



Raglan Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2016



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

Lots of parents (and children) have commented on how clean and bright the main corridor now looks since it was repainted in the holidays, the new library furniture is also in place and creates a really welcoming space for the children to enjoy books and do independent research. Thank you to the FOR who provided the funding to make this improvement possible. Mamta one of our governors is working very hard to catalogue all the books ready for our official opening at our Meet and Greet Evening on Wednesday 28th September – further information will follow shortly about this, but please put the date in your diary. If anyone is available to help Mamta she would be very grateful, please contact her directly via email -

robandmamta@googlemail.com

The revamped library is part of our continuing drive to improve reading . We have also spent over £20,000 improving the reading books we have in school and now have a fantastic collection of 'real books' to support the children with their reading development. Throughout the holidays Ms Wood and her mum catalogued, stamped and banded all of the books and they are now in class, ready for the children to enjoy. The children are very excited and really looking forward to bringing them home and sharing them with you.

A separate leaflet will be coming out next week giving you further details about our approach to reading. We have also designed new reading journals which are currently at the printers. They include additional information which we hope will support you to support your child with their reading.

As I explained before the holidays we are now using the International Primary Curriculum to support the children's learning. The IPC includes the development of 9 personal learning goals. These personal goals are abilities and characteristics that children will need to equip them for an ever-changing world. They are:

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| 1) Adaptability | 6) Resilience |
| 2) Communication | 7) Respect |
| 3) Cooperation | 8) Thoughtfulness |
| 4) Enquiry | 9) International Mindedness |
| 5) Morality | |

Every three to four weeks, we will have a whole-school focus on a particular personal goal. However, we still encourage the learners to develop the other personal goals as we use the IPC. We are currently focussing on the personal goal of 'respect', which we introduced to the children in assembly.

Next week we will be sending out the important dates for this term, we will of course also put them on the website. I just wanted to flag up September 30th when we will be holding a coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support, this will be immediately after drop off for any parents who are able to attend – further information coming shortly.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Questionnaire, we value your views and suggestions.

Kath Margetts and all the staff

Home Learning

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who supported their children to complete their Home Learning during the holiday. The year 3 Dream Jars are particularly impressive. They will be on display in the Entrance Hall for all to see very shortly.

Re location

Mrs Burgess has now taken on the role of Inclusion Manager. Her new office is located in the link corridor, formally the Reading Room.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The amount due for school dinners from Wednesday 7th September to Friday 21st October is £72.60. (We are pleased to confirm that the cost of school dinners will remain at £2.20.) This is payable in advance with cheques payable to **Raglan Primary School or by Schoolcomms**.

Please ensure your child's name and new class is clearly marked on the reverse of the cheque.

MEDICATION

Just a quick reminder - If your child is on any medication which is kept in school please ensure all the information and care plans are kept up to date and that all medicines are within their expiry date. Inhalers should also be checked. Thank you.

Breakfast Club and After School Care Club

Breakfast Club and After School Care Club are proving very popular. There are currently no vacancies in Breakfast Club, but we are holding a waiting list, please contact the office if you would like to add your child's name. After School Care Club, is fully booked on Mondays but there are a few vacancies on other days -please contact the office for further information.

Jaffray Road Entrance

Please remember that we now operate a one-way system, to minimise congestion. Please enter via the car park entrance and leave via the entrance next to the garden area.