



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

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Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year. To all our parents, 'new' and 'old' we warmly welcome you. It's been an action-packed fortnight (and two days) and we've already got up to so much. It hasn't taken much to get children (and staff) back up to the busy pace of life here at Ryhall CE Academy. We've been particularly impressed with some of the reading that the children have done over the holidays – being truly absorbed in a good book is always a holiday must. Our first two days were a focus back on Values; Ryhall CE Academy values and how these compare to British Values. The children all created the beautiful display of peg dolls shown – focusing on how each of us is unique and special in our own ways, each deserving to be respected the same as all others. Some fabulous displays have been created by each of the classes on the theme of British Values and I now ask for your help in selecting the worthy winner. Join us on Facebook to name your favourite – let us know by posting on our page by 9am on Monday morning and we'll announce the winner in our Celebrating Success Assembly. Whilst you're tapping in to the internet over the next few days, don't forget to sign up for 'Class Dojo' if you haven't already done so. If you've not heard of it yet, speak to your child's class teacher. We hope to keep you up to date with the daily events of each class, helping you to feel more involved in your child's school life. Only parents who are invited to each class page can see what is posted directly to them. Class Dojo doesn't replace our School Facebook and Twitter pages and we look forward to seeing you there too.

Katy Walker

Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Sun 17 th Sept	2.30-3.30pm SUNDAY RAP
Tues 19 th Sept	Caythorpe 2017 Meeting, 5pm
Thurs 21 st Sept	3.45pm and 5.45pm 'TAPESTRY' for Reception parents
Fri 29 th Sept	10.30-11.30am Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning & Cakes at break – donations welcome. Please bring friends and family
Mon 2 nd Oct	2.30pm Harvest Festival at St.John's Church
Thurs 5 th Oct	Phonics workshop for Year 1 & Reception parents, 5.30pm

KEEPING GREEN

We apologise that we've had to postpone our Green Morning this Saturday. The Eco Warriors continue their hard work and have been busy preparing for the new pond to be installed. They are always planning for future projects and ask that you send in any of the following items; **baby food jars, corks and fruit/onion bag nets.**

We also take this opportunity to remind you of our other recycling projects: we can recycle your old **batteries, stamps and ink cartridges** – send them in with your child to place in the recycling boxes. Don't forget that we also have the **textiles recycling bank** (by the bike shed) – this is emptied and weighed every month, with all recycling earning money for the school.

FORA UPDATE

Friends have already had their first meeting of the academic year and believe it or not, are busy planning for events of the festive period. For those of you who are really organised and starting your Christmas shopping now, don't forget that if you make your online purchases through our Easy Fundraising webpage, you'll be making more money for the school at no cost to you. Use this link which is also available in the PTFA section of the school website: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ryhallptfa/>

WEEKLY AWARDS ROUND-UP

Congratulations to all the children who have been the deserving winners of the:

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

BELVOIR

All of Belvoir Class

BELTON

Edward Salisbury

ROCKINGHAM

Joshua Clarke

BURGHLEY

Summer Rance

WOOLSTHORPE

William Brown

TOLETHORPE

Gabriella Hill

HAMBLETON

Freya Finch

HANDWRITING HEROES'

Congratulations to the following children for working hard to develop their handwriting at the start of the academic year:

Hope Lee, Sophia Epps, Scarlett Booth, Ruby Rowland, Tyler Charwood and Finlay Austin.

'RYHALL READERS'

Well done to the following children who have been awarded for their reading commitments at the start of this academic year:

Lottie Hartles, Kailum Lester, Chloe Finch, William Brown, William Younger and Thaileah Parkin-Brookes.

Belton News

The children have all settled in really well to the new expectations of Belton Class and have been enjoying completing their independent 'rainbow' challenges. We began our term by exploring the school values and British values. The children made a delicious 'British' themed biscuit using red, white and blue and enjoyed it as a class afternoon tea – how very British. We have been focusing on one of our favourite Julia Donaldson stories – 'The Gruffalo'. We have used Purple Mash to draw our own monster, describe the Gruffalo and retell the stories with our friends. We are even learning a Gruffalo dance! Learning about our bodies has been lots of fun - we have been thinking about our senses and what foods are healthy to eat. Mrs Ross and Mrs Jagger hope the children have been sharing their learning with you all.



