



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

The Ryde School Newsletter

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Reading and The Ryde

This term has been a very busy and a very productive one. The term began with a very successful trip to Walton-on-the-Naze, after which all the children completed a range of activities related to this and our theme of 'coasts'. The children have enjoyed having more equipment to play with in the playground, although they do need to make sure it is put away! I am sure many of you enjoyed watching the Christmas performances and were impressed at the children's confidence in performing and in their enjoyment of taking part too. It is always lovely to see the energy and enthusiasm the children have for singing and to appreciate how hard they work to learn so many songs. I am always proud to show prospective parents around our school and they are always impressed at the focus of the children, the calmness of the classrooms and the good behaviour. We have welcomed many new children into The Ryde School this term and they have all settled well. We are looking forward to another successful term in 2024.

Music at The Ryde

There has been a range of music opportunities for the children to engage with this term.

Year 5 gave a short concert to their parents, demonstrating the skills they had learned in playing a brass instrument over the previous year. It was very impressive. Year 4's turn next term! Some children performed to The Ryde Gardening Club at their Christmas party, singing songs that were very well received. Some children from Years 3,4,5 and 6 have been practising songs to perform at the Young Voices concert in January at the O2 Arena.

Parking in Pleasant Rise and Lodge Drive

I would ask parents and carers to be careful when parking outside the school. Please do not park over the dropped kerbs as these should allow unaccompanied children and families with pushchairs to cross safely. Also two residents have contacted us to ask that parents/carers do not park across their driveways. We have good relationships with our near residents, so please be considerate.

Governing Body

Thank you to the parents who expressed an interest in becoming a governor. The Chair of Governors will be in touch in the New Year.

Attendance Update

Our attendance has fallen slightly in the last two weeks to 94.5%. Hopefully this will improve in the New Year so we can reach our target of 96.1%.

Christmas Greetings

The staff and I would like to thank you for all your support this term. Thank you for taking part in parent activities and assemblies. We would also like to thank you for the gifts that have been given for Christmas, they are really appreciated. All the staff would like to wish you an enjoyable and peaceful holiday and a happy New Year.

Calendar Dates

Dec 20th - Last day of term 2:00p.m. finish

Jan 4th - Inset day - school closed

Jan 5th - Children back to school

Jan 11th - Y6 Parent Activity 1:45pm

Jan 12th-Y2 & Y6 Arctic Explorer workshop

Jan 30th - Young Voices Choir at O2 Arena

Feb 2nd – Parent Council 9:00am

Feb 14th – Y1 & 2 Circus workshop

Feb 19th – 23rd – Half Term

Feb 26th – Inset Day

Mar 12th – Y6 Kew Gardens

Mar 19th – Y2 RAF Hendon

Mar 29th – Apr 12th Easter Holiday

Mar 15th – Inset Day

May 21st – Y6 – Animation Nation

May 27th – 31st – Half Term

Jun 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th – Y4 The Edge

Jun 25th – 28th – Y5 York Residential

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