

Headteacher: Mr D Childs

12th March 2021

Dear Parents,

This week has certainly been a very emotional week for us all as we welcomed all of our children back in to school. It has been amazing to see our family reconnected once more and we have loved seeing the smiles on their faces and the sound of their laughter echoing around our school once more.

We also understand that for many children, it was the first step to adjusting to school with all children present. This week our focus was on reconnecting relationships. We have enjoyed our collaborative book project, additional break times and class talk times to help us strengthen our relationships. Next week, as well as continuing to build our relationships, we will continue our focus on re-establishing routines and learning behaviours to help us make sure that we can make every single minute count towards providing the best possible education for our children.

We really enjoyed our workshop with Mr Motivator today. To see so many smiles and so many faces was an absolute joy. Whilst I cannot claim to be in my comfort zone talking to the media, I did enjoy speaking with KMFM and KMTV this week to talk to them about our wonderful school family.

Covid-19 Update

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing efforts this week in helping to keep our community as safe as possible, especially during drop-off and pick-up times.

I would like to remind you that you need to arrive at the correct times in the morning. These times are as follows:

- 8:40 – Year 5 & 6
- 8:45 – Year 3 & 4
- 8:50 – Year 1 & 2
- 8:55 – Reception

These timings allow us to reduce the amount of adults on site, making social distancing much easier. A number of families are needing to queue in the mornings as they are arriving up to 10 minutes early for their slot.

To also reduce the number of adults on site, please remember that it is only one adult per family during drop-off and pick-up. I have also needed to give a number of reminders about this during the week.

Both of these measure were in place before Christmas and neither one of them has changed.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultation times for Tuesday 23rd March and Thursday 25th March can now be booked through your ParentMail account.

A goodbye (for now)

Today, we said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Watts as she leaves us to embark on the next chapter of her life. We would like to wish her well as her family prepare to welcome a new arrival over the next few weeks.

Vacancies

We currently have two fantastic opportunities to join our Ryarsh family.

In order to cover Mrs Watts' period of maternity, we have a vacancy for a part-time classroom teacher. Further details can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=85603>

Please feel free to contact me directly about the role or to pass on the information. We would love to hear from any interested candidates.

We also still have a vacancy for a part-time 1:1 teaching assistant. Further details can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=85204>

Parent Workshop

Kelly Hannaghan, Mental Health & Wellbeing Consultant, will be offering parents and carers a space to gain knowledge rich approaches and key skills to help you recognise and respond to your child's emotional health needs both within and beyond the pandemic.

This free workshop is part of a free suite of materials produced by the Department for Education to develop children's wellbeing. It will be hosted on the 16th March from 10:00am to 11:00am.

To register please click below:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2485128688953201168>

Red Nose Day 2021

Next Friday, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day. Please read the letter from Mrs Morris to find out more about how we are celebrating the day in school.

Home Learning

Home learning will resume this week. As detailed in our school plan, we will begin by setting tasks on our digital platforms. The details of the tasks set will be on the home learning sheets and these will be uploaded on to the class Google Classroom page. Please feel free to use these at your discretion. If your child is tired and needs a weekend of rest, we will completely understand.

Enjoy your weekend.

Daniel Childs and the team at Ryarsh Primary School