



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Since the start of the new term, we have had a number of new families join us and look forward to welcoming more after the half term holidays – welcome all of you to the Ryhall family - I know that all in the Ryhall community will make you feel very welcome. As a reminder to all, we do like to keep you up to date through Class Dojo (our school based closed Social Media style platform), as well as sharing celebrations through our Facebook and Twitter pages. Friends of Ryhall Academy (FORA), our PTFA group, also have their own Facebook page and are always looking to welcome new parents (new to the school and simply new to the group if you're an existing parent/carers/family member or just a friend). See their update on the next page.

We've had a busy term once again – some of the children in Years 4, 5 & 6 started it off enjoying the annual trip to the Young Voices concert in Sheffield, where they formed a choir with 4000 other children – it really is a magical experience. Next year is the 25th anniversary of Young Voices so it's definitely going to be an experience we will look forward to once again. We've had two special Church Services this term – Epiphany and Candlemas – both led by Reverend Jo, involving many of the children across the school. We are now finally ready to get up and running with our Accelerated Reader programme for all our Key Stage Two children. Our thanks go to both Mrs Cobb and Mrs Pacitti who have volunteered for us on a weekly basis to get all books labelled and prepped. We're still happy to receive book donations and if your child has any newly published books that they have now finished with, we will gladly receive. This week, we will be collecting in all of the children's class readers to do the final preparations. At the start of next term, we will be allocating your child's book band level – you will receive notification of what this is, what it means and how you can help your child choose books which will help them develop on their reading journey. Next term, we also look forward to celebrating the annual World Book Day, which will also be a PJ Day at school, when I will be delivering a very special present to each class. I wish you all a restful and peaceful half term break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Katy Walker, Headteacher

Parking Guidance

The school and parish council have looked at the issue of parking in the village in depth and have been working together to try to reduce the problem for the safety and comfort of children, parents and residents. Together, we have created a guidance document which will come out with this termly newsletter. By following the guidance in this document, we hope traffic and parking during school opening and closing times will be improved. This will result in the area remaining safe for children attending the school and so lower any chance of an accident. We would be delighted if there are any parent volunteers who would be willing to set up a walking bus scheme to support parents who need to make a quick drop off and who could do so by parking further away from the school.

TERMLY AWARDS ROUND-UP

Congratulations to all the children who have been the deserving winners of our weekly awards over the last half term:

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children who have been nominated for their significant effort or contributions:

Georgie Roberts, Isla Sallis, Lottie Hartles, Alysia Ryder, Lily Cook, Ted Johnson, Ollie Bates, Anya Harley, Henry Steele, Isla Holroyd, Toby Fryett, Jackson Gray, All of Burghley Class, Harry Scrivens, Chloe Finch, Thomas Muxlow, Mia Lee, Bella Ferreira, Alessia Pacitti, Toby Haylock-Cox, Nathaniel Griffin, Poppy Brocklebank, Daniel Woods, Alfie Topaz, Ruby-Skye McArthur, Kailum Lester, Robbie McIntosh and William Gregory.

'MATHMAGICIANS'

Elin Evans, Lilly-Ella Veasey, Isabella Gatens, Evie Linnell, Georgie Roberts, Isabelle Wilkinson, Ailish McMullen-Kennett, Eva Edgson, Toby Collins, Ruby Rowland, Heidi Irvine, Orlaith Heames, Madison Kerr, Ethan Kennington, George Wilkinson, Mary-Ann Dawkins, Isabelle Woollard, Tom Griffin, Elena Burrill, Rocco Crooks, Harry Scrivens, Holly Muxlow, William Younger, Matteo Pacitti, Emilia Wells, Bailey Virgin, Jackson Glover, Luke Fender and Tyler Batchelor.

