



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

It has been an exciting half term, with lots going on. Next half term will be just as exciting – see below for dates of events that are coming up. While the children are having their half term break we will be continuing to make improvements to the learning environment. You may have noticed large bags of wood chippings in the KS1 playground – they are for the first stage of our improvements to the Reception Classes' outside learning space, which will start next week. We are also continuing to improve our Forest School Area – over half term the wooden tables and benches will be relocated to the playground areas to provide some more seating for the children and will be replaced by straw bales for Forest School Base Camp.

This week our Raglan Junior Travel Ambassadors attended the mid-year meeting held at Bromley Central Library. Isabella Engles and Akela Nedimo gave a wonderful presentation of all the things they have been doing throughout the year so far. They also talked about things they are planning for next term including Raglan's first 'no-car' day scheduled for Friday 6th July. We will also see the return of the 'smoothie bike'. Mr. Rob was very proud of them.

On Wednesday, 6 boys from Year 6 represented Raglan at the Palace for Life football tournament. They competed really well and won two of their games, resulting in us finishing third in the group. The boys were a credit to the school and enjoyed the day.

Raglan girls' team had an excellent match against St. Marys in Beckenham on Thursday. We are very proud of the progress they are making as a team. The result 4-0, does not reflect how well they played. For long periods they held their own against a very experienced St. Marys team. Their next match will be against Balgowan.

This week we were treated to two family assemblies, one from the Language Classes and one from 1R. See the photos below of the Language Classes' Assemblies. Mr Rob's assembly focused on their current topic of toys – old and new. The children sang a very catchy song all about their fantastic visit to the Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green and spoke about their favourite toys – many of them certainly enjoyed playing on the rocking horses!

Senior leaders from Valley and the Crofton Schools joined us this week for our termly teaching and learning review. We spent time in every class observing Maths lessons. The children were all actively engaged in their learning and the level of discussion about the mathematical concepts they were learning was very impressive. All of our visitors commented on the children's positive behaviour for learning – well done everyone.

We are continuing our journey towards joining the CSAT MAT. We would like both the nursery and main school to be able to join at the same time. In order for this to happen we need to register the nursery as part of the school and we have recently sent out a consultation letter to parents about this - please send any comments you may wish to make to the school office.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 cake sale yesterday and to the parents who organised it. The money raised will go towards their Leavers party in July, which is always a fantastic event. The cake sale raised an incredible £200!

An increasing number of children are coming into school without their tie. May I remind you that wearing a tie is part of the Raglan School uniform. Please ensure that your child wears their tie every day. From half term we will be sending notes home if your child comes into school without their tie. If your child has lost their tie they are available to buy from the school office at a cost of £6.



During the winter, the children do still have some of their P.E lessons outside, while the weather is cold they may wear navy blue jogging bottoms as an alternative to shorts, but please no tights under shorts as this is not hygienic and dangerous.

Just a reminder that dinner money for next half term is £61.60. Please pay by the end of the first week back.

On Tuesday 20th February we will be holding our termly Parent Forum meeting. These meetings take place in the school hall, begin at 6.30pm and usually last for about one hour. All parents are welcome and coffee or tea is available. We are currently reviewing how we support children's emotional health and well-being and would value your input.

There have been several incidents recently involving children's online behaviour. It is important that children know how to keep themselves safe on line and that parents are able to support their children with this. We want to work in partnership with parents work to support children to understand and make informed decisions about how they interact, share information and respond online.

A recent research study by the children's commissioner on how children are using social networking and the impact it has on them, is available here and makes interesting reading

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Childrens-Commissioner-for-England-Life-in-Likes-3.pdf>

Finally - just a reminder that Maths café takes place from Monday 19th February until Friday 23rd February – this is a great opportunity for parents and children to learn together. We hope to see you there. Again, like the Reading Breakfast, it would be great if you can bring in your own mug so we can cut down on our plastic waste.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their continued commitment to Raglan and to all of our parents and carers for their on-going support.

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term break,

Best Wishes,

Kath Margetts and all the staff.

ULC Family Assembly



Love was in the air this week in ULC's super assembly. The children talked about Valentine's Day and then linked this with their 'Chocolate' topic. They sang 'All You Need is Love,' which finished their assembly off beautifully.

LLC Family Assembly



A fantastic assembly by LLC! The children acted out the story of the "Leopards Drum", and had fun making their costumes. Their performance included an exciting song and dance. Well done LLC.



Maths Café

Raglan Loves Mathematics!
Come along and join in the fun 😊

The Maths Café is back and will take place during the week of...

