



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

The Ryde School Newsletter

Friday 11th February 2022

Spring Term

It has been lovely this term to be able to return to some normality. Inviting parents back into school for Parent Activities has been very positive. We have also had workshops for some classes: Plazazote for Year 4, Computing for Year 5 and Year 6 and others booked for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 in the coming half term.

Thank you for bearing with us during the transition to our new office system. It has been a challenging time for us, as things are never as smooth as promised! However, the new system is now proving to be far more useful to us offering up to date functions and will save us time as we move forward.

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next term and we will share the details of this nearer the time.

Early Years

We have recently had a visit from an Early Years advisor who is advising us on implementing the new Early Years Framework. Certainly our Early Years provision is very good, but we are continuing to work to further improve this. All staff have had training this half term and there will be further training next half term. It is an exciting time in Early Years and we can already see the benefit of the new framework in the children's development.

Attendance Update

Sadly, attendance at our school is much too low at 92.1%. Even when taking into account COVID and children isolating, our percentage of persistent absence is far too high. We are working to support families to ensure children attend regularly. *I would remind you holidays are not to be taken in term time.* Children have missed so much learning due to the pandemic.

PE Days

Please ensure your child has their PE kits in school on their PE days.

Year 6 Thursday /Friday

Year 5 Thursday + Forest School

Year 4 Monday/ Thursday

Year 3 Thursday + Forest School

Year 2 Monday/Thursday

Year 1 Monday/Tuesday

Reception Monday + Forest School

Calendar Dates

February 21st – INSET Day

February 24th – PTA AGM

February 25th – Year 6 Parent Activity

March 2nd - Fossil Workshop Y3/Y6

March 3rd – World Book Day

March 7th – K'Nex Workshop Y5/Y6

March 10th – Barnet Environ Centre trip Y2

March 16th Bhaktivedanta Manor trip Y4

March 25th – Science Workshops Y1-Y6

April 1st – Spring Term ends 2:00p.m.

April 2nd – 18th Easter Holiday

April 19th – INSET Day

April 28th – ARK Farm visit YR/Nursery

May 2nd Bank Holiday school closed

May 23rd – Magistrates Workshop Y6

May 27th – Queen's Platinum Jubilee
bank holiday school closed

May 28th – June 5th Half Term

July 22nd – Summer Term ends 2:00p.m.

Further trips and visitors are in the process of being organised and the dates for these will be on the next newsletter.

Renaming of our Houses

The School Council have been working to rename our houses so they are more meaningful to our school. Originally they were named after trees in the school grounds, but not all of these are now present.

The children have decided to name the houses after birds that regularly visit our school grounds.

i.e. Orange = Finch, Blue = Owl, Red = Robin, Yellow = Wagtail, Green = Woodpecker.