



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Well, the superstitious of you may dread Friday 13th, but there are no spooky goings on here!

Lots of busy activities over the last couple of weeks, including experiments, bikeability and some amazing writing!

Class Dojo seems to be going really well, with 95% of families signed up. If you haven't signed up yet, please do! It is a super platform for sharing your children's successes and keeping up to date with things in school. You should have received an email invitation. If you haven't yet, please email the office and we will resend it for you. I have been through the annual calendar and added the dates to Dojo too, so you should get alerts of upcoming events, meaning you will be fully up to date with everything going on at school.

Next week we look forward to lots of parental engagement with the phonics open session on Monday at 11am, where parents of children in Little Acorns, Saplings and Great Oaks can come into school and see how their children are taught phonics. It would be great to see as many of you as possible. We also have our first parents evening of the year on Tuesday and Thursday. These are a super opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear how they are settling into their new year group and what they are working on. In addition to the parents evenings, we will have the book fair, so you are welcome to come to the hall and choose a book for your child and support our school in the process!

Please don't forget to send your child with a coat. The days are becoming wetter, soggier and colder and this is no fun to play out in without a coat!

Just on the colder, darker evenings....after half term, if your child is going a club after school, we will be insisting that parents come to collect their child from the club, even if they are Year 6 and usually walk home. By 4.15pm, it is really dark and the main road is so busy, we don't want to risk any children being hurt. We had a child hit by a car in the village later on in an evening last week (thankfully, she was not seriously hurt and is back at school) and we do not want any more injuries due to the dark. Children, even from Year 6 will not be released after clubs without an adult to collect them from after half term. Thank you for your understanding.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V Bamforth".

Headteacher

Cross Country

Last Thursday we took 39 children to the annual cross country competition at Ryburn School. All of the children ran really well and certainly gave it their best. We had some amazing results, with lots of children finishing in the top ten. There was a bronze medal for Hannah and silver medals for Daniella, Sophia and Arthur. We have now found out that our year 4 girls' team, year 5 girls' team and year 5 boys' team are through to the finals, as well as some individuals: Edith, Indi-May, Chloe G, Bella K, Ted B and Jude L. Well done to all of our runners!!



Card Trading Club

Card trading club kicked off a new season with all participants eager to get going after a Summer break.

The players (children) brought along their books, cards and kit whilst the referee (Mrs Holmes!) explained the rules of the game.

The players listened carefully and new signings of Harry Potter and Pokémon cards were introduced.

The players (children) took their positions and it was game on! Cards were swapped, and players shared facts about teams, characters and card history. Hands were shaken to seal deals until the final whistle was blown.

The children are always a credit to themselves at the club - polite to each other and patient when deals are made.

New signings are welcome. Thursday 8.15am in the school hall.



Book Fair – 16th – 19th October

The travelling book fair Scholastic will be in our school from Monday 16th October until Thursday 19th October. The opening hours will be as follows –

Monday 16th – 3pm – 4pm

Tuesday 17th – 3pm – 5pm

Wednesday 18th - 3pm – 4pm

Thursday 19th – 3pm – 5pm

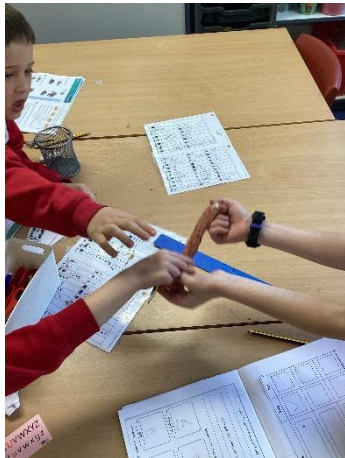
This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping and the more books you buy the more free books our school receives.

This event is online payments only by scanning the code or going onto [Find school - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

Thank you in advance for supporting our amazing school.

Great Oaks' Poo Investigation

This week Great Oaks completed an animal poo experiment (using playdough!) and predicted which poo belonged to which animal dependant on what was in it (chicken, seeds, plants). This helped us to identify whether the animals were omnivores, carnivores or herbivores. It was a lot of fun and we had a lot of giggles. We also learned a lot!



Hallowe'en Fun

On the last week of term, our wonderful PTFA are holding a R/KS1 and KS2 disco on Wednesday and Thursday respectively.

As R/KS1 children are harder to get ready, they can come to school in costume on Wednesday. KS2 can bring costumes to get changed into before the disco. **NO WEAPONS PLEASE!**

If your R/KS1 child is not going to the disco, they can also come dressed up for £1 – please send this in on the day.

If your child wants to come to the discos, please make sure you send £3 in an envelope with your child's name and class on to the office by Wednesday 18th October, this is so we know how many to expect and how many snacks to buy!

Thanks to the PTFA for putting on such a fun event for our children!

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HALLOWEEN DISCO

3.15-4.15PM

WED 25TH OCT R/KS1
THURS 26TH OCT KS2

£3 A TICKET INCLUDES, DRINK, SNACK, PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME, DISCO & GAMES.

