



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

The Ryde School Newsletter

Monday 16th May 2022

Summer Term

It has been lovely for the children to be able to play on the field now the weather is at last dry! We have had a large piece of apparatus installed at the end of last term and the safety surface is being installed this week. The children are excited and looking forward to using it. Pictures will be put on our website when it is in use so you can see it.

Last term and this term we have struggled with staffing as many of the staff have had COVID and this has meant staff changes on an almost daily basis some weeks. Hopefully we are over the worst now.

I am pleased to inform you that both Ms Sainsbury and Mrs Hall are expecting babies. Ms Sainsbury will be going on maternity leave in July and Mrs Hall in November. We look forward to their return to our school.

Trips

Teachers have been busy organising trips for their classes to support the children's learning and experiences. Unfortunately, we are aware that they are becoming more and more expensive – especially the coaches. Regrettably the school cannot afford to fund trips if parents do not pay for their child's place and, at times, trips have had to be cancelled. The school already pays for all after school clubs and subsidises the swimming lessons, but does not have the budget to subsidise trips. We are looking at ways to make trips more affordable

Attendance Update

Sadly, attendance at our school is much too low at 92.1%, and persistent absentees are at an all-time high of 18.1%. The attendance officer has visited and will be contacting some families with children who have high levels of absenteeism. We are working hard to fill learning gaps created by COVID, but to be successful your children need to be in school every day unless genuinely unwell.

Forest School and Dance

All classes have had the opportunity this year to have a whole term of Forest School with Ms Burns. Most classes have completed projects or awards in this time.

All classes from Y1-Y6 have enjoyed a whole term of dance lessons with a dance professional, learning routines and performing to each other.

Parking

I am hoping you have read the letter sent to you on Friday, that was written by some of our children (they are excellent writers I am sure you will agree), urging you to park safely. Both the staff and children are becoming increasingly concerned about the dangerous parking outside the school, as are many of our parents. The School Council have planned a 'Safer Parking' campaign to start this week. Please take notice of their signs and park further away from the school. There have been so many near accidents. Keep our children safe.

Calendar Dates

May 16th – 26th – Y5/Y6 Daily swimming

May 19th – Outdoor Classroom day

May 23rd – Year 6 Magistrates workshop

May 27th - Platinum Day bank holiday
School closed

May 30th – June 3rd – Half Term

June 6th – Children back to school

June 8th – Visiting author - Years 1,2 and 3

June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th – Y4 to
The Edge outdoors sports centre

June 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st – Y5 to
Stanborough Lakes water sports

June 13th, 20th, 27th, July 4th - Y2 and Y6
Golf lessons from Essendon Golf Club

June 14th – Class photographs

June 15th – Y6 Animation Nation

June 22nd – Y2 to RAF Hendon

June 25th – PTA Summer Fayre

July 7th - Y1 to Knebworth House

July 11th, 18th – Y6 to Essendon Golf Club

July 15th – Sports Day

July 22nd – Last day of term