

# RAMSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 3

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011

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## Parent Reps

We are launching our very first Parent Reps this year, who will play a very important role for the school and for the PTA. Your reps are:

Class R: Jayne Haw and Alex Jephson

Class 1: Sheryl Orford and Lisa Smith

Class 2: Ruth Kolish

Class 3: Sarah Davies and Claire Doré

Class 4: Alex Chai and Emma Wardley

Class 5: Clare Webber

Class 6: Jo Cockwell and Jess Dunn

For the school, our Parent Reps will organise and remind their classes of key events and be a point of contact for the whole class.

For the PTA, the Parent Reps will be instrumental in organising Class fundraising events, which have been planned for this year. The idea is for each class to organise a 'Bake Sale', which isn't just for cakes, but will have a theme and a variety of activities and games for the children to enjoy. The class that makes the most money over the year, will be given a pizza party – so the stakes are high everyone!!



Class 4 will be kicking off the fundraising on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, with our very own Hallowe'en Bake Sale from 3.15-4.15pm, after Ramsbury Market, when there will be a pumpkin carving competition, bobbing for apples as well as a cake raffle and cake stall.

The main focus for the fundraising for the PTA is to further develop our outside space, by creating an Outdoor Classroom/Chill Out Zone. The School Council have been planning what they would have in their very own Chill Out Zone for two years now!

**Please note:** *We would now like to give your parent reps your email address or telephone number, so that they can contact you. If you would not like us to do this, please let us know by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If we do not hear from you, by the end of the day, we will assume that you are happy for us to pass on your details.*

### European Language Day

Many thanks to Mrs Rivers and Mrs Pooley who came in to Class 2 and Class 3 to support the children's learning. The

event was a great success – many thanks to Mrs Harker for organising the day.

### Year 5 Residential

Class 5, Mrs Offer, Mrs Haynes and Miss Price spent a fabulous 3 days in Osmington Bay, near Weymouth. The weather was absolutely stunning and the children were such a wonderful class to take away. We hiked, kayaked, cycled, built rafts and played lots of games, with the children's favourite being 'Ambush'.

Many thanks to Mrs Offer and Mrs Haynes for giving their time so readily to allow the children to have such a super experience. Without the staff at our school being so willing to enhance your children's learning, experiences like this would not be possible.

### Harvest Festival and the Older Community

Thank you to everyone who brought in gifts for the Harvest Festival on Friday. They have now been parcelled up and delivered to members of the older community with the help from Year 6 and their parents.



This year, we are trying to develop our links with the older community in Ramsbury and Axford, and we have been successful in our application for a grant for an art project with our extended community. We sent out letters with the Harvest Parcels, inviting the older community to take part in the projects we have planned this year, so if you know of anybody we may have missed and would love to take part, please ask them to send us their contact details. The retiring collection, which was donated to Action For Children, raised a fabulous £250! Thank you.

### Year 3/4 Residential to Braeside May 2012

We are very excited that we have had 100% take up for our very first residential trip for Classes 3 and 4 next year. We will be going to Braeside in Devizes for 3 days and 2 nights in May, for a variety of experiences including team challenges, low ropes, hiking, pond dipping and fun!

### Reading Challenge - Top School

Hurrah! We are very excited to announce that we were the 'Top School in the Area Summer Reading Challenge' organised by the library service. 66 children completed the challenge over the Summer Holidays. This is 31% of the children in our school - a slight increase on last year. Next year our target will be 40%!

## Reading



137 children have already read 25 times so far, with Class 4 in top position with 27 children having read 25 times already! Fabulous!

### Superstars of the week

Well done to the following children for being chosen for our Super Star Awards.

The children who were our Superstars of 'Working Hard' were:

Class R: Gabriel Marriott

Class 1: Gregory Finn

Class 2: Noah Greenway

Class 3: Callum Christmas

Class 4: Harry Bailey

Class 5: Alfie Millar

Class 6: Helena Cockwell

The children who were our Superstars of 'Listening and Showing Respect' were:

Class R: Fred Ingham

Class 1: Eleanor Jeffery

Class 2: Emelye Setter

Class 3: Noah Shenoy

Class 4: Ciaran Murphy

Class 5: Eddie Marriott

Class 6: Arran Kellett



This week we are focusing on 'Looking After Property', so good luck children!

### Marlborough College

We are delighted to be joined by students and a teacher from Marlborough College next term who will be coming in to work with some of our Year 6 mathematicians.

### Mrs Sue Major

Please welcome Mrs Major, who is a Numbers Count Teacher working with 3 schools in the area – Ramsbury, St Michael's in Aldbourne and Baydon St Nicholas. She will be working with some of our younger children until Christmas.

### Congratulations to:

Mr Fenton for being awarded 'Player of the Year' in the summer for his club 'Aces Reserves' in Bath who were also Saturday Division 2 Champions 2010-11;

Olivia Eden and George Amos who represented the school at the presentation of the 'Best Kept Village' award on Sunday;

Class 1 for winning the Tidy Classroom award last week; Class 6 for winning the Attendance award last week.

### Samaritans Purse – Christmas Shoe Box appeal

Leaflets are coming home today for children to make shoeboxes to send to children around the world who are less fortunate than themselves. If your child would like to make a shoe box, please follow the instructions on the leaflet and ensure the shoeboxes are back in school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

## Coming up:

### Year 3/4 Cluster Football competition

We are sending 3 teams to the Football Cluster competition at Marlborough College this Thursday. The children need to be ready to leave by 8.40am.

### The Big Draw

On Friday, the whole school will be taking part in The Big Draw where all the children will be creating a paper mural on what Ramsbury means to them. We will be filming the event and our art work and our film is then being sent to our partner schools who are taking part in this project with us, in Cheltenham and London.

### Focus on Phonics

On Friday, at 2.30pm, Miss Trew is inviting parents in to Class R to learn more about phonics, in order to better support their children at home. It is primarily for parents of Class R, but if anyone else would like to learn more about phonics, you are also more than welcome to attend.

### Walking Bus Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Our brand new School Council are organising their very first Walking Bus of the year. Children meet in certain parts of the village, at certain times and then all walk to school together with parents on the morning of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The main pick ups are: The Rec, Knowledge Crescent, the Memorial Hall, The Paddocks, The Surgery and Ashley Piece. Letters have gone home requesting parents to lead the Walking Buses, so if you are able to, please let the office know.

### Class 6's Greek Feast

Don't be surprised to feel invaded by Greek citizens in tunics on the morning of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Class 6 are re-creating an Ancient Greek feast as part of their exciting learning about the Greeks this term.

### Half Term holiday

Don't forget – the school will be closed from and including Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### Diary dates for the next 2 weeks



Week 7 w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> October Assessment Week	Week 8 w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b> ~Walking Bus ~Parent Reps to assembly ~Full Governors meeting
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> ~Community choir 8.30am	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> ~Community choir 8.30am ~Class 6's Greek Feast
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b> ~Swimming Class 4	<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b> School closed – TD Day
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b> ~Year 3/4 Cluster Football competition at Marlborough College	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b> School closed – Half Term holiday begins
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b> ~Whole school participating in The Big Draw ~Classes 5 and 6 to Rabley Wood Chalk Walk ~Local Democracy talk for Y6 ~Swimming Class 3 ~Focus on Phonics, parent workshop 2.30pm	
	<b>Term 2 begins on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>