Dates for your diary

24 th Feb	START OF TERM 4 Clubs/Activities resume
2 nd Mar	Tolethorpe Trip to Grimsthorpe Estate
4 th Mar	SEN Review Meetings 1-5pm
5 th Mar	World Book Day PJ Day
5 th Mar	SEN Review Meetings 8.30am-12.30pm
6 th Mar	School Disco 5.30-7.00pm (FORA)
11 th Mar	Rockingham Visit to Stibbington
12 th Mar	Rockingham Class Assembly 3pm
18 th Mar	Group Photos
	Reception/Yr 2/Yr 6 Parent-Teacher Consultations 3-6pm (R: 4.30-6.00pm)
19 th Mar	Reception/Yr 2/Yr 6 Parent-Teacher Consultations 9-12
20 th Mar	Music Assembly 9am
25 th Mar	Tolethorpe Class Assembly 3pm
26 th Mar	Belton/Belvoir Visit to Hamerton Zoo
27 th Mar	Clubs/Activities finish
31 st Mar	Year 3/4 Mini-Musical 2.30pm and 6pm
1 st April	Spotlight Dance Dress Rehearsal
1 st April	Spotlight Dance Show 5.30pm
2 nd April	Spotlight Dance Show 5.30pm
	Book Swap Shop
3 rd April	Awards Assembly 2.30pm
	LAST DAY OF TERM 4
20 th April	START OF TERM 5
	PE Begins this day – PE kits should be in school
21 st April	Year 3 Parents Caythorpe Meeting 5.00pm
22 nd April	Group 1 Bikeability begins
23 rd April	Year 5/6 High 5 Netball tournament 4-6pm
27 th April	After school clubs begin this week
29 th April	Year 1/3/4/5: Parent-Teacher Consultations 3-6pm
30 th April	Year 1/3/4/5: Parent-Teacher Consultations 9am - 12pm
	Year 5/6 High 5 Netball tournament 4-6pm

TRUST

RESPECT

FRIENDSHIP

RESILIENCE

COMPASSION

PTFA News After an extremely busy Christmas time the FORA team are now busy planning for a hectic Spring packed full of fundraising events. The first Disco of 2020 will be on Friday 6th March. We always welcome support on the night from parents so please let us know if you are available. Dates to follow shortly after half term for a parents Quiz night and our Summer Fete. Our next meeting is on Monday 9th March at 7pm in the Green Dragon, Ryhall. Hope to see some new faces there. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Belvoir News

We made a special start to Term 3 looking at very special books as part of our RE topic this term. Mrs Carlton shared her special book with us, then we all brought in a book that was very special to us and shared it with the class. We have continued with this theme by looking at stories in a very special book to Christians; The Bible. The chilly weather has got us all thinking about animals that like to live in very cold places. We read books about penguins and worked out if our feet are shorter or longer than an emperor penguin's. We made a list of things to take on a journey to the south pole after reading the book 'Lost and Found' about a lonely penguin. We looked at how big a polar bear's footprint was and compared it to ours. Mrs Carlton read us a poem about a polar bear and then we acted out a day in the life of a polar bear. This helped us to think of some brilliant descriptive words about a polar bear, we sounded them out and wrote them down, Mrs Carlton and Mrs Ketteringham were very impressed. We celebrated the festival of Chinese New Year, did you know it is the year of the rat this year? We read a story all about an emperor in China who organised a race across a river with lots of different animals. This was to help him name the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac. We made a picture to help us, all the animals had a number and we put them into the correct order, it really helped.



TIMES TABLES (TT) ROCKSTARS

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We can safely say that TTRockstars has been a smash hit at Ryhall. The children from Year 2 to Year 6 are still enjoying the challenges and the games within the online platform. Children are logging into their accounts regularly at school and many are continuing their learning at home too. We have many children who have now secured a Rock Star status and lots of children are regularly challenging each other in the times table challenge game.

These are the current average recall speed per question for each class:
 Rockingham 4.48 seconds, Burghley 3.42 seconds, Woolsthorpe 3.22 seconds,
 Tolethorpe 2.86 seconds and Hambleton 2.10 seconds.

