



# Raglan Primary School

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## Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

It is difficult to believe that we are almost at the end of the first term of this academic year. The introduction of the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) in September, which began with the whole school topic 'Brain Waves,' has had a very positive effect on the childrens' engagement in their learning. The children are also much more enthusiastic about their reading and are really enjoying the new reading books that we now have in school, parents too are very positive about the improved reading record books and our fantastic team of parent helpers have only one more shelf of books to catalogue so the library will be officially open when we come back to school after the Christmas Break.

You may have seen a copy of last night's Evening Standard, which published the SATs results for every London State Primary. We are delighted with our results which **rank us 6<sup>th</sup> in the Bromley Borough** – an achievement well deserved as the children were really focussed on their learning all year and did their very best. Well done and a big thank you to all of the staff, particularly the Year 6 team who work tirelessly to support the children.

Thank you to the FOR for all of their hard work putting on the Christmas Fayre last Saturday and thank you to everyone who supported it. It was a lovely, community occasion. We will let you know very shortly how much money was raised.

This week we have had the amazing Key Stage One performance. The children were absolutely fantastic -singing, dancing and entertaining everyone with their wonderful rendition of 'Lights, Camel, Action.' A very big thank you to all of the parents who supported in so many different ways and to all of the staff who worked so hard to enable the children to present such a polished performance. A special thank you to Mr Hunter who co-ordinated the performance and to Mrs Lewis who played the piano throughout. We raised over £700.00 from ticket sales – this money will go towards renewing the playground markings in the KS1 playground which are looking very tired and wornout.

We also held the Key Stage Two Carol Concert in Hope Church, another lovely event - the singing was beautiful as was the musical introduction which was led by Fiona McSorley, our music teacher. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended, to Daniel, one of the leaders of Hope Church who enabled us to use the venue and to all of the staff who took part.

A big thank you to Kelly our cook and her team, who provided a delicious christmas lunch for over 400 children on Wednesday. She was in school by 6am in order to cook 13 turkeys – quite an achievement!

I am pleased to tell you that Evie Howat in Key Stage One won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Elf and Safety Competition run by Bromley. The JTAs from Raglan Primary School have also been awarded a £50.00 small grant to spend on travel activities. Well done Evie.

Look out for the first copy of The Raglan Student Newspaper which will be coming out next week. This has been created by a team of eager Year 5 pupils. The first issue will be published as a hard copy and then subsequent issues will be available on our website.

We are saying good bye to Tanya King Year 3 teacher, Liam Farmer Year 5 teacher, and Linda Taylor LSA in Year 4 and also to Hannah Reed and Abbas Alansari who have been working here temporarily, we thank them for their contribution to Raglan and wish them well in the future. We are very pleased to welcome Beverley McCauley Year 5 teacher, Donna Nanton, Nicola Austin and Stuart Cosgrave as LSAs and Shukri Sulieman who will be joining us Mid- January as a Year 3 teacher. We are sure they will make a significant contribution to our team.

Finally , I would just like to say thank you for all of the support you give to your children and to Raglan. I am continually impressed by the talents and achievements of our children and know this is made possible by the successful partnership we have with parents.

I hope you all have a peaceful and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Have a good weekend and a very Happy Christmas,

Kath Margetts and all of the staff

### Important Dates coming up

**19<sup>th</sup> December** -Choir singing at Tesco  
Christmas parties –children very  
welcome to wear non-uniform

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - Last Day of Term  
School finishes at the usual time.

The children come back to school on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.



### Plastic Drinks Bottles

Drinks bottles are now back in stock and cost £1 each, which is a saving of 50p! Please come to the office if you would like to purchase one.

### School Dinners

The amount due for Spring Term 1 is £61.60 for the period of 4<sup>th</sup> January to the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. From the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, you will be able to pay via School Gateway. Please sign up.

Using School Gateway, you are able to check your school dinner balance and make any adjustments for credits or debits.



