



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

The Ryde School Newsletter

Tuesday 25th July 2023

A successful and productive year

It has been the first full year where we have been able to resume all pre-Covid activities. The children have been able to give performances, and we have been able to welcome back audiences. The children have also been able to resume all the activities they were able to take part in previously, including some visits and sporting events. For the staff too, it has been a rewarding year. All the professional deep dives we have had from the local authority over the year have been overwhelmingly positive about both practice and the progress of the children. Which demonstrates that our staff are a great team and work very hard for your children. It has also been rewarding for all staff to see the successful results we have had this year in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

As a school we have also been able to support other schools in several areas such as: Early Years, Forest School and Learning Outside the Classroom. Plans for the next year are already underway, and we expect to be as successful next year as this year.

School Building and Grounds

We are very fortunate that we have been accepted by Tesco to benefit from their community project.

Volunteers will be helping to decorate some areas inside the school. They will also help to preserve the benches and tables outside and maybe add some decoration to areas too.

In the coming year Ms Burns will continue to organise more working parties to help develop areas in the school grounds. This was very helpful last year and I hope parents will volunteer again this year.

Staffing

We said a lovely farewell to Ms Curtis, Miss Spurr, and Mrs Tiplady. We also said goodbye to Miss O'Connor and Mrs Rhodes.

In September we will welcome Ms Cattini (DHT), Mrs Taka and Ms Gilder (TAs) to our staff and I am sure you will make them all feel welcome.

We also welcome back Mrs Hall from maternity leave.

Uniform

In the new term we will expect children to be in full school uniform. Our uniform policy is on our website. Shoes/trainers should be plain black, no logos please.

Attendance Update

Our attendance this year was 93.3%. An improvement on the previous year, but we are aiming for the national target of 96.0% from September.

50th Celebration

July 11th was such a special day for The Ryde.

It was lovely to welcome back so many past pupils and their families as well as past staff members and governors. We estimate that more than 300 people came to visit the school that evening.

Some of the first pupils to attend the school came to look around, reminisce and share their memories with us.

It was good to hear how our past pupils were doing and the interests they had developed. They all had such fond memories of the school and their time here.

Calendar Dates

Sep 1st - Occasional Day - school closed
Sep 4th - Inset Day - School closed
Sep 5th - Children back to school
Sep 6th - Governors meeting 6:30pm
Sep 8th - Individual photographs
Sep 8th - Year 6 - to Stanborough School
Sep 11th - Year 5 - brass music to resume
Sep 18th - Year 1-6 - School trip
Sep 19th - Year 6 - parent meeting
Sep 20th - Year R - phonics workshop
Sep 21st - Parent Council 9:00 a.m.
Oct 6th - Year R - Parent tour of school
October 23rd - 27th - Half Term
Nov 8th - Year 5/6 - Young Shakespeare
Nov 15th - Year R - Maths workshop
Nov 15th - Flu immunisations
Nov 15th - Governors meeting 7:30p.m.
Dec 4th - 15th Year 5/6 swimming
Dec 12th - Year R-6 Pantomime
Dec 20th - Last day of term 2:00p.m. finish
Jan 4th - Inset day - school closed
Jan 5th - Children back to school

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