



# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BERLEMONT....

I hope your children enjoyed the half term break; we are all excited to be back and there are few places more special than a primary school in the run up to Christmas!

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the fireworks display, we had a record breaking 1500 guests and a huge 'thank you' goes to the Friends and the staff for all their hard work in making this event possible. The money raised by such events is so helpful in providing the 'extras' to our children that a school budget just doesn't stretch to.

I know there is a lot of information that comes to you from school and we do try our best to make our communication clear and accessible. With over 1,000 people involved in school life each academic year, there are plenty of messages to share! If you need to get a message to your child or a member of staff urgently please call the school office. You can also contact your class teacher via their class email, or the school office at [office@glp.rbksch.org](mailto:office@glp.rbksch.org). We aim to respond to emails in a timely manner and will direct all emails to the most appropriate person to answer your query.



## CONTACT DETAILS

If one of your phone numbers or your e-mail address changes, please remember to update your ParentPay account, as well as letting the school office know. We cannot change your ParentPay personal details from school. Thank you.



## STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Mrs. Crask who will be starting her Maternity Leave in January. We welcome back Mrs. Tapp who will be covering Mrs. Crask's teaching.

## POPPY APPEAL

As in previous years we are selling poppies. To make purchasing easier, Pupil Ambassadors will be selling poppies outside school at the beginning and end of each day. Please note that the Royal British Legion are still accepting the old style £1 coins should you have any in purses or pockets.



## CHILDREN IN NEED



Children – and adults! – are invited to wear spotty and/or brightly coloured clothing on Children in Need day which is Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. There will also be a cake sale at the end of the day. The Pupil Ambassadors will be learning new skills - counting the money and talking it to the bank to pay it in.

## TIDY ENVIRONMENT – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the parents who have been litter-picking outside school, and to the pupils in Year 6 and Reception who have been clearing autumn leaves from our grounds. Aren't we lucky to work amongst so many beautiful trees.



## NURSERY LOGS...

The Nursery are looking for chunks of tree stumps that would be suitable for children to sit on. They have a cunning plan to paint the top surface to make them look like toadstools.



## PUPIL ABSENCE HOTLINE

When leaving a message on the pupil absence line, please can you clearly state your child's name and class. It would also be helpful if you could provide some detail regarding your child's illness or absence at this stage. This information needs to be recorded, and it will save us needing to contacting you. Thank you.

## FOREST LEARNING

The children in Forest school have had a fantastic time, building fires to make hot drinks and to toast marshmallow. They also made their own bows and arrows!



## VISITOR TOILET



Please be aware that we do not have a public toilet suitable for parents or children at either end of the school day. Pupils should use the usual toilets for their age group, including at going-home time please. We do have a facility for official visitors to school, but it is of a design which makes it suitable for occasional use only. Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE

Once again there is a tie for the class with the best attendance so far this term – congratulations to Spruce in Y5 and Ash in Y1 who both achieved 98.6%.



The whole school attendance (Years Rec–6) for the same period is 97.2%

Please help us to build on this excellent start by coming in to school, every day, when you are fit and well.

## ATTENDANCE FACT - Did you know?

90% attendance is like taking a day off every two weeks!

80% attendance is same as taking a day off every week!

Can you imagine what your boss would think if you took time off like this?

A child with a good school attendance record is setting themselves up for a better future once they leave school. Employers want staff who are reliable, and good attendance is a sign that your child can be trusted.

**Remember that if you have problem with getting your child into school, let us know and we will help you - contact Mrs. Sarah Pinch (Attendance Officer).**

## PARENT PANEL

We recently held a very useful meeting regarding the school lunches, and we thank those who attended for their participation. The discussion covered a number of aspects, including ordering meals on line and the possibility of ordering a larger portion, and we will keep you updated on this. Suggested changes to the April - October 2018 menu were adding a meat fajita and more beans with jacket potato options, replacing battered fish with breaded fish. Raisins have now been reduced on the salad bar and replaced with carrots.

It was also noted that the Popeye pizza does indeed include spinach – hidden in the sauce! All comments have been passed on to the meal provider.



## TRAVEL AMBASSADORS

Before half term the Year 6 children were invited to apply for the role of 'School Travel Ambassador', and Holly and Grace were successful in being chosen. Since being appointed they have attended a School Travel Seminar in New Malden to find out more about their roles. During the year they will be running many competitions and events and promoting how to stay safe on the roads and encouraging you to walk to school more and leave your cars at home!

Please look out for a competition coming home very soon.

## P.S. (PUPIL SLOT)

What have Year 1 children been up to in Art Club?



"We do lots like colouring and sticking. We made a big page of pastels and chalk" William

"You get to do loads of art and its my second favourite subject. The first week we made superheroes!" Jack

"We do lots of art and we made tiger pictures using pastels" Rosie

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### November

9<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation afternoon – **school closes 1.30 p.m.**

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Year 6 cycle training

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Year 4 cycle training within school grounds

16<sup>th</sup> KS2 Maths workshops 9.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.

17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need muffin for £1

21<sup>st</sup> Bags2school collection –

please bring in your filled bags

22<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 meeting at 6.00 p.m.

re end of year arrangements

29<sup>th</sup> Spelling workshops at 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.