R/KS1 CAN COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR COSTUMES.
KS2 TO BRING COSTUME/PARTY CLOTHES TO GET CHANGED INTO AFTER SCHOOL.

TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM THE OFFICE BY WED 18TH OCTOBER

Busy Bees at Half Term – book on the app!

Monday 30 th Breakfast served between 8-9am	Tuesday 31 st Breakfast served between 8-9am	Wednesday 1 st Breakfast served between 8-9am	Thursday 2 nd Breakfast served between 8-9am	Friday 3 rd Breakfast served between 8-9am
Tiny Witch Hats 	Halloween Crowns 	Autumn Acorn Wreaths 	Pumpkin chocolate chip cookies 	Pipe Cleaner Firework pictures 
Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch
Cotton Bud Skeletons 	Halloween Party and Games Come dressed up! 	Clay Hedgehogs 	Autumn Hunt 	Film Afternoon 
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm

Diary Dates

Lots of dates will be added regularly – keep an eye on the diary dates section! We will add more detail in the coming weeks.

October

Monday 16 th	Book Fair this week
Tuesday 17 th	Autumn parents' evenings
Wednesday 18 th	Nasal flu vaccinations
Thursday 19 th	Autumn parents' evenings
Friday 20 th	KS2 Celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 23 rd	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 24 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 25 th	R/KS1 Hallowe'en Dress Down Day & Hallowe'en Disco after school *** more Information to follow***
Thursday 26 th	KS2 Hallowe'en Disco after school ***more information to follow***
Friday 27 th	Individual and Siblings photographs R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Close for half term
W/C 30 th	Busy Bees open all week – book on the app

November

Monday 6 th	Training Day – Busy Bees will be open
Tuesday 7 th	School reopens to children
Thursday 9 th	PTFA Meeting – 7pm all welcome
Friday 10 th	KS2 Celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Friday 17 th	Children in Need R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Open Afternoon - 2.45pm
Friday 24 th	KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm

December

Friday 1 st	Christmas Jumper Day – bring a rainbow hamper item R/KS1 Celebration assembly 2.45pm
Friday 8 th	Secret Santa ***more information to follow*** KS2 Celebration assembly 2.45pm Clubs finish for Christmas
Monday 11 th	Secret Santa
Wednesday 13 th	R/KS1 Christmas production 10am/2pm
Friday 15 th	Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree
Thursday 21 st	KS2 Christmas Production – Church School finishes for Christmas
Friday 22 nd	Training Day – Busy Bees will be open



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	October	November	December
1			Christmas Jumper Day R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm
2			
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6	KS2 Celebration 2.45pm	TRAINING DAY	
7		School Reopens	
8			Secret Santa Clubs finish for Christmas KS2 Celebration 2.45pm
9	Y6 Bikeability	PTFA Meeting – 7pm	
10	Y6 Bikeability	KS2 Celebration 2.45pm	
11	Phonics open session for Reception/ Key Stage 1		Secret Santa
12			
13	R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm		R/KS1 Christmas Production 10am/2pm
14			
15			Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree
16	Book Fair this week		
17	Parents Evening	Children in Need R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	
18	Nasal Flu Vaccinations		
19	Parents Evening		
20	KS2 Celebration 2.45pm		
21			KS2 Christmas production – 2pm Church School closes for Christmas
22		Open afternoon – 2.45pm	TRAINING DAY – Busy Bees Open
23	Y6 Bikeability		
24	Y6 Bikeability	KS2 Celebration 2.45pm	
25			
26			
27	Individual and sibling photos R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm School Closes for Half Term		
28			
29			
30	Busy Bees Open All Week		
31			

	January	February	March
1			KS2 Celebration 2.45pm
2		R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	
3			
4			
5			Parents Evening
6			
7		Young Voices	World Book Day Parents Evening
8	School reopens		R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm
9		KS2 Celebration 2.45pm School Closes for Half term	
10			
11			
12		Busy Bees Open all week	
13			
14			Open Afternoon 2.45pm
15	Clubs restart		Clubs finish for Easter KS2 Celebration 2.45pm
16			
17	EYFS Maths Information Session		
18			
19	R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	TRAINING DAY	
20		School reopens	
21			
22			School Closes for Easter
23		R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	
24			
25			
26	KS2 Celebration 2.45pm		
27			
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29			
30	EYFS Maths Open Session		
31			

	April	May	June	July
1				
2				Open Afternoon 2.45pm
3		R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	School reopens	
4				
5				Clubs finish for summer Transition Day
6		BANK HOLIDAY		
7			Class Photos R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	
8	School reopens			
9				
10		KS2 Celebration 2.45pm	Y6 Residential all week	
11				
12				Reports Out
13		Y6 SATs Week		
14			KS2 Celebration 2.45pm	
15	Clubs restart			
16				
17		R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm		Year 6 Production 2PM & 6PM
18				
19	R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm			School closes for summer
20				
21			R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	
22				TRAINING DAY
23				
24		KS2 Celebration 2.45pm School Closes for half term	Sports Week	
25			Sports Day	
26	KS2 Celebration 2.45pm			
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28			KS2 Celebration 2.45pm	
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