Café Opens from Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February

We would like to invite children and parents into school from 8:30am in the Middle Hall, (outside the Year 3 and 4 classrooms) to spend some quality time problem solving, exploring reasoning questions while continuing to develop their fluency of number. Manipulatives will be available to support children as they become independent mathematicians. Please enter the school through the doors from the Key Stage 2 playground.



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/squash/croissants/brioche). We are trying hard to cut down on the waste we generate so we would really love you to bring in your own mug for tea or coffee and a cup for children – thank you.

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

Monday – Reception, Y3 and Y6

Tuesday – Y4, Y5, LLC and ULC

Wednesday – Y2, Y4 and Y6

Thursday – Y1, Y5, LLC and ULC

Friday – Reception, Y1, Y2, and Y3

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



Friends of Raglan News!

FoR Bake-Off

Get ready for the Great Raglan Bake off 2018

The FOR will be holding the very popular Bake off competition on **Monday 26th February**.

Participants will need to drop cakes off in the morning during drop-off to the **lower hall via the entrance in the Junior playground**. All cakes to be submitted by **9.00am**.

FoR Quiz Night

Back by popular demand is our fantastic Quiz Night! Please see attached poster and entry form for details.

Please return entry forms to the FoR box which is situated at the office. If you don't have access to a printer then just write all the details on a piece of paper!



A colorful illustration of a woman and a man in aprons standing behind a table with cakes. One cake is labeled '1st Place'. The background is pink.

GREAT RAGLAN BAKE OFF

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
DEADLINE FOR CAKE ENTRIES BY
9AM ON 26TH FEBRUARY
CAKE SALE 3.20PM, IN THE MIDDLE HALL
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

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A cartoon illustration of a quizmaster in a white coat and cap surrounded by various people with question marks above their heads, all within a yellow circle. The background is blue.

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 2ND MARCH
MAIN HALL, 7.30-9.30PM
COME ALONG & ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS
UP TO 8 PER TEAM, SMALLER GROUPS
CAN BE MATCHED TOGETHER
TICKET PRICE: £5 PER PERSON (ADULTS ONLY)
PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM - COURTESY OF GEORGE PROCTORS

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PROCTOR



Parent Teacher Consultation Evening

The parent teacher consultation evenings will be taking place on:

Tuesday 27th February 3.40 – 7pm

Wednesday 28th February 3.40 – 6.30pm

A letter will be sent out on Friday 16th February with all the information needed to book your appointment.

Booking will open on Monday 19th February at 5pm and will close on Friday 23rd at 12 noon.

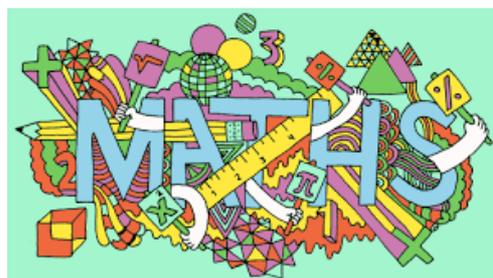
Important Dates Coming Up

12th – 16th February Half Term

Monday 19th – 23rd Maths Café Week

Tuesday 20th – Parent Forum Meeting

Friday 23rd – Monday 26th – Window Wonderland



Thank you to everyone who came along to support Year 6 with their cake sale afterschool on Thursday. There were so many yummy cakes to choose from.



Attendance and Punctuality!

Overview

This week the overall attendance is again 96%. A big improvement on last week. Unfortunately no class was able to show 100% attendance this week! But RB, 6F, 2G and 3J were almost there with 99%



Please make sure that your child is only absent for authorised reasons. Please try to make appointments for Doctors and Dentist before or after school.

Attendance for each class this week:

Group	% Attend	L
RB	99	1
6F	99	1
2G	99	2
3J	99	2
ULC	98	0
1H	98	2
4B	98	3
4N	98	4
3H	98	5
1R	97	0
5D	96	0
5R	93	5
6O	91	2
2MR	90	1
RE	90	6
LLC	88	0

Lates

Well done ULC, 1R, 5D and LLC with no late marks this week.

This week children were late for school a total of 34 times! – This is again very high!

Please make an extra effort to arrive to school on time next week.



Don't be late through the gate! Please make sure your child arrives in time for school!

Children must be at school each morning by 8.55 a.m. for KS1 children and 8.50 a.m. for the KS2.

Gold: Excellent. These classes are above our target of 96.5% attendance.

Green: These classes are doing well with expected attendance.

Amber: These classes are a concern as their attendance is 92-95% which is below expected

Red: Attendance in this class is below 92% and of serious concern.