



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I recall writing the newsletter at this time last year and shared how very different the Autumn Term had been; all of us finding that we really needed to push our reserves (that included you also). Never did I imagine that we would still be here twelve months on. As we approach the Christmas period with some hesitation of what may be to come, I'm reminded of returning to the real meaning of Christmas. Whilst we love giving gifts and seeing the joy on the faces of others, there's no greater joy than spending some time with the special people in your lives. In the Christingle Service held at school last week the children had an opportunity to celebrate Jesus, the Light, coming into a world of darkness, and to share that light and hope with others. Hope, as one of our school values, is something that we hold on to at many difficult times in our lives – it can bring comfort, belief and joy. Over this Christmas period, you might like to consider how you, as a family, could participate in the 'Christingle 7 Challenge' – bring hope to your community through 7 acts of kindness over the festive period. Whatever, you do, I wish you a peaceful and happy festive period and we all look forward to seeing you in what we hope will be a healthy and successful 2022!

MODESHIFT STARS UPDATE

As the Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) have recently been presented with the Modeshift STARS Bronze Award on behalf of the school, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our local community for taking the time to complete the recent Ryhall Parish Council survey.

Katy Walker, Headteacher



SPRING TERM PREP KINGSWOOD CATERING

Don't forget to make your orders for the Spring Term. All orders must be made by **Wednesday 29th Dec.**
www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk

UNIFORM

Check all items still have names in and that shoes/trainers/plimsolls fit.

Wrap Around Care

Please make bookings for Spring Term Week 1 by Wed 29th December.

AWARDS

In Autumn 2, we have continued to enjoy giving out a number of awards – both for developments in reading or times tables or for something significant leading to a special Award. Finding the right momentum can sometimes be hard, but once again, many children have shown the necessary effort, determination and resilience to make good progress.

SILVER AWARDS

Mailia Cosgrove, Benjamin Gatens, Skye Griffin, Lexi Lovett, Sam Palmer, Althea Penfold, Joseph Seamer, Sonny Wheatley, Grace Wright, Lottie Brown, Ella Hartles, Katie Hartles, Lana Lovett, Matteo Pacitti, Amelia Pyrtok, Rosie Houghton, Kiya Nicholls, Ailish McMullen-Kennett, Alessia Pacitti, Lucas Southwood, Lilly Wyton, Sophia Epps, Isabella Gatens, Libby Perry, Benjy Tinker

GOLD AWARDS

Elin Evans, Amelia Lidgley, Ruby-Skye McArthur, Rose Le-Prevost

ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Ready Reader: Ava Armstrong, Louis Bradshaw, Luke Collins, Bella Ferreira, Joseph Kettle, Winston Lambert, Edith Larder, Kiya Nicholls, Lilly-Ella Veasey
Independent Reader: Harry Saffer

Rising Reader: Tyler Armstrong, Isabella Gatens, Rose Le-Prevost,

Super Reader: Otto Forkin, Jessica Glover, Niamh MacPhee

Advanced Reader: Otto Forkin, Daniel Salles, Dylan MacPhee, Holly Tinker

Star Reader: Dylan MacPhee, Holly Tinker

END OF TERM CLASS DOJO LEADERS

These awards will be distributed at the start of Spring Term 3.

