




# Ralph Butterfield Primary School School Newsletter



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## Headteacher's Update

Good afternoon. I hope you have experienced a good start to November; I am delighted to share that we have had no positive cases of Covid-19 reported in school this week (children or staff). We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Reception teacher, Mrs Greenwood, back to school on Monday, as she starts her phased return to work. I am happy to also say that whilst Miss Griffiths is not yet able to return, she is now recovering well.

Today, I am sharing our current School Development Plan overview with you. You will find this in a one page poster, later in the newsletter. Whilst there is no requirement to share this information, I believe it is really important that the whole of our school community is aware of our key priorities for the school. You will see from Key Priority One that over and above everything is the importance of keeping everyone safe; this includes the management of Covid-19. Progress in relation to further priorities does vary upon the capacity permitted by this! However, the last 2 years have definitely evidenced, that due to the openness and successful collaboration between parents/carers, staff, governors, the children and our wider community, we have been able to continue to drive school improvement forward even in the most testing of times. If you have any questions in relation to our School Development Plan, please do feel free to speak to contact us.

Our Year 6 children and some very excited staff (!) are heading off on a residential trip to Robinwood, Todmorden on Monday. I would like to just take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Mrs Stephenson for tirelessly planning and making preparations for this trip, behind which sits a lot of work. I would also like to thank the staff who have so enthusiastically agreed to give up their own time to accompany the children and support them to have a brilliant and safe experience. I am sure that you would join me in wishing all our Year 6 children and accompanying staff the most wonderful time and we look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return.



Whether you are looking forward to a bonfire night spectacular, or quieter evenings in, I do hope you can enjoy your weekend.



## Upcoming Events

w/c 8/11/21	Robinwood Residential Trip (Yr6 pupils)
12/11/2021	Bags2School Collection



## Menu Update

Thank you for being patient when we had to remove jacket potatoes and sandwiches following an operational issue in the kitchen. We are delighted to say that from 15<sup>th</sup> November, jacket potatoes with a choice of cheese or beans, and sandwiches, with a filling choice of cheese or ham, will be returning to our school menu. They will appear every week on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Updated menus can now be viewed on the school website <https://www.ralphbutterfieldprimary.co.uk/web/> under the 'News' section.



## Remembrance Day—11th November



In respect of the national observance of remembrance day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, all children will be given a poppy in school between Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. During the week, children will also be completing a range of related educational activities designed to inform them of the importance of this day of observance (at an age-appropriate level). If you would like to make a donation to The Poppy Appeal, run by The Royal British Legion, you are welcome to do so on ParentPay between Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Thank you for your support.**

## Children In Need



Children in Need is a charity which supports disadvantaged children and young people all over the UK and on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November we'd like to join the nation in raising money for this very popular charity. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes on this day, in exchange for a donation to the charity (please ensure clothes are suitable for a day at school). Your child could wear spots or yellow clothes like Pudsey or a Children in Need accessory. During the week 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November, please make any donations on Parent Pay. We will then notify you in due course, of how much money has been raised for this very worthy cause.

**Thank you**

## EYFS

We have had a super(nova!) time in Reception this week, making the most fabulous rockets, following instructions that we had written ourselves. Wow! A brilliant time was then had, using straws to blow them high up into the sky! We have also enjoyed developing our understanding that there are different celebrations, celebrated by different people, in different ways. This has included thinking about bonfire night and how to enjoy a display safely. We would therefore like to wish you all a bright and sparkly weekend!



**Miss Knowles & the Reception Team**

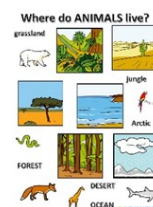
## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Welcome back everyone, it was lovely to see you all back and excited to start the second half term.



This half term we have developed our topic further... We have gone from the cold climates of the Arctic and Antarctica to the very warm climate of the Amazon Rainforest. We have enjoyed learning lots about the Amazon Rainforest including: the layers of the rainforest and the animals and people who live there. We have started turning all of our knowledge into a booklet, we have divided it into sections to write about each element we are learning about. Everyone is doing an amazing job of using super vocabulary to describe the different aspects of the rainforest as well as great informational sentences.

We have started our new science topic this week 'Animals including Humans'. Throughout the week we have enjoyed learning about what a habitat is, which animals live where and why as well as identifying elements that living or non-living! Super Scientific work everyone!



