



Dear Parents / Carers, Governors and Friends,

Happy New Year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable festive break and are looking forward to term re starting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank you for all of the lovely messages, cards and presents that we received at the end of term, it was very generous and much appreciated.

This term we welcome Mrs Melissa O' Brien to the staff as our Language Provision lead. Mrs Burgess is very sad to give up this part of her role, but as the role of Inclusion Manager continues to grow it is becoming too difficult for her to manage both roles. Mrs Burgess has done a fantastic job as Language Lead and we are very grateful to her. We are however, very lucky to have appointed Mrs O'Brien, as she has a wealth of experience in both Specialist Provisions and Mainstream Schools. We also welcome Victoria who will be working in the nursery in the mornings and then across the school each afternoon and to Danielle Ripley who started working in the nursery at the end of last term.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Olivia Morris who has worked as a 1:1 support for children and also as a play leader in the KS2 playground. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new role at Bromley College. We welcome Helen Goodin in her place. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Victoria Sparks and Mrs Gerri Mason who worked here last term on a temporary basis to cover staff absence and thank them for their contribution. Mrs Bradshaw, who has been absent after a foot operation will be returning to Reception on Tuesday and we are very pleased that she has made a full recovery. Mrs Davies, our LLC teacher will be absent until half term as she is having a hip replacement and will be covered by Mrs Kathy Scott, who currently teaches in the Language Provision and who the children know well. Mrs Claudia Fenner, will also be away next half term as she is also having an operation and her role will be covered by Mrs Llama Urbanaite, who the children also know well. I am sure you will want to join with us in sending Mrs Davies and Mrs Fenner our best wishes.

We would also like to send our congratulations to Miss Wood and her partner Mr Mead who are expecting their first baby in May. Don't panic, Miss Wood will still be here this term and will then go on maternity leave when we break up for the Easter Holiday.

I just wanted to remind you that if you have any concerns regarding your child please do speak to the class teacher in the first instance. If you are still concerned then please speak to myself, Miss Wood, Mrs Collins or Mrs Burgess – at least one of us is always on the door, or alternatively please phone or email the office to arrange an appointment. We are busy – but never too busy to speak to parents and want to assure you that the well being of all the children here is very important to us all.



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.



## 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**

Finally I would just like to say a very big thank you to all of the staff here at Raglan, who work incredibly hard and always go 'above and beyond' and to all our volunteers who gave up their time last term to support the children of Raglan. A special thank you to Beanie for the support she gives to Mr Rob and the Eco Council and to Mr Milton for the support he gives to Miss Wood and the Digital Council, to our amazing FOR – who organised the refreshments for the Christmas parties – and made sure that everything they used was recyclable and to our Governors who work quietly and tirelessly in the background. The children really do benefit from all the support you give and we are very lucky to be part of such a fantastic community.

Best Wishes

Kath Margetts and All the Staff.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of term! Autumn term is always long, and as we reach the end of it, everyone is getting tired and really looking forward to the Christmas break.

It is the excitement running up to Christmas which keeps us all going; there really are few places more magical at Christmas than our schools. As I go from school to school, it is lovely to see them all beautifully decorated and to feel the excitement amongst the children. There has been so much going on, and I have to thank all the staff for their efforts in putting together so many amazing Christmas performances. The children love being able to put on a show which they can share with their parents, and it is wonderful to see them performing with such confidence! We also really appreciate your part in all this – conjuring up angel costumes and taking time to come into school to see the children perform.

Our Bromley Schools also performed to the wider community with choirs taking part in Christmas Carols at various venues, including The Glades and the Hope Church. Our children are great ambassadors for the Trust and we are so proud when members of the public comment on their behaviour (and their singing of course!)

The Trust continues to flourish. Cage Green joined us in July, and we have made a very successful start on our journey towards ensuring that all the children there can reach their full potential. River Mill opened its doors to its first students in September, and is already building a great reputation with parents. We will continue to explore opportunities to expand the Trust building on our strategic vision.

This term also saw the first of what we plan to become regular cross Trust events. Raglan Primary School hosted the Trust Art Gallery which included work from all our Bromley schools on the theme of "What is important to your class?" The results were stunning, and I am sure that all of you who went along to see it will have been amazed at the standard of the work. Building on this success, we will be holding a dance event at Valley Primary School in the spring term.

In the last weeks at school, the children have enjoyed Christmas lunches and class parties, but we are also thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves. Across our schools, we have made appeals for different items from toys to pyjamas and we have had a marvellous response. It is really heart-warming that you take time to go out and buy these gifts and it really does help the children to understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and we look forward to seeing the children back in the New Year.

With kind regards,



Andrea Carter  
CEO