Special mentions are needed for these children for their recall speed improvements:

Hambleton

Freddie - has decreased his recall speed by 6.87 seconds per question.

Tolethorpe

Faye - has decreased her recall speed by 4.68 seconds per question.

Woolsthorpe

Henry - has decreased his recall speed by 9.61 seconds per question.

Burghley

Elin - has decreased her recall speed by 6.14 seconds per question.

An extra special mention needs to go to Daniel in Woolsthorpe as he is the Rock Star to beat at the moment. His recall speed is 0.77 seconds per question. Well done Daniel or should I say our Ryhall Rock Hero. I wonder who can beat him? Currently, Ryhall CE Academy are 20th on the TT Rockstars leader board for the local schools. We need to see if we can move further up the leader board over the next few weeks. So I set you a challenge for half term, can you help us to move up the local school leader board?

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/20186>

Burghley News:

What a lot Burghley have achieved this term. It all kicked off with a message in a bottle, pirate training and a treasure hunt. Things took a turn for the worse when the treasure was stolen and we received the black spot. With all that was going on, they were inspired to do some of their best writing based on the pirate theme. They worked incredibly hard on their class assembly and were absolute star pirate performers showing what they had been up to to the school and parents. Next the children were challenged to design something for a pirate and wrote adverts for their pirate products. They presented their products to 3 dragons den pirates who decided which ideas they liked the most. Recently a mermaid returned the treasure to Burghley requesting that we help do something to make people aware of plastic pollution and the damage it is doing to our oceans. They have been busy researching and writing reports to make into a documentary. Burghley found out about the layers of the ocean and also the history of the Titanic. The children



have done such a lot of work on multiplication and division this term and making sure they know their times tables better and better. They have also been solving problems using pounds and pence and enjoyed a spot of classroom shopping while calculating change. Burghley have loved exploring science with magnets this term; testing their strength, using them to make compasses and discovering their properties.

The children have enjoyed finding out about Hindus in Britain today and loved creating their own shrine as well as discussing karma and reincarnation! Well done Burghley. After the break we will be moving onto another exciting learning journey and perhaps getting ready for an even bigger performance!

Woolsthorpe News

Another frantic half term has passed us by – winter never really got started and spring seems to have arrived! As usual, Woolsthorpe Wonders have been busily beavering away this term on our short theme of 'Extreme Earth'. We have been learning about what goes on beneath our feet in this wonderful world of ours and what natural disasters can occur. We have learnt about volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and tornadoes: how they occur and the impact they have on people's lives. A tornado has even appeared in our classroom this term!

In our writing we have used a couple of story books to help us write recounts about hurricanes in our back gardens and Pompeii erupting. We have also written instructions about how to stay safe during an earthquake and some amazing poetry describing a storm.

In Maths we have continued our work on multiplication and division and developed our understanding of different mental strategies, as well as more formal methods, 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 recur throughout the rest of this year's learning. Why not log on together to TTRockstars this half term and see what all the buzz is about! It's a little addictive!

In Science, we have been learning about the different states of matter (solid, liquid and gas), how they occur and how they change from one state to another and, in some cases, back again. There's been a lot of water splashing around but the children have managed to plan and carry out a variety of investigations over this term.

Our learning in RE this half term has been about Sikhism and what it is like to be a Sikh living in Britain today. This learning will continue over the rest of the Spring Term but we have started by looking at what God means to Sikhs and how this compares to the Christian faith and how Sikhism began and the story of Guru Nanak.

Finally, we have had a very gentle time in PE learning how to play Boccia (a type of boules). I would like to thank Harry, Henry and Elliot who have been amazing 'teachers' to the rest of Woolsthorpe Class and shown fantastic leadership qualities when showing the rest of the children how to play this game. Well done boys

Sporting Updates

It's been the busiest term yet as far as sporting competitions are concerned. The children in Key Stage Two have been learning a new inclusive sport this term – Boccia. It's a game that can be described as seated boules and really needs a lot of concentration, skill and accuracy. Six children from Years 4 & 5 then represented the school in the Rutland Boccia League. The Year 5 team had a fantastic win in their finals game. Well done to all.

