



This week we are learning to say *Merry Christmas* in several languages



<i>Monday</i> <i>French</i>	<i>Tuesday</i> <i>German</i>	<i>Wednesday</i> <i>Spanish</i>	<i>Thursday</i> <i>Italian</i>	<i>Friday</i> <i>Polish</i>
Joyeux Noël	Frohe Weinachten	Feliz Navidad	Buon Natale	Wesołych Świąt

Dear Parents / Carers, Governors and Friends,

This week it has certainly started to feel like Christmas here at Raglan. The Christmas post Boxes are now in situ so that the children can post any cards they have written to their friends or staff. The post boxes are emptied every day and the cards delivered to the class rooms.

The Christmas Fayre and Grotto was once again, a lovely, community event. Thank you to everyone who helped Emma and the Committee make it so successful. It takes a huge amount of planning, time and effort and without the support of our parents, staff and friends it would not take place. Thank you also to everyone who came to support. All of the money raised goes towards the children at Raglan.

On Wednesday the KS2 children entertained their parents with our Annual Carol Concert. The children sang beautifully and it was quite a moving occasion. A big thank you to Pete and his team at Hope Church for hosting the concert. Thank you to all of the parents and relatives who attended, it was lovely to see the church so full. Thank you to all of the children who took part with such enthusiasm and to the staff who supported them.

The Choir are singing at the Hope Church Carol Concert this Sunday and I am sure they will sing spectacularly.

The Key Stage 1 children performed their Christmas Production 'Christmas with the Aliens' twice this week and have one more performance on Monday. As usual it was a wonderful production – every child knew their part perfectly and the singing really brought it all to life. Well done children. Thank you to all of the parents who came to watch – the money raised through the tickets will be used to buy more playground equipment for the children to use at break times.



Yesterday our Nursery Children had their Christmas Party. Santa visited them and said that he had heard that they have all been very good all year, which is lovely to hear.

There are more festivities to enjoy next week. Christmas parties take place on Wednesday and Christmas Lunch is on Thursday. This is always a lovely occasion too – Lollie, our cook makes a splendid feast and the teachers and support staff turn into waiting staff for the lunch time period and serve the children. The final treat for the children is our Annual Staff pantomime – a weird and wonderful event enjoyed by children and staff (well most of them!)

As well as Christmas Activities there is still lots of learning going on. You will be aware from previous newsletters that we are part of a pilot programme in Bromley offering support to children around wellbeing and mental health. On Monday Yrs 4, 5 and 6 will each have a workshop, as part of this programme focussing on Emotional Well Being. Please take time to ask the children what they have learned.

Raglan is a member of the Children's University. This is a scheme that encourages children in KS2 to take part in extracurricular activities. Please see the flyer below for more information about this and details of how to sign up. At the end of the year the children who have taken part, their parents and staff celebrate the children's achievements in a reward ceremony at Bromley College.

It is quite astonishing how much lost property builds up over just half a term. We will once again lay it all out in the Middle Hall on Tuesday after school – please do come and claim any missing items. We do check all items before they go into lost property and return all named items to their rightful owner, so please make sure that everything is named. It makes our job easier and means it is much more likely that missing items will be returned to you.

Please note that if you want to come and look for an item, the school office is open from 8.00am until 4.30pm. If you call outside of these hours you will not be able to access the building as the Intercom only goes through to the Office.

Have a good weekend

Kath Margetts and All the Staff

RAGLAN'S ECO-COUNCIL TERRACYCLE CRISP PACKET RECYCLING SCHEME

We have now collected and raised £22.56 from the crisp packet recycling scheme. This amounts to 11.28 kg of crisp packets.

Not bad for a bunch of rubbish otherwise destined for landfill. Big up Raglan children, parents, staff and the local community. The Chatterton Arms have been collecting on Raglan's behalf too!

We are now halfway through our next collection too!

