

RAMSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1

Friday 9th September 2011

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A different school!

A huge thank you to Mrs Clarke and Mr Greasley (one of our Governors) who masterminded all the work we have had done in the school over the holidays. Both the children and the staff are very excited by all the changes which have taken place: New flooring in Classes R, 2, 3 and 5; The corridor has been re-painted; The playgrounds have been re-tarmaced; We have brand new markings on the playgrounds; We have brand new toilets for the staff. Phew!



Singing Competition

Just before the holidays, Mrs Haynes took part in a very secret mission. We sent way recordings of our children singing to enter a singing competition - and we got through! We are very excited to announce that **we will be taking part in the Schools Prom in The Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday 8th November! Wowee!!**

Parking

We have put out cones this week opposite the entrance to the school to highlight the fact that no one should be parking opposite the school or within 10 meters of the junction with Back Lane as stated in The Highway Code: **'DO NOT stop or park**

- near a school entrance
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'

Please adhere to these regulations. We are doing this to protect your children from harm.

We welcome: new-ish teachers this year

Miss McCarthy had a lovely wedding day in July and is now Mrs Perrott and teaching Class 1 Monday to Thursday; Mrs Thomas has returned on a part-time basis and is Class 1's teacher on Fridays and Mrs Haynes, who is Class 5's teacher on Mondays and Tuesday afternoons.

School Councillors

We are pleased to announce this year's School Councillors:
Class 2: Arabella and Ted;
Class 3: Ellie and Archer;
Class 4: Ada and Joel;
Class 5: Anna and Freddie;
Class 6: Frannie and Samuel
with Téa as Clerk to the School Council.



Child of the Year

Very well done to the following children who were chosen as Child of the Year 2010-11:

Class R: Poppy Ingham
Class 1: Jessica Muller
Class 2: Luca Doré
Class 3: Bethany Berry
Class 4: Tom Foale
Class 5: Robyn Morley
Class 6: Oliver Davies

Book Week

We will be having our first Enrichment Week starting on the 19th September – Book Week. The children's learning will centre on books over the week, Classes R-2 are invited back to school in their pyjamas with their teddies for stories in OGNS. We will also be dressing up on Friday and our theme is Roald Dahl. This could be any character or anything to do with Roald Dahl's books. There will be prizes for the 'Dahlicious Dressing Up' from each class. We are also asking for parents or grandparents to come in and read to their child's class. If you have a great story and would like to read for up to 15 minutes, please contact your child's teacher. We would love you to share your love of reading with the children.

Reading

We have introduced brand new Reading Records across the school as it is one of our school focuses this year. Please help your child by making sure they read at least 4 times a week.

Baby news

Miss Hatherall and her partner Luke are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jude who was born in the holidays, weighing 7lb 4oz. Mother and baby are both doing very well.

100% attendance for the whole year

Bravo to the following children who came to school every day last year, without exception: Tess Christmas, Christian Davies, Joel Davies, Oliver Davies, James Davison, Arran Kellett, Richard Marletta, Ben Marren, Lauren Roberts, Shubha Shetty and Zac Symon.

Leaves for the Summer Term

Well done to the following classes for being given the most leaves for following the school's rules:

1st: Class 4 with 256 leaves

2nd: Class 1 with 203 leaves

3rd: Class 2 with 201 leaves.

Congratulations to:

Jasmine and Luke Wonnacott who have both been winning a whole variety of sashes and rosettes for their very accomplished horse riding skills recently at Trailblazers with their pony Dandy, so much so that they have been offered a top show pony to train and compete with in future events!

Sadie (Class 3) for passing Stage 3 swimming award;

Jonathan (Class 6) for raising over £30 for the Rec Centre performing his 'crazy dance routine' at the Ramsbury Football Presentation

Charis (Class 5) and Olivia (Class 5) for passing Grade 1 flute;

Jonathan (Class 6) for passing Grade 2 oboe;

Alex (Class 5), Anna (Class 5) for passing Grade 2 flute;

Tess (Class 5), Henrietta (Class 5) and Saba (Class 5) for passing Grade 2 flute with Merit;

Shubha (Class 5) and Lucy (Class 5) for passing Grade 2 flute with Distinction;



Shubha (Class 5) for passing Grade 2 violin with Distinction (on the same day!);

Ila (Class 6) for passing Grade 3 violin with Merit;

Katie (Class 6) for passing Grade 3 cello with Merit;

Isobel (Class 6) for passing Grade 4 cello;

Rhys (now at St John's) for passing Grade 4 clarinet with Merit;

Superstar of the week

As of this week, we are introducing 'Superstar of the Week'. This week we will be focusing on 'Being kind and helpful', so good luck children!



Clubs

There are spaces in Multi-skills club in Term 1. We are now opening the club to Class 3 as well.

There are also spaces in Pony Club – you don't have to have a pony to join it!

If your child would like to join either of these clubs, please speak to the office as soon as possible.

PE kit

Could parents please make sure their children wear the correct PE clothing by wearing white/blue T-shirts, black or grey shorts and plimsolls, or trainers. Tracksuit bottoms and school/royal blue sweatshirts can be worn in the winter. All items should be marked with the child's name and kept in a P.E. bag also named. It is best to send the PE kit in to school on Mondays and take it home for washing on Fridays.

Plant care

Thank you to the Digman, Patterson, Gurdon and Davies families for looking after the plant pots over the summer.

Defibrillator

The fourth of Ramsbury's community defibrillators is now being fitted on the Isles Road side of the school. These units, which were purchased after fund raising in the village, can only be used under guidance from the Ambulance Service who will provide the key code to open the cabinet when a 999 call is made. A defibrillator can be used under guidance by anyone but is most effective when used in combination with correctly applied CPR (chest compressions). If you would be interested in attending a free training session that covers CPR and the use of a defibrillator then please contact Gillian Leake (01672 520010) or send an email to defib@ramsbury.org. The next village training session is being held in the Memorial Hall from 10:00 until 12:00 on Saturday 24th September and both adults and teenagers are welcome to sign up.

Ramsbury wins the Best Kept Large Village competition – the best in Wiltshire!

Bravo to everyone who keeps Ramsbury looking the way it does and especially to Class 4 (now Class 5), Mrs Flower and Mrs Beattie with help from the Parish Council, for their part in their annual village tidy-up. It made all the difference! The village will be celebrating the achievement in the Square on Sunday October 9th at 12.45pm. The Parish council have donated £75 to the school for our hard work.

Welcome to:

Robbie MacLeod and Noah Greenway, who have joined Class 2 and their families. We also welcome all our new families in Class R. We hope you enjoy being a part of Ramsbury School.



Diary dates for the next 2 weeks

Week 3 12.9.11	Week 4 19.9.11
Clubs start	Book Week
Monday 12th	Monday 19 th ~15 Y6s to Poetry Slam workshop am ~Bears at Bedtime 5.30-6.30pm for children in Classes R, 1 and 2
Tuesday 13th	Tuesday 20 th Swimming Class 4
Wednesday 14th ~Swimming Class 4 ~Curriculum Evening 6.10-6.45pm with class teachers 6.50-7.30pm in the hall	Wednesday 21 st
Thursday 15th	Thursday 22 nd
Friday 16th Swimming Class 3	Friday 23 rd ~Class 3 Parent Sharing assembly 9am ~Swimming Class 3 ~Dahlicious Dressing Up Day for all children
	Marlborough Literacy Festival

