



*The Ryde School, Pleasant Rise, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL9 5DR*

## *The Ryde School Newsletter*

*Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

### **Attendance Update**

Our attendance rate was improving over the half term and averaging over the target of 96.1%, but unfortunately this last week it has dropped to an average of 93.4% compared to an average of 97.5% earlier this half term. This is disappointing as most children and families have made a real effort to improve attendance. I understand there has been some sickness, and that cannot be helped, but some families are still taking holidays in term time. This is detrimental to both the children and the school. I would ask that you do not book holidays in term time please as missed learning cannot be easily caught up.

On a more positive note the class with the highest attendance this half term is Class 4. There are 140 children who have 100% attendance this half term and 24 children who have 100% attendance since September.

We will start afresh next half term and expect that even more children will have 100% by the end of it.

### **Parental Engagement**

Thank you to all the parents that completed the Parental Engagement Survey. The results have been helpful to the school. We will be looking to provide some workshops for parents in the areas you have requested and the suggestions for improving home learning have been helpful too. We are working on this now too. It has been very helpful to us to have a volunteers list, and we have contacted some parents recently for help in the areas they have offered. It was helpful to know that the majority of parents knew about the Parent Council and the work that it does.

### **Uniform**

We have noticed in school that some children are not wearing full uniform. We do expect children to wear school uniform, including **plain black** shoes or trainers.

We would like to remind you that only plain stud earrings should be worn as hoop earring can be dangerous in school.

The next preloved uniform sale will be held by the PTA on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall.

### **Teacher Strikes**

Further teacher strikes have been planned for 1<sup>st</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March. It is planned that The Ryde School will be open on these days.

### **Opening Times**

A reminder that the school opening times will change after the Easter Holidays.

Gates open:	8:35am
Registration:	8:45pm
End of day:	3:15pm

### **Safeguarding Survey**

We recently asked the children to complete an anonymous survey to find out how they felt when they were in school.

94% said they were mostly or always happy in school.

92% said they felt mostly or always safe in school

We investigated where children felt unsafe. Mostly it was in the playground as they were worried about falling over, having an accident or slipping on the stage. We are now exploring fitting non-slip decking to the stage. Teachers have worked with their classes about playing safely in the playground. We will repeat the survey.

### **Calendar Dates**

February 20<sup>th</sup> – Inset

February 21<sup>st</sup> – Y6 & Y5 Shakespeare Workshop

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Parent Activity

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Celtic Harmony

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – World Book Day

March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Y5 National Gallery

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Parent assembly

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Kew Gardens

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Y1 Parent Activity

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Governors Meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Forest School Parent Activity

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council meeting

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Y2 RAF Hendon

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – YR Stockwood Park

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Parent Assembly

March 24<sup>th</sup> – YR Forest School Parent Activity

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Y4 & Y5 Performance

March 28<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Hare Krishna Temple

March 31<sup>st</sup> – End of term 2:00pm.