All of the gymnastics competitions have also happened this term – we've seen all children really challenge themselves to show all of the skills they've developed over the last few weeks. All the gymnasts want to thank Miss Kime for helping them to develop and grow so much as gymnasts. Well done to all the gymnasts.

We've also been involved in the Swimming Qualifications this term and this led to some of the group making it through to the finals, where they were up against some very competitive swimmers. It is without doubt that all tried their very best – this is just what we are always asked to do.

At this time, as well as preparing for new competitions coming up in Term 4, we're also thinking about planning for our own Mini-Olympics in the summer term. Maybe you can help (or know someone who can) – as we look to experience new sports for the week. Please get in touch with Ms Walker or Miss Kime if you have ideas. We'll keep you posted with new events next term. Look out for our updates on Class Dojo.

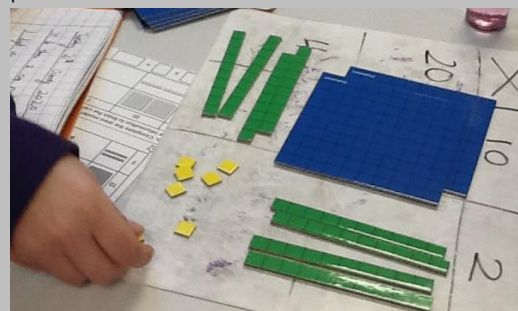
Your Sporting Ambassadors – Isla, Tyler, Jamie and Thomas.

Tolethorpe News

This half-term in Tolethorpe, we have been emerging deep down into the vast rainforest. We have become immersed in our theme 'I'm a Year 5 pupil...get me out of here'. We have already learnt an incredible amount, in which we have been investigating. We are now growing into intrepid geographers and scientists and have been finding out more about this incredible planet; we've worked out why the Rainforests of the World are located where they are and what their climates are like. Using this knowledge and curiosity, we have written a formal letter to Sir David Attenborough, waiting anxiously for his reply. They have also been writing to persuade. Thinking about persuasive features and language to use within an advert. They all worked incredibly hard to create an advert to go in 'Bug Estates Monthly', advertising the best new Bug Hotel in the area!



Our Maths has been exceptional this term as we have become very resilient learners, developing our written skills of Multiplication and Division, expanding our abilities to problem solve and reason also.



In guided reading we have really enjoyed reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, following the antics of four children, as they try their best to survive in the Amazon Rainforest! In PE the children absolutely loved learning to play Boccia, which involved lots of tactics and a reformed technique. Some of our children then went on to represent the school in the Rutland Schools Boccia Tournament. Well done!

We have really enjoyed welcoming two new faces to Tolethorpe this term, who have already settled in amazingly - well done boys! Another fantastic term in Year 5 completed! Well done Tolethorpe!

Hambleton News

This term has flown by in a flash. We have still managed to pack in lots of learning and exciting opportunities for the children. At the start of the year, the majority of Hambleton (together with some of Toilethorpe and Woolsthorpe Class) headed off to the FlyDSA Arena in Sheffield to take part in the Young Voices concert for 2020. Once again, we had the most amazing day and the children behaved impeccably. Singing with 'The Shires' and Tony Hadley were definite highlights and of course, busting some dance moves with 'Urban Strides'. Hambleton can really rock some moves!

In our Maths learning, we have really got to grips with decimals and percentages and can confidently convert between decimals, percentages and fractions too. We have written our own version of the Alma story to go alongside a spooky animation we have watched in lessons. We definitely have some brilliant writers in Hambleton with many focusing on vocabulary choices to impact on the reader.

