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Ryefield's Weekly Newsletter 29-06-18

# Changes to ordering of school lunches

Due to technical difficulties experienced much earlier in the year with sQuid and our new network provider we decided to seek an interim solution. The issue for many families was solved when the school introduced google forms as a mechanism for ordering lunches: it allowed the kitchen to have the correct number of plates per menu choice, however there was a flaw. The system did not link directly to the online payment system sQuid - meaning that families had to pay close attention to the balance of their account; ensuring that they were paying for the food being ordered (and served) to their children.

It is unfortunate that the school continues to deal with a significant number of cases where individuals are ordering lunches for their children and simply not paying for them. We appreciate that, as busy people, every now and then families may overlook the topping up of funds, however the current level of debt owed to the school is unsustainable.

**We have made the decision that this will be the last week of using google forms to order your child's lunch, and for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> July you will have to order and pay via sQuid.**

Any outstanding balances will need to be settled by then, as sQuid will not allow you to order if your child's account is in deficit. 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
- Families who receive free school meals in KS2 (Years 3-6)



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## Sports Awards: SHSSN Celebration



Our fantastic pupils received medals from paralympian Ali Jawad to recognise how they had upheld the Olympic values – Friendship, Respect and Excellence – along with the Paralympic values – Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality. The values underpin the Games as a set of universal principles, but they can be applied to education and our lives, as well as to sport itself.

## School Games GOLD Award

For the third year in a row we have received the School Games GOLD award. We have a great team that are passionate about sport and next year we are aiming for platinum!



# Trips

We've had so many trips and events it is hard to keep up!



Well done Year 4 on your incredible trip to Hampton Court - where you even got to meet Henry VIII and help a noblemen decide who he should sack!

On Thursday, Year 3 enjoyed our trip to the Natural History Museum in Tring where we became paleontologists in a guided workshop. We handled real fossils and worked in groups to figure out which animal or plant they had come from. Then we explored the museum where there were thousands of incredible animals from tiny insects to a ginormous sloth. We were amazed to see how many animals there were and it was fascinating looking at some of them so closely. It was a great end to our dinosaur topic and also had links to a previous topic about animals and humans.



The Natural History Museum is a much better venue than the crowded museum in central London - it allows the children to get closer to the artefacts and displays. Our pupils consolidated their learning on rocks, fossils and shared some prehistoric facts.



# The Big Sit Out

We are holding a 'Big Sit Out' for homelessness to raise money and awareness for people in our community. We are raising money for Trinity Homeless Charity. During the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> July, the children will be involved in activities and lessons around homelessness. A Trinity charity worker will come in to do a launch assembly and she will also be visiting each class as an introduction to the week.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, all of the children will be having a 'Big Sit Out' in the playground, where we will be showcasing some of the work that the children have produced during the week. The 'Big Sit Out' will involve the whole school coming together to reflect.

We will be asking for your help to sponsor us for the 'Big Sit Out'. A letter will be sent home next week with a sponsorship form for you to use. If you can help in anyway, we will appreciate this as will so many people in our community. We are hoping, if we work together, we can make a real difference.

If you cannot help by sponsoring, we would appreciate any items you can donate to our cause. We are looking for items to donate to Trinity to help provide homeless people with essential things they need. If you have any of the following items you could spare, please bring them to the school office:

- Socks
- Shoes
- Coats
- Toothbrushes
- Canned goods
- Travel size hygiene products
- Old clothes and blankets.

Thank you so much for joining in and supporting us in raising funds, goods and awareness for an important issue in our community. We know we will achieve great things when we work together!

## Year 6 - Upcoming Events

### Show

The Year 6 Show will now take place on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm.**

### Leavers BBQ

The Year 6 Leavers BBQ will be held during the afternoon of **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - children **DO NOT** need to order or bring lunch into school on this day.



## Polite Reminder to Parents - Earrings

Please could we remind parents that hoop earrings should not be worn to school - this is for health and safety reasons. If your child does wear earrings to school they should be plain studs.

## Recycling Collection Point



If you have any empty ink cartridges or old mobile phones we have a collection point in the office for them. All items collected will be recycled to provide funds for the Dogs Trust Charity.

## Be prepared for warm weather!

We would like to remind you of a few school rules relating to the warmer weather.

- Please ensure you apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school to protect them throughout the day.
- Please supply your child with a sunhat and appropriate uniform for the weather.
- Children should bring a bottle of water to school to keep them hydrated during the day. (Children have access to water in class and at lunch as well as the water fountains around school)
- Sunglasses should not be worn unless they are prescription or for medical reasons.
- If your child suffers from hayfever please ensure they take their medication before school so to last them throughout the day.



# 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!**

**Contact the School Operations Manager for further details.**

**Don't forget to apply for Free School Meals at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>**

**Order your child's school meal [here](#) for next week!**



# Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2nd July	Year 6 return from PGL
Monday 2nd July	Dodgeball Day
Tuesday 3rd July	Hillingdon Transition Day for Year 6
Tuesday 3rd –	Year 5 – Camping
Thursday 5th July	
Thursday 5th July	Reception Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Thursday 5th July	Newsletter with new class lists for 2018/19
<b>Friday 6th July</b>	<b>INSET Day – no children should attend</b>
Monday 9th July	Reports go out
Tuesday 10th July	Children meet new class teacher
Wednesday 11th July	School open after 3.30pm for parents to visit new class
Thursday 12th July	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
Friday 13th July	The Big Sit Out
Wednesday 18th July	Talent Show
Wednesday 18th July	Year 6 Show @ 6.00pm
Thursday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Friday 20th July	End of Term
	KS1 finishes @ 1.30pm
	KS2 finishes @ 1.35pm

**No after school clubs in the last week of the summer term**

