



Striving for Excellence

Ryefield's Weekly Newsletter

30-11-2018

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Christmas is coming



The Christmas tree is up and classes have been busily creating their hoops for the annual Christmas decoration contest. We are heading into one of the busiest times of the year and I have included the list of events happening in the last few weeks of term. There may be one or two last minute updates and we will keep you posted. So here goes:



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Monday 3rd December	Faraday Class Trip to Pineapple Dance Studios Children in school 7.45am, coach leaving at 8.00am
Tuesday 4th December	Nasal and Flu programme
Wednesday 5th December	Gandhi Class to Wagamamas @ 9.00am
Wednesday 5th December	KS2 Pantomime @ 1.30pm
Friday 7th December	Jade Class to Frankie and Benny's @ 9.00am
Tuesday 11th December	Carol Service Rehearsal @ 10.00am
Wednesday 12th December	EYFS Nativity @ 10.00am
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Lunch - to be ordered on sQuid before 6th Dec
Wednesday 12th December	Carol Service at the church (Y3/4/5/6) @ 2.00pm
Thursday 13th December	EYFS Nativity @ 2.00pm
Friday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14th December	Friends of Ryefield Christmas Fayre - 4.00pm-6.00pm
Monday 17th December	KS1 Carol Concert - 2.30pm
Tuesday 18th December	Friends of Ryefield Christmas Shop (all day)
Wednesday 19th December	KS1 Christmas Parties
Friday 21st December	End of Term
	KS1 finishes @ 1.30pm/KS2 finishes @ 1.35pm
Monday 7th January	INSET Day - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 8th January	TERMS STARTS

A new Christmas tradition: The Snowman



On Wednesday, 63 children travelled into London to watch *The Snowman* at The Peacock Theatre. It was wonderful to see our children from Y1 classes - all the way to Y6 classes enjoy the magical story of a young boy's adventure with a snowman who comes to life. Raymond Brigg's classic story really captured their imagination and all of our children were impeccably behaved. We had several complimentary comments from members of the public.

We intend this to become an annual tradition and will offer the seats to children across the school.

School Photographs

All children should now have brought home the proofs of their photograph. If you wish to purchase your child's photograph, this should be done online. All orders will be processed and returned within the week.

The deadline for ordering in time for Christmas is Friday 7th December.

Big Sleep Out 2018

Three members of staff, Mrs Thornhill, Mrs Perry & Mrs Dearing and ex-Ryefield member Mrs Kahlon will be taking part in the BIG SLEEP OUT 2018 tonight at Uxbridge Leisure Centre. To raise money for Trinity, who support and raise awareness for the homeless.

If you would like to make a donation and sponsor the staff then click onto the following link

<https://www.justgiving.com/Emma-Thornhill4>

Class Assemblies

This is a reminder of class assemblies for the Spring and Summer Terms - please note that **Churchill** and **Mandela** have swapped their dates. All assemblies will start at 2.45pm

Spring Term	
18/01/19	Jade
01/02/19	Amethyst
15/02/19	Churchill
15/03/19	Curie
29/03/19	Darwin
Summer Term	
03/05/19	Topaz
17/05/19	Amber
14/06/19	Sapphire
28/06/19	Mandela

School Uniform

Ryefield sweatshirts/cardigans and PE kit should be purchased either by visiting PMG Schoolwear or online (please see link on school website). There are regular uniform checks conducted by the headteacher and the Welfare Assistant.

If trainers are worn for medical reasons the school will require a note stating how long this arrangement will be in place for.

<p>Girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey skirt, knee length, or pinafore • Grey straight legged trousers • White polo shirt or Shirt for year 5 and 6 • School sweatshirt or school cardigan • White socks (not “trainer socks”) or grey tights • Cotton white/light blue school summer dress • Black sensible, low-heeled shoes (no boots) • Suitable summer sandals with socks • Ties for Year 5 and 6 	<p>Boys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey straight legged trousers • White polo shirt or Shirt for year 5 and 6 • School sweatshirt • Grey socks • Black sensible, low-heeled shoes (no boots) • Grey shorts (optional) in the summer - not sports shorts • Ties for Year 5 and 6
<p>for PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers (KS2) / plimsolls (KS1) • Shorts - royal blue • White T-shirt – plain or with Ryefield logo • Navy blue/black track suit in winter if possible (with no prominent logos, other than school badge) 	<p>for PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers (KS2) / plimsolls (KS1) • Shorts - royal blue • White T-shirt – plain or with Ryefield logo • Navy blue/black track suit in winter if possible (with no prominent logos, other than school badge)