We have enjoyed our 'Journeys' topic so far, learning about major rivers around the world and the different features of these. The children 'wowed' both of us with their amazing rivers homework which will be added to our display in the classroom.

Have a wonderful, restful half term. Mrs Jesson and Mrs Thomas look forward to another fun-filled term of learning with you all next term.

Belton News

This term Belton Class have been on Safari in Kenya! We have been exploring the landscapes from mountains to the savannahs. We have compared our lives to that of an African child living in Nairobi and in a Massai village; exploring schools, jobs, homes and free time.

As Scientists, we have been classifying animals into groups. We explored invertebrates, vertebrates, carnivores, herbivores and omnivores along with mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish. Our enquiring minds were filled with reasoning and problem solving when we had to explain how we had grouped the animals.

We had a special guest speaker visit and tell us all about her trip to Africa! Mrs Want had been to Africa the previous summer and built a school for children. She had amazing photographs of their classrooms and homes - we were shocked by how little they had. The amazing multi-coloured street markets dazzled us with their delicious fresh fruit and vegetables.

In Art, we have created our own paper plate animals found in Africa, painted the savannah and its animals that we saw through binoculars. We have learned how to curl paper and created some fabulous lion manes!

In DT we have planned, made and evaluated our own fruit salad kebab, using only fruit found in Kenya. They looked and tasted delicious!

As writers we have been super busy using our adjectives, nouns and verbs to make our writing much more interesting to the reader. Using Talk for writing we innovated 'We're going on a



lion hunt' and made our own version - we loved reading our stories to each other.

Riddles really captured our imagination this term. We began solving riddles using our amazing reading and detective skills. We identified which were really good riddle clues and which were not - we then managed to create our own! Amazing!

St John's Church Ryhall update

LAST THOUGHTS

FOUR TALKS TO BE HELD IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

RYHALL

ALL AT 2pm

1. WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH

**SOCIAL CARE AND FUNDING; MAKING A WILL;
POWER OF ATTORNEY; STATE BENEFITS.**

Speaker: Cheryl Holdship, Independent Social Worker

2. WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH

WHAT TO DO AFTER A DEATH

Speaker: Andrew Woodhouse, Independent Funeral Director

3. WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH

THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF AGE AND DEATH

Speaker: Dr Stella Lowry, G.P.

4. WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST

PLANNING A FUNERAL SERVICE

Speaker: Rev Jo Saunders

ALL WELCOME

There will be no charge and no requirement to attend all the talks. There will be opportunities for questions after each talk.

Rockingham News

This term, Rockingham children have been on a trip around India. We began by looking at India in an Atlas; learning about its different geographical features and some of its famous landmarks, after which we used pencil to sketch a picture of the Taj Mahal. We discovered some of the common animals found in India and used this knowledge to create a non-chronological report about Indian Elephants; we typed this on Purple Mash and created a class Non-Fiction book which is in our school library for others to enjoy. We then learnt about the main religion in India which is Hinduism and listened to the story of Rama and Sita; giving us an opportunity to show our knowledge and recall by rewriting this story into little books including illustrations, a front cover, back cover, title and blurb. Using clay we created our own Diya lights to symbolise Diwali. Rangoli patterns were our next inspiration which we designed and coloured using 2D shapes in Maths as well as using chalk on the playground whilst learning about symmetry too! An exciting time was had when we are also lucky enough to go for lunch at the Bombay Cottage where we all tried many popular Indian dishes. We also learnt about many other Indian traditions and cultural differences. We were amazed with details of Mendhi patterns which inspired us to create our own both with line drawings in pencil and using ICT. We also attempted to wrap each other in a Sari - this proved to be more difficult than we expected. Using all our knowledge of India we have finished by writing poems about India trying to use rhyming couplets.

Whilst learning about India we have developed our knowledge of statistics, how to use pictograms and bar charts, 2D and 3D shapes; naming them, sorting them and describing their properties.

In Science this term we have developed our knowledge of life cycles, classifying animals including using the language carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.