




Ralph Butterfield Primary School School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Message

Hello

I hope your first week of the New Year has been a positive one. It has certainly been lovely for us in school to welcome back the children. There has been lots of fabulous creativity in lessons this week, and, as always, the children are engaging positively with their learning. It is always harder for some children after a holiday, particularly in recent times, and we are super proud of those who have been supported to overcome initial anxieties on their return.

Less than 10 children have not returned due to being in isolation with Covid-19, and one staff member. I will keep you updated regarding numbers of cases as we progress through the year. In case you haven't seen it in the news, please be aware that confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive lateral flow test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

It has been wonderful seeing the return of Miss Griffiths to the Reception staff team this week. I would also like to welcome Mr Liam Taylor, our new initial teacher trainee, who is working primarily with Class 8.

Hopefully you would agree that here at Ralph Butterfield Primary School, we highly value the importance of parents/carers and staff working together. We are approachable and always open to parent/carer communications and do encourage you to call or email us throughout the week. We are always looking to help and support as much as possible, in any way we can. Either telephone 01904 768325 and press option 3 or email RalphButterfield.School@york.gov.uk and we will make arrangements for the person best placed to help you.

I hope you can enjoy a pleasant weekend.



Upcoming Events

11/01/2022	Year 6 Information Meeting 6pm
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Snippets from the Log Books of Ralph Butterfield School



18th January 1933– The General examinations were held in the morning. Mr W Brown was the supervisor.



30th January 1933– 12 girls from the school attend the cookery van.



EYFS

It was wonderful to welcome the children back this week and we got stuck in to our learning straight away. We have been investigating 'Winter' in our activities this week. The children made some gorgeous snowmen using their own name, as well as crafting a toilet roll snowman. Snowmen making was also part of our motor skill development work this week. We rolled playdough into balls before designing and making snowmen, you may have seen a couple on twitter.



We have been doing lots of work on Winter clothes too, including designing repeating pattern scarves and matching mittens when looking for pairs.

Please note that PE lessons are now back to being on a Monday but please leave kits in school as sometimes we are flexible with our timetable.

Just a reminder to keep reading books and reading records in school book bags every day. We are planning for books to be changed on Mondays and words on Fridays but sometimes we may need to change the day, so it is best just to keep them all in book bags everyday.

We look forward to starting our Amazing Animals topic next week.

Miss Knowles, Mrs Greenwood, Miss Griffiths & the EYFS team



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. What a lovely start to 2022! The children have come back into school with a fantastic attitude and have loved telling us what they have enjoyed doing over the Christmas holidays.

We have enjoyed launching our new topic 'When I was your age' by going back in time and making Victorian toys that children in that era would have played with. This involved visiting each Year 1 and 2 classroom to make spinners, puppets and wooden peg dolls. The children were also intrigued to begin to learn about a range of old toys and everyday items that look very different in 2022. Maybe you have some old family toys at home that you could explore together and the children could tell us about. We'd love to hear about them.



We have also explored our big question 'What does it mean to me?' relating to the British Value 'Mutual Respect'. The children loved listening to the Aretha Franklin song and then discussed what respect is, how we can show respect in different contexts and when it is hard or easy to give respect. We then sorted pictures and decided what respect looks like.

As always, please do come and chat to us with any questions.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Reeves.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

What a great start to the new term! The children were eager to find out what exciting things the half term ahead holds for them. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the atlases as the start to our new geography topic 'Rivers Deep, Mountains High'. We were also fascinated by the pointillism painting technique in art and the children can't wait to try it out for themselves.



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)

It is wonderful to see everyone again after the Christmas holidays. The children have returned to school raring and eager to continue their learning.



This week, we have started our D&T project in which the children have been tasked with making a model steam train. The children began by looking at examples of a range of steam trains before designing their own prototypes. The children rose to the challenge of experimenting with a range of different materials in order to find the ideal way of making their train. Following this, the children then drew detailed, labelled technical drawings showing front, side and rear views of their steam train. Part of the process required them to carefully follow guidance before accurately measuring the materials required. Additional skills included the use of a hack saw and glue gun. We hope to decorate and finish our project next week!

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

Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Tod and Mrs Walker.



PTA

Welcome back

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break!

Break the Rules Day

We are looking forward to the 'Break The Rules Day', on **Friday 28th January**. Get the nail polish out, hair chalks prepped and orange squash ready....

For every rule broken, you need to pay 50p. We will send out a letter next week with further details. We hope the rule breakers have fun!!



Bags2School collection will be on **Friday 11th February**, from 8.45am - 9.05am in the School playground.

If you are having a sort out as it's the new year please keep – any unwanted clothing, bags, bedding (not pillows or duvets though), shoes (tied together), hats, scarves, jewellery, curtains, towels and belts



Thank you



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FOR
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HANDLING
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4 sessions on managing
our anger and our
children's anger

Starting
Monday 17th January
7.15 to 9pm
Online via Zoom

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Tuesday 18th January
9.30 to 11.30am
@ The Avenues Children's
Centre Sixth Avenue
York YO31 0UT

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Thursday 27th January
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