



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

## The Ryde School Newsletter

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Welcome Back

Happy New Year to all our families and friends.

The staff are looking forward to this term and have worked hard to plan an exciting and challenging curriculum for the children. Classes will report some of these learning activities on our new website as they take place.

We are very proud of the achievements of the children in our school, and you can see from the recently published results tables that our school performs consistently well compared to other schools both nationally and locally.

Our staff are keen to develop professionally and several of our teachers are involved in research projects, which will further improve practice across the whole school.

We are in the process of planning a couple of projects that will develop the school's community links and we will share these with you when they ready.

Ms Burns is working hard to promote our school as a lead school for Forest School training and plans for these sessions are well underway.

### School Website

Our new website is now live and has a fresher look. It has been designed so that information can be easily found and navigation around the site is more straight forward.

This website is also much easier for us to manage as we can add most content ourselves now. More content is planned to be added over the next few weeks.

We would welcome your feedback on the new website.

### Calendar Dates

January 6<sup>th</sup> – Inset day

January 7<sup>th</sup> – First day of term

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Yr6 Mission to Mars

January 9<sup>th</sup> – Yr4 Tutankhamun exhibit

January 23<sup>rd</sup> – YrR Dentist visit

January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Yr3/Yr6 Rocks and Fossils workshop

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Chill out zone

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Yr5-Yr6 NSPCC assemblies

February 6<sup>th</sup> – Yr2 Hendon RAF Museum

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Yr1-Yr6 NSPCC workshops

Half Term – February 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Yr5/Yr6 Shakespeare workshop

February 28<sup>th</sup> – Yr3 Eco at Mitsubishi

March Yr6 – Yr2 Library visit

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Yr2/Yr5 Science workshops

More dates will be added as bookings are confirmed.

### Eco Schools Green Flag Renewal

Our Eco Schools Green Flag assessment will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Ms Burns has been working hard with the Eco Committee to prepare for this assessment. We have many projects to share with assessors and I am sure they will be impressed at the commitment of both the school and the children.

### Changes to Staffing

This week we are saying goodbye to Mrs Fucchi who has made the decision to retire. She has been at The Ryde for more than 10 years, in many roles, and we will miss her very much. We are also saying a temporary goodbye to Mrs Hall this week as she is going on maternity leave until next year. We welcome back Miss Tuck, who has returned from her travels and will be covering Mrs Hall's maternity leave.

### Study Bugs

Please remember to sign up for Study Bugs. It is a really simple way for you inform us of your child's absence.

### Attendance

Attendance: **95.1%**  
This should be **95.1%**.