



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

A Happy New Year to you all from all of the staff here at Raglan.

Thank you to 6O who donated 6 shoeboxes of useful items for people much less fortunate than themselves. On the first day of the Christmas Break Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Boyd went with 6 children from Year 6 to 'The Connection' at St Martin in the Fields, a charity which supports homeless people in London to deliver the packages, which were gratefully received – thank you to the staff and the children for giving up the first day of their break to do this.

The children have only been back in school for two days and are already excited by the learning that is planned for this half term. Some teachers have already sent home information about visits that their classes will be doing as part of their learning, which is always very exciting for the children. A few parents have asked me why we now use public transport for most of our visits. This is mainly to keep the cost of the visits as reasonable as possible. I firmly believe that external visits enhance the learning opportunities for the children and very often bring the learning to life, so we aim now for each class to either go on a visit or have an onsite experience to support the learning each half term. Coaches are extremely expensive to hire and although I know some parents would be able and willing to contribute more for each trip to cover this, unfortunately not all parents are in this position and school cannot afford to subsidise trips.

In assembly we have been thinking about New Year resolutions. The children have been thinking about their own personal resolutions and the steps they need to take to achieve them. Miss Wood shared one of her resolutions with the children about cutting down on the amount of plastic she uses because of the amount of plastic pollution it creates and the negative affect this has on the environment. The children were surprised to learn that items such as face wash and some wrapping paper contain plastic and also about the damage that plastics can cause. Please talk to your child about what they learnt about plastic pollution in assembly and ways that we can all try to reduce it. We are going to be trying hard to cut down on the plastic waste we generate in school so if you would prefer to bring in your own reusable mug for tea or coffee next week at reading breakfast please do so.

Please may I remind you to return the Data Collection sheets that were sent home at the end of last term with the reports. It is important that the information we hold for you is up to date.

Also, a reminder for Reception Parents – Forest School starts again on Wednesday, please make sure the children have the correct clothing.

There are a few vacancies in Raw Tennis Club, Football Club and Basketball Club, information about these clubs and how to apply is on our website.

I end this newsletter with the sad news that Jane Coughtrie, who volunteered here for many years in our garden area and ran our gardening club has died. We send our condolences to her family.

From Kath Margetts and Staff.





RAGLAN READING BREAKFAST

We just love reading!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Reading Breakfast last term! The first Reading Breakfast of 2018 will take place next week, the week of 8th January - 12th January 2018.

Please come and join us for refreshments and read with your child!

We would like to invite parents into school from 8:30am in the Middle Hall, (outside the Year 3 and 4 classrooms,) to spend some quality time reading with your child. You can enter the school through the doors from the Key Stage Two playground. Please see the schedule below.

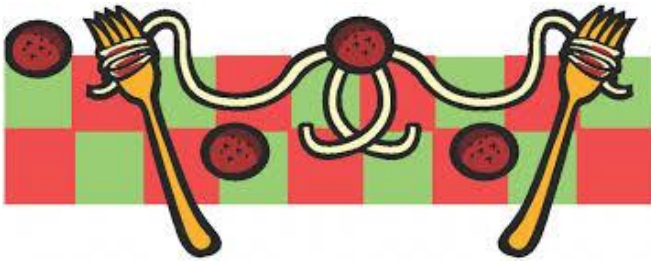
If you are unable to attend on your year group's allocated slot, you are more than welcome to come along on another day.

We will have complimentary refreshments (tea/coffee/juice/croissants/brioche). Please feel free to bring your own books to enjoy, however we will have a selection of books so you can discover new books! We are trying hard to cut down on the waste we generate so if you would prefer to bring in your own mug for tea or coffee please do so.

***Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Monday – Reception, Y3 and Y6
Tuesday – Y1, Y5, LLC and ULC
Wednesday – Y2, Y3 and Y4
Thursday – Y1, Y5, LLC and ULC
Friday – Reception, Y2, Y4 and Y6

*Parents of Raglan Nursery children are welcome any of the above days.



The cost of school dinners for this half term, from Thursday 4th January until Friday 9th February, is £59.40. School Dinners are payable in advance. Please log into SchoolGateway to make your payment. Thank you.

A Message from Chris Boakes the Lollypop Lady

A big thank you to the children and parents of Raglan School for all their kind Christmas gifts and best wishes.

Clubs Start Back Reminders

All external Clubs start back from the w/c 8th January with the exception of Karate which started back this week.

Important Dates Coming Up

8th – 12th January – Reading Breakfast

12th January – 2G Family Assembly

15th January – Closing Date for Reception Places 2018

19th January – 5D Family Assembly

Teaching Information Event Are you thinking about a career in teaching?

Come and find out more about training to teach with your local Outstanding Teacher Training provider.

We are offering Primary and Secondary teacher training in a wide range of subjects for a September 2018 start.

Details on the application process, entry requirements and current vacancies will be available on the day.

Friday 12th January 2018 3pm - 6pm.

Event location: **Woolwich Polytechnic School, SE28 8AT.**

School Gateway App

Have you signed up for the School Gateway App?

At the moment only half of our parents have signed up to the App. This means that if we send text messages it is costing the school .6p per text/or £12 to send something to the whole school. If more parents had the App we would be able to use the text service more. Please sign up if you have not already done so and are able to. Thank you for your support.

