

# RYDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Message from Catherine Willcocks—our new Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers of Rydon Primary School,

I am very pleased to have been appointed Head teacher at Rydon Primary School from September 2021 and I look forward to continuing with you all on the fantastic journey that the school has achieved to date. From my first visit to the school, I have felt so welcomed and I am now looking forward to getting to know each child, parent, carer and staff member in the coming months. A little bit about me may be of interest in the meantime.

Originally from Weston-Super-Mare, I have lived in Torbay now for 23 years with my husband, daughter and son. I love a beach, having lived opposite one whilst growing up, and now love to walk my dog Bobby daily along the many that we have on offer locally. Other spare time I have is mostly spent watching my children play netball and football or reading both for work and pleasure.

I have had an enjoyable and rewarding career in education for 23 years, teaching for 19 years in Torbay where I also became an assistant head teacher over two primary schools. I then moved onto my current role as Head teacher, at Hemyock Primary School, where I am proud of our school community and its place within the wider community in which it sits. Whilst I will inevitably be sad to leave my current school, I already have great excitement about joining Rydon Primary School and its community and I know that this is a school in which I can continue my passion for delivering an education to be proud of with a great staff team.

I very much look forward to meeting each of you and being a part of your child's learning journey from September 2021. Please do say hello and introduce yourselves when the opportunity arises, and I will endeavour to learn as many names as I can!

Catherine Willcocks



## School Review

Last week we welcomed school leaders from across Education South West for a school review of Rydon. These reviews are being carried out in all schools across the trust to identify improvements and share good practice. Our review was a very positive experience, highlighting lots of strong practice in maths, phonics and the development of our new curriculum.

The behaviour of the children and the teaching across the school were noted as strengths. The children spoke very positively about the changes that we have made to the curriculum and we were very proud to show examples of their work. For more details of our new curriculum including coverage across the year groups, please see our revamped website [www.rydonprimary.org.uk](http://www.rydonprimary.org.uk).

## SPORTS DAYS

This year we will be holding two separate Sports Days. KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6) will be on Wednesday 9th June (reserve day will be Weds 16th June). Reception and KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) will be on Thursday 10th June (reserve day will be Thurs 17th June). Children will once again be representing their colour houses, they can come to school wearing their PE/sports kit with their coloured top on the day. If you are unsure of your child's house team, please ask your child's class teacher. Unfortunately due to the current Covid situation no parents will be able to attend on the days. But we will be taking lots of photos which will be put up onto our website.



## Half Term Holidays

Next week is the summer half term and we have a staff training day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Children will return to school on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**.

### The Sibelco Life Cycle Competition

To highlight efforts being made by Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council to reduce carbon emissions, Sibelco is inviting pupils across Kingsteignton to explain, through art, what life on two wheels means to them.

- How does it feel to be in the saddle?
- How can cycling help on the Road to Zero?
- What would be their dream ride?

They want to hear youngsters' stories, either in written word, audio or video. Alternatively, a picture can paint a thousand words.

The junior winner will receive a British-built Frog hybrid in their size. All entries to be emailed to: [nicola.cole@sibelco.com](mailto:nicola.cole@sibelco.com) by August 23rd 2021. For more information please contact the school office: [admin@rydonprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@rydonprimary.org.uk)

## School Improvements

Work has now started on new security fencing and gates by the top playground. We are hoping that this work will be completed over half term. We will also be having new fencing and gates near the staff car park.

Other work is planned to take place in the summer holidays including the installation of new flooring in the school hall, and refurbishment of the Year5/6 toilets.



## Words of the moment



### option

Definition: an option is something that you can choose to do in preference to one or more alternatives.

Julia didn't know which option to choose for lunch.

### adorn

Definition: if something adorns a place or an object, it makes it look more beautiful.

The classroom was adorned with the children's art work.

## COVID MEASURES

Thanks to you all for continuing to wear face coverings and keeping your distance in the playground. Whilst restrictions are slowly being lifted in the wider society, schools continue to maintain our Covid measures.

It is hoped that these will slowly relax in the coming weeks but for everyone's safety we expect that many restrictions will be in place for the remainder of the school year.

We will, of course, keep you updated.



## Message from Mrs Dishart & Mrs Loffy - Forest School Leaders:-

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

## Lost Property

We have an abundance of children's lost property—most of which is unnamed and therefore cannot be returned to the child. Please ensure each item of your child's school clothing is named. Lost property will be put out onto the front playground tomorrow —weather permitting. Please come along and have a look—Covid guidelines will be in place.



## PA Fundraiser

The PA are setting up a **Coin Drawing competition** fundraiser, which will run in the week commencing **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. We will be asking children to save a few coins over the coming weeks ready for this!

The idea is that children bring a selection of coins to school and each class comes up with an agreed design to create an image/pattern using the coins. It is as simple as that – the children can be creative and our school raises money. We are contacting you to ask for your support with this by putting some coins aside in preparation in the coming weeks. Thank you

Gail and Jo Rydon PA



## Bag2School

We will be having our Bag2School collection on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. Please have a sort out and donate any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. Please use your own bags there is no limit. **Please bring your bags into school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June before 9.00am and put them by the bicycle/scooter shelter on the front playground.**

**Please do not bring them in before the above date as we have nowhere to store any bags!**

Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well. Thank you.



## RYDON PRIMARY SCHOOL - TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2021/2022

	Autumn Term 2021	Spring Term 2022	Summer Term 2022
Begins	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept (Weds)	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Tues)	25 <sup>th</sup> April (Mon)
Half Term	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Last day of term	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Fri)	8 <sup>th</sup> April (Fri)	22 <sup>nd</sup> July (Fri)

**Non-Pupil days 2021: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> & Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Sept, Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, Mon 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**Non-Pupil/Training days in 2022: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July.**

**May Day in 2022 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

# FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

Tues 8th June

AM—1HB

PM—1NC

Wed 9th June

AM—RCW

PM—1NC

Thurs 10th June

TBC

Mon 14th June

All day—3SB

Tues 15th June

All day—3S

Wed 16th June

AM—RR

PM—1HB

Thurs 17th June

TBC

Tues 22nd June

2HT and 2C

Wed 23rd June

AM—RCW

PM—1NC

Thurs 24th June

TBC

Mon 28th June

All day—6WH

Tues 29th June

All day—6W

Wed 30th June

AM—RR

PM—1HB

Thurs 1st July

TBC

Mon 5th July

All day—5P

Tues 6th July

All day—5W

Wed 7th July

AM—RCW

PM—1NC

Thurs 8th July

TBC

Mon 12th July

All day—4GD

Tues 13th July

All day—4D

Wed 14th July

AM—RR

PM—1HB

Thurs 15th July

TBC

Mon 19th July

AM—3S

PM—3SB

Tues 20th July

AM—1HB

PM—1NC

Wed 21st July

AM—RCW

PM—1NC

Thurs 22nd July

TBC