



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

The Ryde School Newsletter

Tuesday 7th June 2022

Summer Term

We are all looking forward to this last half term of the year. The children have many things to look forward to with Outdoor and Adventurous Week coming soon plus sports day near the end of term and lots in between. Teachers have planned a creative curriculum to inspire children to work hard to achieve the best they can over this summer term. It has been a good team effort between the staff, children and parents to help children catch up the learning lost during the pandemic. Your children are amazing, they have slipped back into school life and worked very hard. As a result we are optimistic of an even more successful year next year.

We have realised that as parents you have not had very much opportunity to visit our school grounds since before the pandemic, so you should look forward to your children inviting you to a guided tour of the projects they have been involved with and the changes that have taken place. We hope you will be able to come.

Trips

We have been trying to book coaches for some of the children's trips. Unfortunately, there seem to be far fewer coaches available and the ones that are available are very expensive. Some quotes are now as high as £775 per day (£26 per child just for the coach). We are considering alternatives for some class trips and will keep each class informed as we have confirmation of availability and cost. We are working on ways to ensure trips can still be made next year, but in a more cost effective way.

Attendance Update

Our attendance has not improved and is still **92.1%**. This is much lower than other schools and persistent absentees are even higher at **19.7%**. It is so important that children attend school regularly if they are to make the progress they are capable of. The attendance officer has visited again and some fines have now been issued. Please try to ensure your child attends school regularly.

School Pets

I had the unhappy task of telling the children yesterday that one of our guinea pigs, Wiggles, had passed away over the half term holiday. The children were upset about this and concerned for Squiggles now he is living alone. Some of the children have drawn pictures and written notes and we will display these for a short time in the school hall.

Parking

Thank you to the parents/carers who have listened to the children and complied with their requests for you to park safely. Unfortunately, the children spotted very quickly, that some parents began parking unsafely yesterday morning and they have asked for the signs to be put back outside. The School Council are planning a further 'Safer Parking' campaign to start soon to try to encourage parents to keep parking safely. Please take notice of their signs and park further away from the school. Keep our children safe!

Calendar Dates

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

June 10th – Y5 Parent assembly

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 16th – Visiting author - Years 1, 2 & 3

June 21st – Y4 Parent assembly

June 22nd – Y2 to RAF Hendon

June 22nd – District Sports

June 25th – PTA Summer Fayre

June 27th – July 1st Outdoor and
adventurous week

July 6th – New Reception/nursery children
Welcome and taster morning

July 7th - Y1 to Knebworth House

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

July 15th – Sports Day

July 22nd – Last day of term