

Headteacher: Mr D Childs

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Dear Parents,

It has been another great week in our school, and we have really enjoyed exploring mental health and wellbeing. Not only has this been through the way we have supported children, but we have explored various areas of mental health in our staff meetings to increase our own expertise so that we can continue to provide a strong nurturing environment for our children.

Hello Yellow Day

Today, we celebrated 'Hello Yellow Day' and really enjoyed using all of the resources produced by Young Minds. Young Minds are a wonderful charity that help support children's mental health. Should you wish to donate to the charity, please use the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yellowatryarsh>

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy to join our teaching assistant team to work 1:1 with some children in the school. If you would be interested in this position, please feel free to contact us or visit <https://www.kent-teach.com> to find out more.

Covid19 - Safety Update

Next Wednesday, we are being visited by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) for a COVID-19 spot inspection. This is part of a national programme to ensure that schools are taking necessary actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As part of the inspection, they are likely to be observing entry to the school in the morning to monitor the systems that we have in place. Over the past few weeks, we have worked hard as a community to make sure that we have systems of control in place that allow our community to stay as safe as possible. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following:

- Please arrive at the correct time - Year 5/6: 8.40 , year 3/4: 8.45 , year 1/2: 8.50, reception: 8.55. If you arrive early, please stay in your car until the allocated time. This system helps us with social distancing.
- On arrival, please respect social distancing guidelines by making sure you are 2M apart from other adults where possible.
- Please make sure that you are wearing a face mask on arrival, although we do appreciate there may be medical reasons why you are unable to.
- Please leave promptly once you have said goodbye to your child. This helps us adhere to social distancing and prevents any groups forming either on site or just outside the school gates.
- Please follow the one way system by entering through the pedestrian gate. Entering through the car park will not be permitted unless this has been agreed with the office. If you choose to bring your dog with you on your journey to school, you will not be able to bring it on to the school premises.

These are all existing systems that we have in place but with the HSE inspection next week, we feel that now is a good time to keep these systems fresh in our minds. We are really grateful for the way our community have responded to our COVID-19 systems and look forward to sharing these with the inspection team.

Reading Workshops

Next week, Mrs McMulkin and Mrs Watts will be recording loom videos for all parents on how you can support your child's reading at home. We will be sending out two videos, with one being on developing reading comprehension skills (aimed at our children from years 2-6) and the other being on supporting phonics (aimed at our children from years R-2).

Media

On Monday, TDH Media are visiting us to film our virtual tour. As mentioned in previous letters, this is to replace tours for new entrants but it also provides a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our school, which we are so very proud of. If you do not want your child to be included in the video, please make sure you either return the slip from the letter that was sent or email the office team on office@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Childs and the rest of the team at Ryarsh Primary School