



The Ryde School

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Headteacher: Mrs Sue Thompson

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very positive start to the school year. The children have settled back into school very well and are enjoying their learning.

It is also very pleasing to see that the school attendance continues to improve and is now an average of 96.6% this week compared to the national average of 95.4%. This is excellent progress.

The recent trip to Walton-on-the-Naze was very successful and the children so enjoyed the experience. The teachers have planned some of their curriculum around this visit in line with our theme of 'Coastal' for this year. We will be looking forward to sharing your children's work with you on this theme during the summer term.

At a recent Parent Council meeting it was suggested that we offer a 'Meet the Teachers' session this half term as some parents have not met their children's teacher. The teachers thought this was a lovely idea as it would be an opportunity for them to meet parents and talk about the learning that will be happening over the school year.

The 'Meet the Teachers' sessions will be offered over three days:

Miss Brumby (Year 4) and Mrs Wallace (Year 3) will be pleased to meet you on Monday 9th October at 8:50am - 9:20am.

Mrs Martindale (Year 6) and Mrs Sutton (Year 5) will be pleased to meet you on Tuesday 10th October at 8:50am - 9:20am

Miss Bowden (Year 2) and Mrs Cattini and Mrs Hitch (Year 1) will be pleased to meet you on Thursday 12th October at 8:50am - 9:20am

At these sessions Mrs Thompson will give a short introduction. This will be followed by a short talk by each teacher about their year groups curriculum and how this will be organised over the year. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss this with the teachers.

We are hoping that these sessions will familiarise parents with their children's teacher and the curriculum that is planned for the year. We would also like to hear from parents about any workshops they would like us to provide so they can further support their children's learning.

This will not be an opportunity to talk about individual children as parent consultation evenings have been arranged for the following week for this purpose.

We do hope that parents will come to these sessions.

Yours sincerely

Sue Thompson

