupils at Ryefield, she quickly established herself as an inspirational leader. Mrs. Strong

has completely engaged with the established school culture and creed and ensured that the ethos of a loving, tolerant school permeated every facet of school life.

Mrs. Strong made a significant impact on the strategic direction and leadership of the school, as well as teaching and learning, curriculum development and supporting colleagues. Ryefield's loss is Kew Riverside's gain.

We wish her well in her new role and her legacy of oracy will continue to inspire future generations of Ryefield pupils to find their voice.

A message from Mrs. Strong.



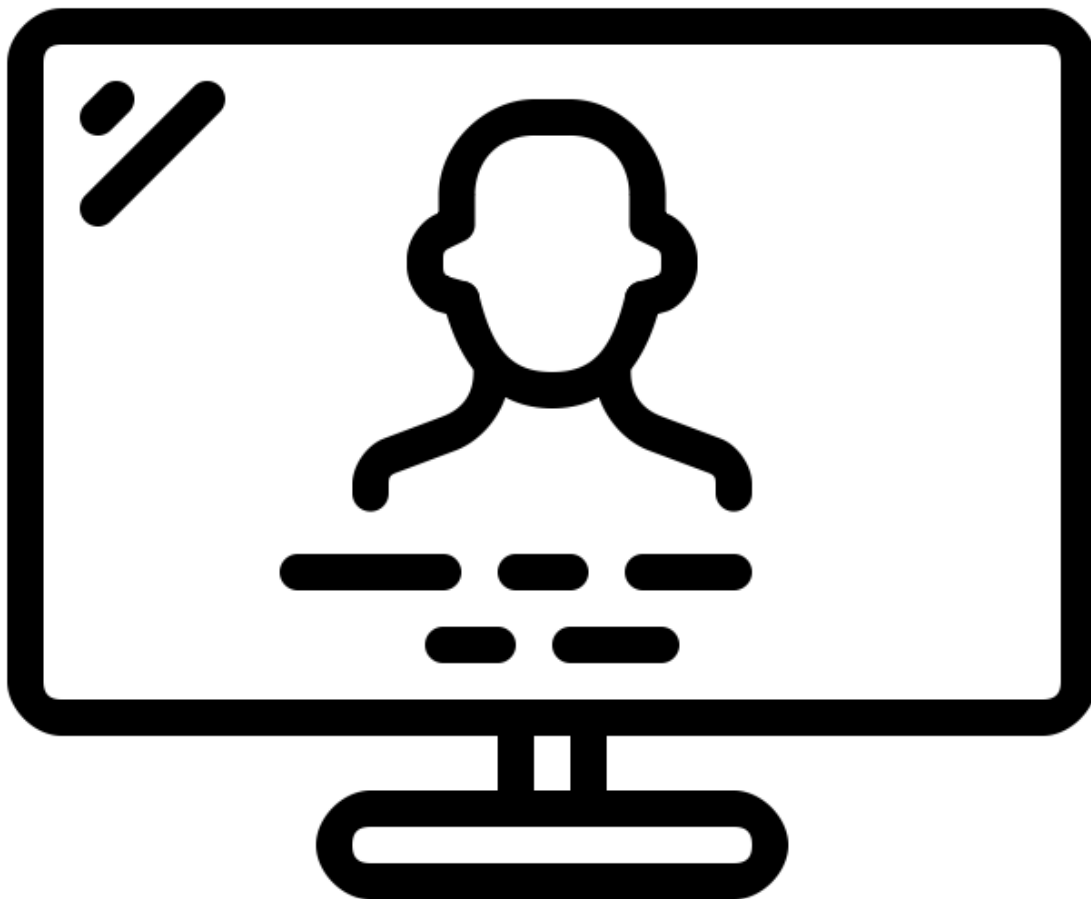


I cannot believe after five wonderful years the time has come to say goodbye to everyone at Ryefield. My time here as part of this family has been incredible. I have been so lucky to be part of the development of this learning community and witness your children grow and flourish, even during remote learning. I am constantly amazed by their resilience, flexibility and positive attitudes. I am so pleased that I will at least get to see all the children for a few days before I leave.

Leaving Ryefield was not a decision I took lightly, but I am very excited to move on to a new chapter as a Headteacher with all the challenges that that involves. It is not an easy time to make the move to become a Headteacher but I have had an excellent mentor and believe now is the right time to put everything I have learnt into practice. Ryefield truly is a 'family' and I can only hope that my new school has a staffing team as dedicated, unwavering and compassionate. Believe me when I say that they are all superheroes!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy rest of 2021 and thank you for all your support over the years.