- **Trainers** - not to be worn indoors and are for outdoor games only. Bare feet is ideal for indoor PE
- **Hats** - baseball hats may be worn outside in the summer
- **Hair bands** - black or navy – simple in design
- **Scarf** - may be worn for religious reasons only, but they must be plain
- **Swimming** - year 4 pupils require a swimming hat, pupils with a medical condition should wear a yellow hat. Hats can be purchased from the school office
- **Storage** - all kit should be kept in a bag of sensible size
- **Art Shirts** - all children need an art apron/shirt

- **Labels** - all clothing should be clearly labelled - unmarked items will be retained in Lost Property for one term only
- **Football/Netball/Athletics** - the school provides teams with school kit which must be washed and returned
- **Waterproofs** - it is important that children have waterproof coats for playtimes

The school also enforces certain rules in relation to wearing the above listed below:

- **Sweatshirts/jumpers** - are not to be worn tied around the waist
- **Shirts** - are to be tucked in at the waist
- **Hats** - are not to be worn indoors at all
- **PE kit** - is to be kept in school during weekdays
- **Jewellery** - no jewellery at all except for plain gold stud earrings or for religious reasons. Stud earrings are not to be worn on PE/Games/Swimming days - teachers are not responsible for looking after earrings
- **Long hair** - tied back for health and safety reasons - hair accessories should be plain
- **Watches** - not allowed in Key Stage 1
- **Other issues** - no hair colour or shaved patterns in hair, or any other extreme styles. No body paint or transfers, no nail varnish or false nails, no sun glasses unless for medical reasons, no flashing shoes or trainer shoes.

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 could we remind everyone that trainers should not be worn to school unless for medical reasons, in which case a note should be sent in stating how long this arrangement will be in place for.

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.

Also, we have noticed that some girls are wearing pencil-style skirts to school. Please note that skirts should be grey, knee length and a traditional school style (not tight fitting, pencil-style).

**Uniform checks will be carried out starting next week.
Notes will be sent home if the correct uniform is not worn.**

Dogs

Please could we remind parents that dogs should NOT be brought onto the school premises, even if they are being carried.

Reminder to Parents of Children starting Primary School in September 2019



Starting primary school

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2014
and **31 August 2015**?

If so, you must apply for a school place by
15 January 2019

For full details, key dates
and to apply online, visit:
**[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/
schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

or please call:
01895 556644

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Friends of Ryefield Christmas Shop - Tuesday 18th December

This year's Friends of Ryefield Christmas Shop will be on Tuesday 18th December. Children should bring money into school in a named purse/wallet or envelope. There will be presents available to purchase ranging from £1.50 to £5.00.



Sports Update

Netball



Over the last two weeks, we have had visits from both St Bernadettes' and St Helens' netball teams. We are very lucky to have floodlights, so neither the dark evenings or bad weather prevented our girls from experiencing their first taste of match play.

The girls were very excited and, although we didn't win either of the matches, the girls learnt a lot and were improving immensely. They can't wait for the next one! Thank you to the parents who braved the weather to come and support.



School Travel Plan

This week, despite the miserable weather, twenty year 6 students participated in our second Bikeability course of this term. All were successful and passed both level 1 and 2. Congratulations to all who took part.

On Monday 26th November, two of our Junior Road Safety Officers collected a Gold Award for Ryefield's 2018 School Travel Plan. This is our third successive year at Gold level. They also participated in workshops about air quality; a topic we, as a school, will be considering in future activities connected with safe and sustainable travel.

Mrs Mander
Healthy Schools Co-ordinator



Information Received

BILLY THORNHILL
FITNESS

HIIT CIRCUIT SESSION
Every Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm
£8 per session - Get in touch to book your place

WHERE TO GO:
Ryefield Primary School
Ryefield Ave, Uxbridge, UB10 9DE

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Uxbridge Library presents Free Theatre Event for Children

We are delighted to announce that the popular Booster Cushion Theatre Company will be doing two free performances at Uxbridge Library on Sunday 9th December.

The show, entitled A Christmas Carol, is a great introduction to Dickens aimed at primary aged children between 4 and 11 and the narrator tells the tale by transforming into different characters.

Performances are at 12.30pm and 2.30pm and booking is required. Parents must stay with their children during the performance.

To reserve your space please pop in to Uxbridge Library or call 01895 250714.

What's On... UXBIDGE LIBRARY

Christmas Carol

With Booster Cushion Theatre

Sunday 9 December
12.30pm and 2.30pm

With the help of a large 60cm tall pop-up book and lots of humbugs, this very entertaining version of the Dickens' classic tale takes the audience back to Victorian England using mime, voice and a couple of suitcases loaded full of ghosts!

Suitable for ages 4 to 11. Booking essential.
To book your place ask a member of staff or call 01895 250714

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Apprentice Opportunity

Please find in the link below an opportunity to work as an apprentice at Hillingdon Council.

https://ig24.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_lbh01.asp?newms=jj&id=130220&

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://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims> to check for eligibility**