Burghley News

Welcome to HMS Burghley where the Captain of our ship is called 'Captain Catastrophe' He is absolutely useless at everything!! He has managed to get us all stranded on a desert island in the middle of nowhere. We are busy trying to describe the island so that we can send a message in a bottle and get some help. We have been working on using amazing descriptive language including adjectives, adverbs and similes. In Science we have helped the Captain to investigate reflective materials to find the best item to use to send a signal to passing ships. We love investigating so keep asking us about our learning.

POLITE NOTICE

We've already had a few items of lost property but unable to return these to their rightful owner as uniform is not named. Please do name all items of uniform, including PE kit, water bottle and lunch boxes. We are aware, with the increasing number of new families to the school, that parking continues to be a frustration for parents and residents. Please do park with consideration and with safety in mind. We will be discussing our parking issues further with the Parish Council.

CLASS SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to **WOOLSTHORPE CLASS** – our new class for Ryhall CE Academy. Taught by Mrs Dyer, the Woolsthorpe Wizards have settled back in and been working hard on their similes and metaphors to produce some very creative descriptions of a junkyard. In Maths, we are loving working on place value with much bigger numbers as well as meeting negative numbers for the first time. We have also travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt to meet Nefa, a 12 year-old trainee priest, whose job is to feed a dead Pharaoh! We'll be spending a lot of time this term back in ancient times – join us on 'Class Dojo'.

NEW STAFF

As you've heard, we've had some new staff join us this term. Firstly, we welcome Mrs Thomas – sharing Burghley Class with Mrs Jesson. We appointed Mrs Thomas back in March so we're delighted that she is finally with us. Mrs Ross has returned to us again this term (covering for Mrs Johnson on maternity leave) and has now been joined by Mrs Jagger – we wish a warm welcome to them both. At the end of the term, we were delighted to hear the news that we would be joined by Mrs Wilkinson who has come from Easton Garford Primary now we've moved to seven single year group classes. We will be seeing some of the other Easton Garford staff around over the next few weeks: Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Payne and Mrs Joyce. We welcome them all.

Belvoir News

The children have had a fantastic start to the school year, coming in super confident. In fact, we have even been into the whole school assembly on Monday! The children have been busy making new friends and it now feels like we have always know each other! PE seems to have been a particular highlight in our first full week at school. We all listened and followed instructions really well, even when we had to get changed into our kits!! Please do send your child in with a named water bottle daily (containing water only – no juice/squash please).

Hambleton News

Welcome back to Hambleton Class where we are pleased to welcome six new pupils who have settled in extremely well to our Hambleton ways! Over the past couple of weeks we have been focusing on the Vikings with a theme title of 'Blood, Guts and Gore'. We have already looked at where the Vikings came from and settled as well as what they were like as raiders and warriors. We have also begun looking at blood and the heart as part of our Science focus. Lots of hard work, as well as fun, has been had and we're thoroughly looking forward to what the next two weeks might bring!

Tolethorpe News

In Tolethorpe class we have been looking at the 'Rule of Law' and our own responsibilities in school and in the community. This week we had Laurie Appleton, from Rutland Police, come in and talk to the class about the law and his work in the community. We had lots of important questions to ask and have found out how, as we grow older, we take on more and more responsibility. Thank you PC Laurie. More importantly, thank you to all the children for making me so very welcome to Ryhall to Ryhall CE Academy.

Rockingham News

Wow! What a busy start to Year 2 we have had! We have dived straight into our theme of 'London' learning many interesting facts about London landmarks. We have been trying really hard to make our writing really interesting using adjectives and verbs. We have also put on our wig and transformed into Samuel Pepys to write our own version of events that unfolded during the Great Fire of London. We have been looking at money this week and thinking about how many different ways we can make one amount. In art we have started to construct our own tudor style house by wrapping boxes in white paper. We've continued to show friendship by working in pairs, as it was difficult to hold it down and stick it together on our own. In RE we have started to think about special places and what it is that makes them special. Keep your eyes peeled on 'Class Dojo' for everything else that is going on in Rockingham Class.

Letterjoin

Last year we adopted the Letter-join handwriting scheme in Key Stage Two with huge success. The children's handwriting and presentation has been greatly improved which many parents and visitors commented on. We hope you have now received your login for the home access to Letter-join as we continue to work on this over the next year – now including Key Stage One also. If you haven't received your login, please speak to your class teacher.