Belton – Theodore Da Silva

Rockingham – Molly Fish

Burghley – Isaac Rawlings

Woolsthorpe – Jessica Glover

Tolethorpe – Lilly Wyton

Hambleton – Isabella Gatens

VALUES AWARDS

Dylan MacPhee – RESPECT, Niamh MacPhee – RESPECT

TERM DATES 2022

Term 3 begins	Tues 4 Jan
After School/Lunch clubs start	Mon 10 Jan
Year 6 Parent SATS workshop	Wed 26 Jan 2.45pm
Yr 3 Visit to Pboro Mandir & Museum (Really Roman Experience)	Fri 28 Jan
Whole School Book Swap Shop	Fri 11 Feb
Term 3 Ends	Fri 11 Feb
Term 4 begins	Mon 21 Feb
After school/lunch clubs continue	Mon 21 Feb
Year 5 swimming starts (10 weeks)	Fri 25 Feb
Start of Lent	Wed 2 Mar
World Book Day	Thur 3 Mar
Last week of After school/lunch clubs	Mon 21 Mar
Tolethorpe Class Assembly followed by Class Open Afternoon (Y5)	Mon 21 Mar
Yr 3/4 Mini Musical 2.30pm & 6pm	Tues 22 Mar
Spotlight Dance Show Dress Rehearsal – Stamford Corn Exchange	Wed 23 Mar
Rockingham Class Assembly followed by Class Open Afternoon (Y2)	Wed 23 Mar
Spotlight Dance Show	Thurs 24 Mar
	Fri 25 Mar
Hambleton Class Assembly followed by Class Open Afternoon (Y6)	Mon 28 Mar
Parent-Teacher Consultations R/2/6 (Virtual) 4-6.30pm	Wed 30 Mar
Parent-Teacher Consultations R/2/6 (face-to-face) 9-12pm	Thurs 31 Mar
Last Day of Spring Term	Fri 1 Apr

Bold indicates events for parents to attend – more details to follow in Autumn Term 2.

What's On

One Touch Football are back this holiday period.



FESTIVE FOOTBALL FUN DAYS

In Stamford & Grantham

On **Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st December** we will be holding festive football days for **BOYS & GIRLS** between the age of 4 to 12 years!

The days will be full of **FUN** football activities giving you as parent's the chance to **DROP** and go **SHOP**!

The days will be led by FA/ UEFA coaches that are DBS checked, First Aid Trained and undergone a number of workshops.

Venues

Stamford - Ryhall Playing Fields, PE9 4ER

Grantham - New Memorial Hall, NG31 8NB

Times

9.00am till 3.00pm

Cost

£15.00 per day



The big fella will have delivered a gift for everyone who attends!

TO BOOK A SPACE PLEASE VISIT
WWW.ONETOUCHFOOTBALL.CO.UK

P.S. Fancy dress is encouraged

Sporting Updates

Our Cross Country Runners have continued their Autumn Term One success in the recent Cross Country Leagues. Through their participation and results in the two consecutive league runs, we are now delighted that all are now eligible for League positions – congratulations go to Izzy Y3 (with two consecutive 1st places), Beau Y3 (current 4th place), Willow Y4 (current 2nd place) and Ted Y5 (current 2nd place). We wish them all well in the next League run on 15th January 2022. Keep up the great work! We're extremely proud of your successes and thank you from us all in representing Ryhall CE Academy.

Basketball Tournament



Congratulations also go to our eight Year 6 pupils who participated in the Rutland Basketball League in November, achieving a respectable 15 points, only 1 point behind the 3rd place finalists in Group 2. The pupils, and Mrs Jesson, were rightly proud of their achievements in what is a new taught game in Year 6. Keep up the great team work Year 6 and we look forward to seeing more of your successes in the Spring Term!

Burghley News

What an amazing term we have had in Burghley Class – working hard and producing some brilliant work within our 'Best of British' topic. We have enjoyed finding out more about where we are from as well as comparing the physical and human geographical features of different cities and counties around the UK. We have particularly enjoyed learning all about plants and how they grow in our Science lessons. We planned and set up our own investigations to answer a range of scientific questions. Some of us planted beans and kept them in the freezer; some hid the plants away in the dark; and others didn't water the plants to see if they would still grow in these conditions. We have loved observing these plants over the term and cannot wait to see if our predictions were right.

Burghley should be really proud of all of their hard work this term. Have a great Christmas break and I wish you all the very best in 2022. Work just as hard for Mrs Thorpe and show her how amazing you all are. I will miss you all and I will be keeping in touch with all the staff to find out how you're getting on during the rest of Year 3. Miss Hillier.

Art Club

Members of Art Club have been extremely busy this term – practising mixing watercolours to continue a painting of the Yorkshire countryside by David Hockney, 3D sculptures using card and scissors with no glue, recreating the natural art work of James Brunt as well as mark making to sound and music to create a bonfire night sky! They have certainly been very busy and have created some amazing originals. We definitely have many budding artists and cannot wait to see what they go on to do next term. Details of all After School Clubs will be sent to parents before the start of Term 3.



Belvoir News

Phew! What a busy time it has been in Belvoir class! We have been looking at many areas of the world around us and also the festivals and changing seasons. We truly immersed ourselves in the celebration of Diwali and spent a whole week learning about how Diwali is celebrated. We made and wrote Happy Diwali cards to our friends and families and created Diwa lamps from clay!

