



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

The Ryde School Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022

A New Year Begins

It has been a very positive start to the school year. It was a very long week for children last week and most were very tired by the end of it. However, your children have been amazing. They have settled quickly and have enjoyed working with their teachers on their new topics.

All the children enjoyed the day at Hatfield House and are completing some very nice work from it.

It has been a challenge having half of the tarmac area out of use due to the new nursery building being built. But the children have been very sensible and have adapted to a smaller space very well. On wet days, when the field is out of use, we have had to stagger playtimes. But so far this has only happened once. The building is due to be finished a week or two before half term. So hopefully this will not happen too often.

Nursery Building

As you have probably noticed our new nursery building is in place and the tradesmen are now working hard fitting out the interior. A new canopy is being built that is larger and offers the staff far more flexibility in its use.

At the back of the building new drains have been laid and it is quite muddy at the moment. However, this area will have top soil laid and will be grassed over. It will be a lovely area for the children.

Attendance Update

Our attendance rate has improved but is still low at 92.7%. It is expected to be at least 96%.

I would remind you that all children should be at school no later than 8:45am. The gate is timed to close and any children arriving after this time should enter through the main entrance.

The first lesson starts at 8:50am.

Menu Changes

It has come to our attention that there have been several last minute menu changes last week and this week. The cook is sorry for this, but the changes are due to supply shortages. Although items are ordered in good time, sometimes they are just not available. She does her very best to keep the changes to a minimum and make substitutes as near to the menu as possible.

Parking

I would like to remind all parents to park safely outside our school and not park on the yellow zig zag lines or opposite the zig zag lines.

We all want children and their families to be safe walking to school, so please do not park over the dropped kerbs as these are safer places to cross the road. Some of our older children walk to school on their own, so it is important they can cross the road safely.

Calendar Dates

September 23rd – Year 6 Camp Out

October 1st – Apple Day

October 3rd – Year 6 Elizabethan workshop

October 4th – Year 2 Visit to local church

October 5th – Reception parents phonic workshop

October 17th – Years R-6 Flu vaccines

October 19th – Nursery parent activity

October 24th – October 28th Half Term

October 31st – Inset Day

November 8th – Year 5 Duxford visit

November 16th – Reception parents maths workshop

November 21st – Year 2 Pirate Day

November 21st – December 2nd Year 5 and Year 6 daily swimming

December 14th – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

December 15th – Pantomime

December 21st – End of term 2:00pm

Other dates will be added as bookings are made for trips, visits and visitors.