



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

## *The Ryde School Newsletter*

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

### **Attendance Update**

Our attendance rate is slowly improving over this term, but has been affected negatively by some families still taking holidays during term time. I would ask again that holidays are not taken during term time. Children miss out on so much learning if they are absent for a week or two out of school. It is very hard for children to catch up learning. Our average attendance last week was 94.9%. Our average has improved to 93.0% but is still below the national average of 93.5%. But the gap is closing. The national target is 96.0%.

So far this half term there are 141 children who have 100% attendance, which is brilliant, and 25 children who have 100% attendance since September.

It has been good to see that Reception Class, Class 3, Class 4 and Class 6 now regularly have 100% attendance.

### **Birthday Celebrations**

We are very pleased to celebrate children's birthdays in school as it is a very special for them and their families. Sometimes children may wear a birthday badge for the day, and that is fine.

Teachers celebrate birthdays in the classroom. Some children bring some small sweets to share with their classmates. Sweets such as a fun sized mars or milky way or a small packet of Haribos is appropriate. The children are always very appreciative of such treats.

### **Uniform**

We have noticed in school that some girls are wearing leggings. These are not part of the school uniform unless worn under a skirt.

May I remind parents/carers that all hair band, clips etc should be blue, white, black or grey please.

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 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

### **World Book Day**

Our World Book Day was a great success. I would like to thank the parents that came into school and shared their books with children. It was a lovely opportunity for children to hear stories and legends from other parts of the world.

The children also enjoyed the class book, from another culture, chosen by their teacher. The children then enjoyed tasting some food from the same culture too. In all classes there were children who could talk about the food e.g. when it is eaten, how it is cooked.

### **Calendar Dates**

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

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Parent Activity  
9:00am

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Hatfield Park

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Family Support Worker  
coffee morning 8:45 – 10:00

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

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Y2 RAF Hendon

March 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 Parent Assembly  
9:00am

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

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Y1 Parent Activity 9:00am

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Council meeting

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

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

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Governors Meeting

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

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

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

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Bank holiday - Coronation