

RYDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

17th March 2021

Newsletter Issue 8

It has been great having all the children back in school again. The vast majority have come back in with a smile on their faces and settled straight back into the school routines. Members of staff have commented on how many of them have come back with an improved attitude to school and to their learning. The aim for the rest of term is to continue to get them settled in their learning and with their friendship groups.

We hear so much in the press at the moment about the harm caused by the time away from school and I feel that this does children a real disservice. We know that there will be some gaps in their learning, but we can address these over time. Rather than thinking of these children as a 'lost generation,' as has been suggested, many of the children have developed some crucial skills for learning and self-reliance and have grown in so many ways that cannot be measured through tests and assessments.

As always, if you are experiencing any issues as your child returns to school, please get in touch and we will support in any way we can.

Best wishes,



Science Week 2021

Last week was British Science Week 2021. The children have been taking part in some fantastic Science activities. EYFS and Y1 have been studying plants and growing beans. Y2 have been looking at ways to look after our chickens. Y3 have been involved in a magnet study, and Y4 have been bringing their electricity topic to life! Y5 have been consolidating their learning on climate change, in particular the effects of ocean plastic waste and Y6 have been studying inherited traits in human development.

Thank you to those who work in STEM areas that have sent in their 'one minute' videos. These have been very useful to look at the range of jobs available in STEM and to encourage children to consider a career in STEM when they are older.



Parking around school

As always, please can parents be respectful of local residents around the school when parking at the start and end of the day. Parking in front of driveways and garages along Rydon Road, Avery Hill and in Little Close is causing inconvenience and is very frustrating for our neighbours. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

If any of our neighbours are experiencing any parking problems, you can report a parking problem on the Devon County Council website. Once reported they will send a parking enforcement officer to patrol the area.



Words of the moment



Recovery — noun—the act or process of regaining or returning to a normal or usual state.

After a long lockdown, the country should make a full recovery.

Interminable - adjective - endless or apparently endless

We were glad to see the end of interminable lockdown.

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 19th March 2021

This year, for Red Nose day, children can come to school dressed in red clothes or as a Superhero for a £1.00 donation. **No red hair or red noses please.**

Also, on the day, Mrs Mendl our Kitchen Manager will be making Red Nose biscuits as a dessert – so don't miss out have a school lunch! The menu will be:

Fresh white fish in a homemade crumb

Or

Cheese and tomato omelette

Served with:

Oven baked chips and peas

Or

Ham sandwich picnic bag

All served with a Red Nose biscuit



Message from Mrs Dishart - Forest School Leader:-

If your child is taking part in a Forest School session, they will need to come to school in suitable old clothing (long sleeved and long trousers) which **will** get dirty, and bring suitable outer clothing as they will be outdoors **regardless of the weather.**

Please also bring a **change of clothes in a named bag.** They can wear trainers to school and also bring wellies/outdoor shoes in a separate named carrier bag to change into for their Forest School session. Thank you.



RESPECT — RESILIENCE — RESPONSIBILITY — TEAMWORK

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS



WED 10TH MARCH

AM - RCW

PM - 1NC

MON 15TH MARCH

AM - GW

PM - 6WH

TUES 16TH MARCH

AM - 5W

PM - 5P

WED 17TH MARCH

AM - RR

PM - 1HB

MON 22ND MARCH

AM - 4GD

PM - 4D

TUES 23RD MARCH

AM - 2HT

PM - 2C

WED 24TH MARCH

AM - RCW

PM - 1NC

MON 29TH MARCH

AM - 1HB

PM - 1NC

TUES 30TH MARCH

AM - 3SB

PM - 3S

WED 31ST MARCH

AM - RR

PM 1HB



RYDON PRIMARY SCHOOL - TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2021

	Spring Term 2021	Summer Term
Begins	4 th Jan (Mon)	19 th April (Mon)
Half Term	15 th – 19 th Feb	31 st May – 4 th June
Last day of term	1 st April Thurs	23 rd July (Fri)

Non-Pupil days in 2021: 7th June, 26th & 27th July.

May Day in 2021 Monday 3rd May.

After the summer break, the children return to school on Tuesday 7th Sept 2021.