We hope you all enjoy the weekend, but please stay safe if you are going to enjoy Bonfire Night!

\*\*\* A little reminder... We are still collecting shoe boxes, everyone in Class 3, 4 and 5 will need a shoe box to turn into our very own rainforest!

Thank you \*\*\*

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Miss Keith.**



## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

What a great start to the new half term! It is lovely to have the children back in school, full of enthusiasm and eager to find out what exciting things the half term ahead holds for them.



To continue our Ancient Egypt topic, we have been looking at how the ancient Egyptians mummified pharaohs. To begin, we read a set of gruesome mummification instructions that explained to the children how the organs and brain were removed and how the body was preserved and wrapped. To demonstrate how the natron salt, that was used to dry and preserve the body of the dead pharaoh, worked, we mummified apples. The children covered a quarter of an apple in salt and bicarbonate of soda to preserve it and placed it in a cup. Next week, we will be checking in on our apples to see if it worked!



Thursday marked the start of the five-day Festival of Lights- Diwali. The children learnt about the importance of this festival to millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. One of the ways Diwali is celebrated is through the creation of rangoli patterns. We learnt that rangoli patterns are passed down from generation to generation and are always made on the floor at the entrance of peoples' homes. The patterns are usually symmetrical, made from coloured powder or rice and include shapes of flowers especially the lotus flower. The children did an amazing job at creating their own rangoli patterns.

Well done Year 3 and 4 for a great start to the second half of the Autumn Term!

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

**Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.**

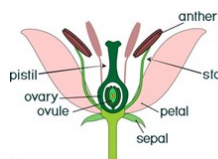
**Miss Hodgson, Mrs Greenwood and Miss Clapham**



## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

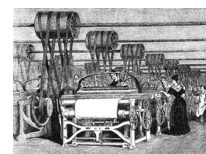
We have had a great start to the new half term.

In English, we have continued with our non-chronological reports and learnt how to write an introduction and conclusion. We then applied what we had learnt, to create our own independent non-chronological report on mammals.



In science, we revisited our prior learning on plants, labelling the parts of a flower and identifying their key roles. In the next few science lessons, we will take a closer look at the inside of a plant and discuss how these are involved in plant's life cycle.

History was really exciting this week. We looked at secondary sources about the lives of working class people during the Industrial Revolution in towns and cities. We were surprised at the working and living conditions, especially for young children!



Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

**Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod**





## Pumpkin Carving Competition

Thank you for all the entries to the pumpkin carving competition – we made £71 and had some fabulous spooky entries. Here are the winners receiving their spooky gift.



**Bags2School** collection will be on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, from 8.35am - 9.05am in the School playground.

Please keep any unwanted clothing, bags, bedding (not pillows or duvets though), shoes (tied together), hats, scarves, jewellery, curtains, towels and belts.



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

More details will follow next week in a special Christmas PTA letter but unfortunately, we won't be able to run the Christmas Fair again this year. A huge gathering of people indoors isn't the right thing to do, but we hope to organise a few fun events including:

**Christmas Film Night on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – to reduce mixing of year groups, we will run 2 showings, one for Year 3 and 4 and another for Year 5 and 6. Times/Prices will be published soon.



We recognise our younger children will miss out but we are working with the school to organise something equally as fun for them in school time.

## The BIG Christmas Raffle

As we can't have the fair we have decided to try something new and organise a BIG Christmas Raffle with the first prize being a Nintendo Switch Lite, plus the Animal Crossing game!! There are also other awesome prizes such as Harry Potter Lego, family days out, beauty treatments and goodies will continue to be added.

Online is new for us but we hope you will find it easier with no need for cash and will also be able to share the link with family and friends

This is the link [RBs BIG Christmas Prize Draw](#) Good Luck!!



## Christmas Eve Bags

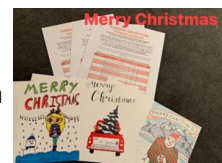


We will be taking orders again for Christmas Eve bags – order dates will be published soon.

Plus a few more Christmas ideas still being worked on!

## Christmas Card Designs

Your children's wonderful designs are back and you should have received these with an order form this week. Please complete the form and send your order back to school by **MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** with a cheque (made payable to Ralph Butterfield School PTA) or the correct cash in the envelope. Happy ordering!