[Subtitles to kick start reading](#)





Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. It's so brilliantly simple and can help children's literacy so much that we want to shout it from the rooftops! For more information, see [www.turnonthesubtitles.org](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org)

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Reopening guidance.

## 5 important steps

to help our schools  
and childcare settings stay open



**Adults wear a face covering  
at drop off/pick up**



**Stick to one adult  
at drop off/pick up**



**Adults keep 2 metres apart**



**Avoid car sharing**



**Self-isolate if anyone in your  
household has symptoms**

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**For up to date information, support and advice  
visit [parentclub.scot](https://parentclub.scot)**

Adults, please wear a face covering when accessing the school site.



During the last consultation, many parents expressed a preference for all adults dropping off or collecting their children to wear a mask. Your child may wish to wear a mask whilst walking to and from school but they will not be wearing them in school, or at breaktimes.

Whilst working across their bubbles, teachers will not be wearing masks. However they may choose to do so if they are travelling around the school.

We need to reduce the number of adults on the school site.



We are fortunate to have a large and spacious site. We encourage families to ensure that as few adults as possible accompany their child to school.

Maintain social distancing.



We realise that many families will not have seen each other for a significant period of time, but we urge all families to remain vigilant and **do not** congregate in groups. This includes keeping a distance from the classroom doors during drop off and pick up. Parents have limited licence to enter the school site. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, we ask that you make an appointment via the school office.

If possible, walk to school.

# **Avoid car sharing and limit use of public transport**



We realise that this may not be possible for some families, especially those who travel significant distances to attend Ryefield. However, if you are local please try to avoid car sharing and walk to and from school.

We would also like to remind those parents using public transport that they must wear a face mask.



Self isolate if necessary

# Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms



I would like to thank the entire school community for being proactive and acting as the first line of defence. The vaccine rollout continues to give us all the confidence that better times are ahead. We urge all families to continue to monitor their children for symptoms and if necessary self isolate.

Should a class/year group bubble be required to self isolate, remote learning will be provided. This will be in line with the provision offered over the past two months.

## Reminders for the 8th March



### **Timings of the school day will vary for each year bubble:**

Nursery am: 08.30 – 11.30

Nursery pm: 12.20 – 15.20

Reception: 08.20 – 14.50

Key Stage 1: 08.20– 14.50

Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3/4): 8.30 – 15.00

Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5/6): 8.30 – 15.10

### **Lunches**

Children can choose to either bring a packed lunch to school, or order a hot meal/sandwich from our school kitchen. The meals are prepared on site and delivered to your child's classroom.

School meals can be purchased via ParentPay.

All children in Reception and KS1 are eligible to receive free school meals via the government's universal infant free school meal programme.

### ***School Uniform***

Parents are reminded that from 05 January students are expected to wear their **full** school uniform. The uniform is as follows:

- Boys and girls wear:
- A white polo shirt
- School jumper/cardigan
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- White socks
- Black formal school shoes (no trainers) In the summer, girls can wear a light summer dress.

In Year 5 & 6 pupils must wear a white shirt with a school tie. Ties can be bought on Parent Pay for £4.10 each, every Friday a member of staff will deliver the ties to the classrooms.

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*The only exception to this rule will be on the days that your child has P.E. They will be required to come to school in clothing that is suitable for P.E., ideally trainers, tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt and a hoodie or sweater, as your child may well be enjoying outdoor PE in the bracing weather associated with spring.*

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Your child will need to return to school with a restocked pencil case. Please ensure that you have topped up the necessary materials, which include the following:

- HB pencils,
- **KS2 only:** writing pen (friction pens are best),
- **KS2 only:** an eraser,
- a sharpener,
- highlighter,
- glue stick,
- either colouring pencils or crayola twistables.
- scissors - many children took school scissors home with them. Please replace or return.

We request that no felt tips are to be brought to school. Currently, the school does not plan to reintroduce large bulky bags. We therefore expect children to continue to use a clear, sturdy, zippable plastic wallet ([click here to see an example](#)) with your child's name written on it.

#### **Laptops:**

The school did receive a limited number of devices that were loaned out to families. We will be contacting them in the coming days to detail where they will need to be returned to.

