



Dear Parents / Carers,

Apologies that this is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter of this term. We have been having real problems sending large files via School Comms, but hopefully all seems to be resolved now.

It was lovely to see so many of you this week at our Meet and Greet sessions. It was lovely that lots of parents commented on how much they appreciate just being able to meet teachers in an informal setting and to find out a bit more about the expectations for each year group. We also took the opportunity to launch, what we think is a really useful App - the 'Safer Schools App', which supports parents, staff and pupils around the challenge of Staying Safe online. If you were not able to attend this meeting a separate letter has been sent out about this. Please note that our passwords to download the App expire on October 5<sup>th</sup>, so please ensure you download it before this date. If you would like to find out more please speak to Miss Wood in the playground.

We are also recommending another free App – see below:

### Free Reading App –finishes on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September!



'Teach Your Monster to Read' is an award-winning phonics and reading game that's helped millions of children learn to read. This is a fantastic and fun game, which is free across all app stores but the offer finishes on Sunday!

Once you have downloaded it, please ask your child's class teacher which game to start on.

It was also lovely to see so many of you at our Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who donated such delicious cakes, to our fantastic FOR who helped Mrs Burgess to organise it and Ms Tunaley for her wonderful hand massages! We will let you know how much money we raised in the next newsletter.

Monday is our Harvest Festival celebration, we are collecting for Bromley Food Bank once again and this year they have asked for donations of puddings or desserts. Please send any donations to your child's class on Monday morning. If you are able to spare any boxes or carrier bags these would also be gratefully received as this year we have to deliver the donations to the Civic Centre.

Unfortunately, although you very generously sent in shoes at the end of the summer term for the Sal's Shoes we did not collect enough money for the charity to accept them – they required £1 for each pair of shoes donated. Instead we have put the shoes in our shoe bank and donated the money we did raise to the charity.

A big well done to Wolves Class, for the first Family Assembly of this academic year. It was based on a book 'The Great Kapok Tree', which explained the dangers of deforestation in the Rainforest. The children shared facts, performed the story, danced and sang a very moving song. What a great performance! Thank you.





There has been some exciting learning going on this week. Tiger and Panda classes have done some amazing art work based on the techniques used by Jackson Pollock, using 'hot colours.' In their IPC lessons, they have been using Oreo biscuits to learn about the movement of tectonic plates.



Rhinos and giraffes have visited Wagamamas as part of their topic about 'How are You?' They had a great time and enjoyed tasting lots of different healthy food.

Well done to our Football Team who played their first match this week. They are a new team and Mr Rob was really proud of the way they played.

Well done, also to our Junior Travel Ambassadors who attended their first meeting this week and had the honour of meeting the Mayor!

The Crystal Palace Cross country event is fast approaching. It takes place on the morning of 10<sup>th</sup> November and is open for years 5 and 6. This is a fantastic event if your child enjoys running. It is open to all children in the year groups, not just those who do cross country. Entry forms are in tray outside Mrs Dumper's room or are available in the office. We also need 2 parent marshals to help out – please see Mrs Dumper if you would like to volunteer, no previous experience needed!

Scott George, our chair of governors has decided to step down as Chair as he has been appointed to the CSAT board of Trustees, where I am sure he will be a great asset. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank him for the huge contribution he has made here at Raglan. We welcome Martin Daniels, an experienced member of our governing Body as our new Chair.

Last week we sent out information about a parent governor vacancy we have. Please do think about applying – it is a rewarding role and we value your contribution. Closing date for nominations is 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Lunchtimes at Raglan are a great hot, with the children really enjoying many activities. We would like to put out a plea – if you have any construction bricks – i.e. Lego, building blocks, any games or small world figures , toy cars etc that you can donate, we would be really, really appreciative.

Finally, we are trying hard to improve the number of pupils who arrive late to school or who have less than expected attendance. We monitor attendance and lateness each week and will be sending out letters each week to remind you of the number of times your child has been late or has been absent and the impact that this has on their learning.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Kath Margetts and all the staff.

### Important Dates Coming Up

**1<sup>st</sup> October** – Harvest (dessert donations)  
**5<sup>th</sup> October** – Penguin Family assembly  
**8<sup>th</sup> October** – FOR AGM  
**9<sup>th</sup> October** – Penguins' trip to Sainsburys  
**10<sup>th</sup> October** – Frogs' and Sharks' Family Assembly.  
**9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 Bikeability.  
**12<sup>th</sup> October** – Giraffes' Family Assembly and Spooky Disco.  
**16<sup>th</sup> October** –Puffins' trip Sainsburys  
**18<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 1 Reading meetings  
**19<sup>th</sup> October** – Puffins' Family Assembly



### Meet Teddy

We have welcomed our new Pet Therapy Dog, Teddy in school.



Children in Year 6 – walking home. If you would like your child to walk home by themselves please send in a note or email to confirm this.

### School Dinners



Payments for school dinners are due in advance.  
In order to help parents that have difficulty paying school dinners per half term, the minimum amount has been lowered to £22.

# Attendance and Punctuality!

## Overview

This week the overall attendance is 97% which is just above our target of 96.5% Well done! .

Well done Puffins with 100% attendance this week.



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
Puffins	100	1
Tigers	99	0
Dolphins	99	0
Golden Eagles	99	1
Sharks	98	0
Penguins	98	1
Leopards	98	3
Giraffes	97	0
Panther	97	0
Elephants	97	3
Pandas	96	2
Rhinos	95	2
Wolves	95	5
Frogs	92	0

## Lates

Well done Dolphins, Tigers, Sharks, Giraffes, Panthers and Frogs with no lates this week!

This week children were late for school a total of 18 times! – This is still too 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 meeting our target of 96.5% attendance.

**Green:** These classes are doing very well with average attendance.

**Amber:** These classes are below average attendance at 92-95%.

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