We have seen lots of changes in our outdoors with the changing of the seasons and we particularly enjoyed the recent cold weather. Forest Fridays are a great success; we try to go out in all weathers, but we did get one or two days that were just too wet this month.

We are truly into the swing of preparations for Christmas time. We have learned all about the very first Christmas and we have really enjoyed participating in the Nativity play this year; our listening skills have definitely been needed. We got to meet all the important characters in the first nativity story and the very special gift of Jesus. We have been as busy as Santa's Elves creating cards and helping Father Christmas to write out his 'naughty or nice' list (this was the children's idea)! All the children have made a Nativity bracelet; each bead represents an event or character in the Christmas story...has your child told you all about it yet?

Have a safe and relaxing Christmas, and thank you for all your kind words and support this term. Here's to 2022!

Is your child experiencing sleep difficulties?

Finding it hard to know what to try next?



The Sleep Tight! Workshop will help you to:

- Understand why your child isn't sleeping
- Learn methods to encourage better sleep habits
 - Consider an improved bedtime routine
 - Meet other parents in the same situation
 - Explore useful resources to aid sleep
- Meet staff who have received specialist sleep training and have ongoing support from The Children's Sleep Charity to ensure that you get the best advice possible.

To register call Visions on: 01572 758 383 or email: visions@rutland.gov.uk

COURSE STARTING IN JANUARY 2022

Course length: **5 weeks**

Location: **Visions Children's Centre**

Time: **10:00 – 11:30am**

Dates: **commencing Friday 7th January – Fri 4th February**



Hambleton News

What a brilliant term of learning Hambleton Heroes have had! We started the term as apprentices at 'Fairytale Times' where we developed our skills at journalistic writing, including writing quotes, writing in the passive voice and using technical language. When the Three Little Pigs were arrested for the murder of Mr. Alexander T. Wolf, we ensured that the people of Taltown were clearly informed of the facts of the case. This term we have also particularly loved reading our whole class reader text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The interesting characters, complex plot and mystery has led to great class discussions where we have developed our 'VIPERS' skills. In Maths, we have developed our knowledge of fractions, including ordering and comparing fractions, identifying equivalent fraction and adding and subtracting fractions. We have learnt how to multiply and divide fractions by integers and multiply a fraction by another fraction. We found out how important it is to have quick recall of times table facts and challenged Hambleton Heroes to keep improving their TT Rock Star's score! In RE, we continued to think about Islam and what it means for a Muslim to follow God. We have been helping out the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme as part of our Science learning. We needed to advise them of how they could light the streets more effectively using our knowledge of electricity.

Woolsthorpe News

Here we are at the end of another extremely busy half term. Woolsthorpe Wonders have been working so hard this term on our continued theme of Walk Like an Egyptian. As part of our learning, we have worked together as a team to carry out our own research on different aspects of Ancient Egypt to create our own presentations from display boards to information leaflets. In our writing we have used our whole class reader, 'Varjak Paw', to write a newspaper report describing 'The Vanishings'. The children wrote this just before finishing the novel and were amazed at how close they were to what had actually happened in the story!

In Maths, we have begun our work on multiplication and division and how we can use these facts to solve problems. It is important that the children do continue to practice their times tables at home as they are an integral part of all the maths learning that will come in next term's learning.

In Science, we have moved on to learning about electricity: where it comes from, how a circuit is made and how we can turn a bulb on and off by using a switch. It's been great fun 'playing' with electricity. We used these skills as part of our Design & Technology learning: designing a reading light which we then made and lit up!

Our learning in RE this half term has been about Festivals and why they are important to people of faith. We have looked at the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi, Muslim festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan and the Christian festival of Christmas. The children have had the opportunity to find out what happens at these different festivals, why they are celebrated and the impact they have on Sikh, Muslim and Christian people and their communities. The children were also able to look at how they might feel at these festivals.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for tremendous support with the Reverse Advent this term. The children have donated a huge amount for the Stamford Foodbank and it has given them a great opportunity to think of others at this time. I'd like to wish you all a restful Christmas break and a peaceful 2022!