On Thursday 12th December, Mrs Collins and Mrs Liddell took Evie and Florence from Year 6 to the Bromley Food bank to drop off 13 bags of Christmas Treats weighing 36kg. The Foodbank helpers were delighted to receive these items to add to the 700 Christmas Hampers that will be given out to families in need in Bromley. Thank you to Year 6 parents and the FOR as many of these items were left over from the fayre.



Holmesdale Road Christmas Trees

Thank you to Betsy's dad, in Elephant class, who has donated 2 Christmas trees to the school. They look beautiful!

He is selling Christmas trees on Holmesdale Rd where the car garage/car wash used to be just along from Tesco. There is plenty of parking. Please support Betsy's Dad and drop by to see him if you need a tree. Free stands included.

Important Dates

16th Dec- KS1 performance
18th December- Christmas parties
19th December -Christmas Lunch
End of term – usual home time

We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday
7th January 2020.



Thank you to all the parents, friends and children at the KS2 concert for supporting Little Princess Trust. We raised £225.25. The charity provides free real hair wigs to children and young people with hair loss, and funds vital research into childhood cancers.



TENACITY SPORTS

BUZZERS B

SATURDAY CLUB

Sports • Den Building • River Walks
Woodland Games • Team Events

WHEN?
Every Saturday between Sept and April
10am to 11.30am

WHERE?
Bromley Common Cricket Club,
Oakley Road, Bromley, BR2 8HQ

COST?
£10 per child

WHO?
The sessions are aimed at children with SEN,
but are also open to siblings and friends.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION or TO BOOK...
Please contact Matt on 07930 397 185 or
email tenacity.sports@outlook.com

Would your child be interested in becoming part of the Children's University at Raglan Primary School?

What is the Children's University?

The Children's University believes that children can and do learn anywhere, when doing all sorts of activities, and particularly when they decide what they want to learn, when and where, and most importantly, have fun whilst doing that learning.

Children's University encourages children to become involved in many different experiences, it rewards their energetic participation and their inquisitive minds.

Your child's 'Passport to Learning'

Each child will have their own Passport to Learning, cost £5.00, as well as access to their own E-passport on line. Children can travel around the local borough, London and the UK with their Passport to Learning, collecting stamps in recognition of their learning as they go. The children's passport is stamped or signed each time a validated event or venue is attended, or when a learning activity outside of school hours is undertaken, such as a sports or music club they attend.

Learning does not just take place in the classroom. Children learn new things in all sorts of places; lunchtime and after school clubs, at museums, on nature walks...any validated learning destination will gain a stamp in your child's passport.

The whole idea behind the Children's University is to encourage children to develop new interests and join in new activities. Their success is then rewarded and celebrated at the annual graduation ceremony where proud families watch their child in University Caps and Gowns receive their certificates.

How to get involved

If your child is aged 7 - 11 and they are interested in becoming a member of the Children's University then please either complete the form attached and return it to the school office or ask for further details from the school reception.



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU AT THE GRADUATION**

Please speak to MR Rob or ask the office for a copy of the Children's University Application form if you would like your child to join. The cost of joining is £5 and your child will receive a [passport and on collection of 30 stamps or more will attend a graduation ceremony.

Attendance and Punctuality!

Overview

This week the overall attendance is 95%. This is lower than last week. No class had 100% attendance this week unfortunately!



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.

Lates

Four classes had no lates this week. Well done Frogs, Tigers, Lions and Wolves!
Congratulations!

This week children were late for school a total of 38 times! – this is very disappointing, let us try harder 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.

Attendance for each class this week:

Group	% Attend	L
Frogs	99	0
Rhinos	99	1
Penguins	98	9
Leopards	97	2
Panther	97	4
Tigers	96	0
Golden Eagles	96	1
Puffins	96	2
Monkeys	96	5
Pandas	95	4
Giraffes	94	1
Dolphins	94	6
Lions	93	0
Wolves	92	0
Sharks	92	1
Elephants	91	2

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.