**A huge thank you** to one of our new parents, Paul who works for Aire Logic, a software development company, mainly working in healthcare, who have donated a wonderful **£250** to the PTA this month. All this money will go directly to school to spend - we are really grateful for the time, effort and generosity in making this happen!



**Joanne Barrow—Chair PTA**





## Key Priority 1



### Provide a happy, safe school with supportive and enhancing learning environments

Be appropriately proactive and reactive to changing circumstances in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic, ensuring that children and staff are well safeguarded against the virus. Develop learning environments, inside and outside, that promote positive wellbeing and support and enhance the curriculum, giving our children more exciting and engaging surroundings in which to work, play and grow.

## Key Priority 2



### Review, develop and improve our curriculum

Continue to review, develop and improve the effectiveness of our curriculum offer, ensuring that it is well sequenced, broad, engaging and inspirational whilst improving outcomes in reading, writing and mathematics. Ensure the curriculum effectively supports the personal development of each individual child, both academically and emotionally.

## Key Priority 3



### Promote and celebrate diversity and equality

Embed teaching and learning opportunities into our new curriculum through our development work, ensuring policies and procedures underpin a lived culture within school that promotes and celebrates diversity and equality.

## Key Priority 4



### Embed a wellbeing strategy into the culture of the school community that benefits all

Continue the development work started to ensure that promoting and supporting a positive sense of wellbeing is at the core of Ralph Butterfield Primary School, for all stakeholders. Develop a wellbeing strategy that can be embedded into the heart of the school's culture.

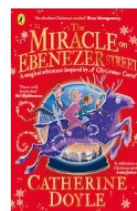
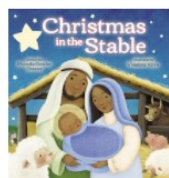
Detailed action plans are in place for each key priority



**SCHOLASTIC**



We hope you have enjoyed browsing the latest Scholastic leaflet that your child/ren brought home just before the half term holidays. As well as this month's leaflet there is hundreds of fantastic, discounted children's books to choose from online. They have a huge selection of classic and new Christmas books and activity packs to pick from online, which would be perfect Christmas presents or stocking fillers.



Don't miss out, only 2 days left to order, just go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ralph-butterfield-primary/digital-book-club> and place your order online by Sunday November 7th, 2021. For every £1 you spend, it will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards that we can use to buy a wide range of wonderful books for the children to access in school.

Many thanks for your continued support of our Scholastic Book Club.  
Miss Clapham



## Snippets from the Log Books of Ralph Butterfield School



**17th March 1932** The Rev L A Long, Rector of Wigginton conducted the examination in Religious Knowledge. Two Scholars were withdrawn from the examination. The school closed for the afternoon.

**30th Jan 1933** 12 girls from the school attend the cookery van

**28th Jan 1936** school closed due to King George V funeral



### TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

6 sessions sharing our challenges and joys and considering new ways to manage difficulties.

Starting Thursday 4th November, 9.30 - 11.30am  
Hob Moor Children's Centre,  
Green Lane, YO24 4PS

To book contact Helen on 07393 147 259  
or email [helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk](mailto:helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk)  
or for more info visit [www.fmy.org.uk](http://www.fmy.org.uk)

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### TIME OUT FOR DADS

5 Week Parenting Course run by dads for dads

Starting  
Monday 8th November  
7.30 to 9.30pm  
@ Cornerstone at  
St. George's, Millfield Lane  
Osbalwick YO10 3AL

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### TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

4 Week Parenting Course

Starting  
Thursday 11th November  
7.30 to 9.30pm  
@ Heworth Methodist Church  
Heworth Village, YO31 1AE

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## Make someone's Christmas!

### Collection day for our community

Outside the Methodist Church on  
Friday 3rd December 9.30-4pm.  
Items are to go to the Haxby  
Memorial Hall Foodshare Project  
and to the Salvation Army.



## Items needed

- Chocolate Bars/Selection Boxes/Sweets
- Bath items or skincare sets
- Candles
- Pens/Colouring Sets for Children
- Games for families (with children of various ages)
- Cheese Biscuits Box
- Dog/Cat treats (we have families with pets)
- Christmas Crackers
- Cake Mixes