Belton News

This term, Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Oakham Castle where they learned so much about the past and castle life. Back at school, we have had great fun writing instructions for how to build a dragon trap as we are certain there is a dragon on the loose! We interviewed a dragon called Zog using our question knowledge and performed these brilliantly. In Maths, we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. We used this knowledge to create our own castle artwork based on that painted by Paul Klee. Lastly, we worked so hard on our Christmas Nativity performance to produce a magical end to the year.

Tolethorpe News

What another great half-term Tolethorpe have had! They have stepped it up even further; really showing resilience with new learning and building upon their growth mindset when faced with a complex challenge. The children have all worked amazingly hard this term within Maths; showing real confidence with multiplication and division, multiples, factors, prime numbers and cubed and squared numbers. We even enjoyed singing along to our prime number song too! Within Literacy, we have loved creating a newspaper report to warn the people of Athens about the monstrous minotaur who eats children for fun – using the laptops to write and edit this as a proper news reporter. Within RE this term, children have loved answering the question: Was Jesus the Messiah? (Incarnation) They have been considering many stories from The Bible, and linking this to what it tells us about Christians and Jesus: relating it to the modern day, making links between the two. In Music, they have excelled at learning the Ukulele and performed their songs for the rest of KS2! The Great Greek Museum: Wow! This term has been filled with lots more learning about Argonauts, Monsters and Minotaurs (All things Ancient Greeks). We raised over £70 at our Greek Museum and used some of that to buy and make Greek food – which went down a treat! They were amazing in creating their pitta bread dough to creating the most exquisite Greek Salads. The children all enjoyed trying their foods and even found out they had new things they liked. We used the rest of the donations to buy 7 books from our Year 5 'Recommended Reads' list, so a massive THANK YOU again for supporting us with that! We really enjoyed practicing '7 Sleeps to go' for Greatest Hits Radio – and you can listen to this on Saturday 18th December 2021. Thank you Year 5, for yet another successful term at Ryhall!

Rockingham News

In readiness for performing our Nativity play 'The Big Little Nativity', a major focus for Rockingham has been learning about plays and play scripts, as well as the new language associated with them. Children now know what both a cast and a scene is. They have an understanding of both narrator and script. In addition, the children have taken on the lead parts, learning their line off by heart and recognising their cues. It was the first time the children had performed on stage in a play as they missed it last year due to Covid restrictions. Sadly, restrictions also prevented us from inviting parents to watch in person. All have had a link to the filmed version via Dojo. However, we were able to invite an audience made up of children and staff, who greatly enjoyed it. Mrs Jesson commented: "We could hear every word and the singing was super!" and a Year 6 child said "It was the best one I have seen!" Well done Rockingham Class – now enjoy a very well-deserved Christmas break.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

At this time of the year, many families may well be adding to their electronic devices collection and it's important that we all take the time to plan ahead to keep children safe in a digital world. You may have recently seen advertised that you can watch Katherine Ryan's parental control remix and learn about the benefits of setting up parental controls before the gaming starts this Christmas. Head over to <https://www.internetmatters.org/nightbeforevideogames/> to make your Christmas preparations.



If you would like more support in digital family life, please take a look at <https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides> where you can find a wealth of information related to how to keep up to date with the many digital changes and how you can keep your child/ren safe. If you're thinking of purchasing any platform games or apps for your child this Christmas, please don't forget to think about the PEGI (Pan European Games Information) ratings – these have been carefully applied for a number of reasons including related gambling, violence, drugs, fear, etc. You can find out more about this on the Parent Zone also – in their dedicated page <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained>. The Parent Zone recommend '5 digital parenting rules that REALLY matter':

1. **Building a child's digital resilience will keep them safer than blocking or filtering**
2. **Don't limit the talk you have with your child to 'the online safety conversation'**
3. **Don't be afraid to set boundaries**
4. **Concentrate on how children use digital media rather than for how long**
5. **Balance taking an interest in your child's online activities with giving them the space to be independent**

Head over to <https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/morearticles/the-5-digital-parenting-rules-that-really-matter> to find out more.

E-Scooters & The Law

In the run up to Christmas the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership is reminding people that buying an e-scooter as a gift will be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers. However, the law is clear, you can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land. E-scooters are classed as a motorcycle as defined in Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and, because of their low speed, within the subclass of moped. This means that e-scooters must abide by the same road traffic legislation as mopeds and motorbikes, i.e. MOT, License, Tax & Insurance.