#### **Resources to support children on the return to school**

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/school/>

Place2Be: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/services-for-schools/mental-health-resources-for-schools/return-to-school-resources/>

NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/#coronavirus>

Trauma Informed Schools UK [https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Recognising\\_and\\_responding\\_to\\_Anxiety-4+Trauma+Informed+Schools+UK.pdf](https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Recognising_and_responding_to_Anxiety-4+Trauma+Informed+Schools+UK.pdf)

## After School Clubs



With the exception of Debate Mate, all after school clubs will resume in the Summer term. If you have already paid for one of the following clubs, then your place is secure. Confirmation emails will be sent out in the near future.

Some clubs may still have limited spaces still available. Contact the school office for further information.

### **Monday:**

- Multi-Skills Sport (Yr1 & Yr2)

- Spy Club (Yr2 & Yr3)

#### **Tuesday**

- Balance-ability (Level 1 Bikes for R & Yr1)
- Dance (Yr5 & Yr6)

#### **Wednesday**

- Multi-sports (Yr 3 & Yr4)
- DebateMate (Yr5 & Yr6)

#### **Thursday**

- Football (Yr5 & Yr6)

#### **Friday**

- Gymnastics (Yr3 & Yr4)

### [Ryefield Rascals](#)



**Ryefield Rascals (before and after school club) reopens on Monday 8th March, with an earlier start time of 07:20.**

Due to the need for a consistent bubble of children accessing the service, spaces will need to be booked for the week, rather than individual days. We hope to be able to offer more choice in the future.

Places can be secured via ParentPay.

## Term Dates

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### ***Summer term 2021***

*Term starts: Monday 19 April*

*Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June*

*INSET: FRIDAY 2 July (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)*

*Term ends: Wednesday 21 July*

*Staff Prep Days: Thursday and Friday 22 + 23 July (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)*

### ***Autumn term 2021***

*Staff Development Days: Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd September 2021*

*Term Starts: Monday 6th September*

*Half Term: Monday 25th October to 29th October 2021*

*Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021*

### ***Bank holidays 2021***

*New Year's Day: 1 January*



*Good Friday: 2 April*

*Easter Monday: 5 April*

*May Day Bank Holiday: 3 May*

*Spring Bank Holiday: 31 May*

*Summer Bank Holiday: 30 August*

*Christmas Day: Saturday 25 December*

*Boxing Day: Sunday 26 December*

*Bank Holiday: 27 December (substituted for Christmas Day)*

*Bank Holiday: 28 December (substituted for Boxing Day)*

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## How to upload work to Google Classroom

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When your child has completed the task set by the class teacher. Please take a photo and upload the photo by following these steps. This will 'hand in' the work to the class teacher.

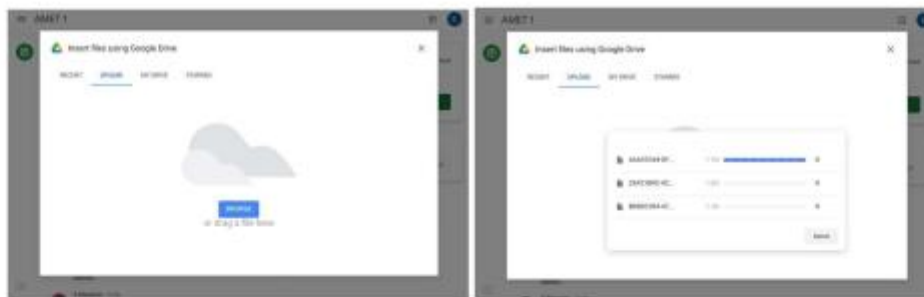
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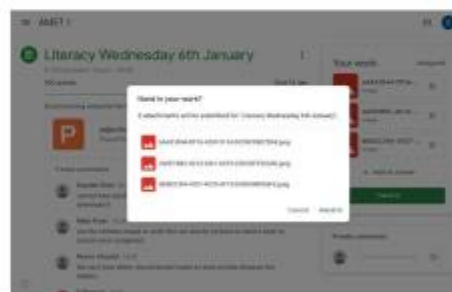
### Step 2 – Click attach file



### Step 3 - Select the file(s) you wish to upload



### Step 4 – Hand in the work



And you are done! 😊

Access Google Classroom with a £29 Amazon Fire Stick

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[Further learning resources are available from Ryefield Primary School](#)



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