



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

The Ryde School Newsletter

Friday 25th October 2024

The Ryde

This half term has been a very positive one. New members of staff have settled in well. We have also welcomed many children and their families, mostly reception class, who have joined our school this term. Our whole school trip to Hatfield House at the beginning of the term was very successful and the children were able to follow this up with some very creative work, especially in maths, science and art. Such trips are always so beneficial to the children, widening their experiences and generating an enthusiasm for learning.

Uniform

Can I remind all families that children should wear school uniform to school, including footwear. Trousers, skirts and tights should be grey, not black.

School Building

Following the successful installation of energy efficient heating/air conditioning units in some rooms last year, we have planned further units to be installed in the rest of the classrooms over the half term. These units enable the classrooms to be kept at a comfortable temperature all year round, which makes for a much nicer learning environment. In addition to the benefits to the children, these units are energy efficient and reduce our gas consumption considerably.

School Field and Playground

The children so enjoy using the new climbing apparatus at break and lunch time, taking turns and inventing games to play on it. However, the biggest positive impact is the track that goes round the whole field. This enables the children to use the field and apparatus in all weathers and also all through the year. The addition of construction equipment into the playground encourages children to be creative. The School Council will be making further suggestions this term.

A New Menu

HCL have written a new menu and have simplified the names of the dishes. Hopefully this will lead to a bigger uptake in school meals.

Attendance Update

Our attendance has not been as good as it should be this term. At 95.8% it is just below the national expectation of 96%.

Parking

Please help to keep everyone safe – park considerately

I would like to remind all parents to park safely outside our school and not park on the yellow zig zag lines or opposite the zig zag lines. Parking in these areas causes traffic congestion and is dangerous for families trying to cross the road.

We all want children and their families to be safe walking to school, so please do not park over the dropped kerbs as these are safer places to cross the road. Some of our older children walk to school on their own, so it is important they can cross the road safely.

Calendar Dates

Nov 4th – Inset Day

Nov 5th – Girls football match

Nov 6th – Year 5 Stem workshop

Nov 7th – Boys football match

Nov 8th – Years 2, 5, 6 NSPCC workshops

Nov 12th – Year 2 Parent activity

Nov 13th – Year R parent maths workshop

Nov 15th – Year 5 Duxford Museum

Nov 20th – Image Theatre visiting

Nov 21st – Flu vaccinations

Nov 27th - Year 1 Parent activity

Nov 30th – Christmas Fair

Dec 6th – Year 6 Parent activity

Dec 13th – YR-Y6 Pantomime

Dec 13th – Reception performance 9:00am

Dec 16th – Year 1,2&3 performance*

Dec 17th – Year 4,5&6 performance*

Dec 18th – Christmas dinner/jumper day

Dec 20th – School closes 2:00pm

Jan 6th – Inset Day

Jan 7th - Children back to school

*Performances will be at 2:00pm and 4:00pm