



Dear Parents / Carers, Governors and Friends,

Wow! What a week here at Raglan! We certainly have got into the swing of Christmas. Starting with the Christmas Fair last weekend and ending with our KS1 performance of 'Super Star' this morning! The staff and children have been working very hard to prepare the Christmas performances for their audiences and they have all been absolutely fantastic. We still have one more Key Stage One Performance to go on Monday! If you haven't seen it – you will be in for a treat, but this performance is sold out – so ticket holders only – sorry!

Last Friday, as we typed the newsletter, there were many elves and eager children in the Lower Hall waiting for Father Christmas at the Raglan grotto. The FOR, organised a super grotto again this year, so that the children of Raglan and beyond could chat to Father Christmas. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and many children and grown-ups had said how good they had been all year! Well done! We are very grateful to all of the volunteers who worked hard to set it all up, it is a truly magical experience. Thank you to everyone who made the grotto a success again and thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule so close to his big day!

Last Saturday, we saw lots of you at the Christmas Fair. There were many exciting stalls, competitions and Father Christmas was back in the grotto. The smell of lovely food and Christmas scents filled the link corridor and halls. Thank you for coming and supporting these events in school, we really appreciate it and we raise much needed funds for projects in school. It is also lovely to invite and support so many small local businesses, we certainly have some talented people in and around our school community.

Tuesday, we invited our KS2 parents to St Luke's Church for the Carol Concerts, what a treat this was. The children, dressed in red, green and gold, sang carols old and new. The singing was incredible, making a few adults, including the staff, teary in the audience and the two stories that the children told, in both concerts, were performed beautifully – everyone could hear every word. At the beginning of each concert, our growing orchestra entertained the audience with Mr Kane, our music teacher, arranging and conducting this. We were all bowled over by the talents of our children, it is not easy playing along with so many other people and with lots of eyes watching! Well done – we were very proud. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and staff for organising and rehearsing these concerts and thank you to parents who came and supported this, bringing their children, wearing such super Christmas jumpers and joining in! It is what makes Raglan a great community.

Before the concerts on Tuesday, Tiger class went to the Glades to sing. They were raising money for the Maypole Project, a charity who hold sessions at Raglan for children with complex medical needs to support their families. The children were fantastic, especially when the CD player packed up! However they continued to sing really well and were supported by many parents and grandparents – thank you! Well done Tiger Class.

Thursday and today, it was the turn of KS1 children and their performance of 'Super Star.' Can we just say that all of the children were indeed super stars! The children had us laughing, crying and believing that everyone can truly shine like stars. The performance included some great singing, dancing, sock throwing, super comic timing and a cameo from our Pet Therapy dog – Teddy! The children learned the words to the songs beautifully and we of course thank all of the staff and volunteers for their hard work in creating such a brilliant performance. We look forward to seeing another packed audience on Monday.



Thursday, our ULC class visited the Pantomime at the Churchill Theatre – “Oh no they didn’t!” Yes they really did – they had a fantastic time – now they need to compare it to the stories they have been reading in class. Thank you to all the adults who took them and thank you for representing Raglan so beautifully.

Next week, we have a full range of exciting activities, including our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties – even the Smelly Sprout will make an appearance in assemblies again this year! Please remember the children can wear their party outfits on Thursday however in this cold weather they will need to be warm – thank you.

Over the Christmas period, Mrs Dumper and Mrs Davies are both volunteering for Crisis at Christmas. At the Carol Concert we raised £161.00 for the charity – thank you so much. If anyone would like to donate anything else to this cause, please bring to the school office. It costs £28.18 to reserve a place for a person at Crisis – so we have raised enough to help 5, nearly 6 people over the festive period and beyond so far.

We can’t believe there is only just over a week until Christmas day! We hope that next week will be an enjoyable one for all of the children, thank you once again for your support at the Christmas events and have a lovely weekend.

Kath Margetts and all of the staff at Raglan



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**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

**BROMLEY - Monday 24th December**

Percussion • Gymnastics • Sports • Taekwondo • Boxing  
Dance • Archery • Fencing • Team Games • Inflatable Games

**What?**  
Sports, Dance & Gymnastics Children’s Academy

**Where?**  
ST MARK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR

**Who?**  
Boys and Girls aged 5 to 12

**When?**  
Monday 24th December 2018  
10am to 4pm (half days available)

**Price?**  
£25 full day or £15 half day

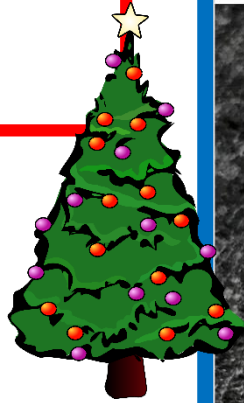
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**BUZZERS**

The poster features several decorative elements: a holly leaf with red berries in the top right, a white silhouette of a basketball player in the top right, a white silhouette of a tennis player in the bottom right, and a pair of golden bells with red berries in the bottom right. At the bottom, there is a decorative border with red and green garlands, white and red ornaments, and a large red bow.

## School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for the Spring Term 1 is £68.80 (8<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> February). Please remember fees are payable in advance.



## Message from the FoR

On the back of the amazing result of being The Sunday Times' 62nd best school, we thought it only right we show how much 'We ♥ Raglan'. For only £2 you too can show your support with these lovely enamel pin badges.

You can pick one up in either KS1 or KS2 playgrounds most mornings leading up to Christmas, where we'll be also selling squares for our 'Find Santa' game.

# SHOW YOUR SUPPORT



ONLY  
£2

## ENAMEL PIN BADGES

## Important Dates Coming Up

### **KS1 Christmas Production – Super Star**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - Family Performance

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Parties- **Children can wear party clothes to school!**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December End of term.  
School finishes usual time



Thank you to Mr O'Neill, dad to Betsy (Dolphins), for once again donating the Raglan Christmas Trees this year. The trees Mr O'Neill donated are absolutely beautiful!!

Mr O'Neill is selling Christmas trees outside the Chatterton Road Laundrette so do pop by if you haven't already done so.

# Attendance and Punctuality!

## Overview

This week the overall attendance is 96% Well done!

No classes had 100% attendance this week but 3 classes had 99% Panthers, Frogs and Wolves! Well done! Also nine classes had no lates - marvellous! Panthers, Frogs, Tigers, Leopards, Penguins, Sharks, Giraffes, Lions and Monkeys. Congratulations!



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
Panther	99	0
Frogs	99	0
Wolves	99	4
Tigers	97	0
Leopards	97	0
Dolphins	97	2
Penguins	96	0
Sharks	96	0
Puffins	96	2
Golden Eagles	96	5
Giraffes	95	0
Elephants	95	5
Lions	94	0
Rhinos	94	7
Pandas	92	3
Monkeys	90	0

## Lates

This week children were late for school a total of 28 times! – This is 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.