



Old Rayne School News

Working Together and doing our best for success!

Session 2017/18

September 2017

Term 1

It's been great to see all the children back in the school and getting used to all the new faces and new routines.

We welcome all our new P1s who seem to be settling in really well and having fun. We also have a number of new faces among our staff. Mrs Baldwin (P6/7) and Miss Bedford (P4/5) have enjoyed their first couple of days getting to know all the children.

We'll continue to have Mrs Smith for Music and Mrs Leith for French and this session we will have Mrs Crawford for P.E.

Lots of exciting changes and a very busy term planned. I can't wait!
Mr Ferguson



Important Positions to be filled

At the beginning of a new year we have a need for some pupils to step up and take on a bit more of a leadership role. Each of our three houses will need a Captain and Vice-Captain. We'll need a new Pupil Council and of course, we'll be looking for a new Head Boy and Head Girl.

House Captains

As we did last year, the children of each house will vote on their own Captains. Anyone who wants the role will get a chance at next week's assembly to stand up and tell their housemates why they'd be good at the position. We're looking for role models who will lead, support and encourage their whole house through a number of tasks, challenges and events through the year.

Pupil Council

As with the Captains, each class will select their own representatives who will look to make positive changes throughout the year to our school.

Head Boy/Girl

For this position, candidates will let staff know they are interested in the position and, based on the way they've conducted themselves over the last year and on a presentation, staff will decide who will best fill this most important role. This position will go to individuals who really show what we hope it means to be an excellent pupil at Old Rayne School and will be role models for the whole school to look up to.



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Rag Bag

Our next Rag Bag collection will be on the 26th September. I'm continually amazed at the amount of clothing that continues to arrive on our collection days – it's absolutely fantastic and is a huge help to the school!



Barnardo's

Our houses were collected at the end of last year and we managed to raise £71.15 for Barnardo's. Well done to all who took home a box to collect change!

Tissue appeal

As the nights draw in and it begins to get colder, there are always a lot of small noses in need of tissues, lots of tissues!

If you're able to donate a box of tissues to the school we would really appreciate it. Thank you.



A few polite reminders

Water bottles

If your child does not already have one, it would be great if you could give them a water bottle to have in school. We keep them on their desks so they can drink through the day. If they forget to take a bottle in there's always our water fountain but having children coming and going can be a little disruptive in some lessons.

Labels

Please label and name everything your children take to school. Especially clothes. The vast majority have done so but we're not quite there yet.

PE kits

We have our P.E specialist in on Friday but it's important to have a P.E kit available on all days of the week. The children will have regular timetabled PE at least twice a week but we like to keep them as active as possible whenever the opportunity arises.

Parent Council

The next parent council meeting is on the 30th of August at 7pm in the school and you should already have had notification of the agenda from the Parent Council.

If you've not come along before it's open to anyone with children in the school who either wishes to help out or are just interested in what's happening with the school.

The parent council has been an invaluable help to the school for many years and I'm looking forward to working with you all again this year.

Calendars and Newsletters

Some of the useful feedback we received last year was that it would be helpful to have an annual calendar of events. I'm putting this together at the moment and I'll send it out as soon as it's complete. It will be subject to change through the year but I'll keep it updated on our website and there will be updates each month on my newsletter.

I'll also shortly be issuing you with our 'reporting' calendar. This is the one which will outline all the opportunities you'll have to see how your children are getting on, Parents evenings, written reports, open afternoons, class assemblies and many others will be included and it will be tweaked from last year based on feedback.

From the outset I'd like to remind everyone that although there are many formal opportunities to meet with staff, we have a very open door policy and, like last year we're happy (even eager) to speak to you about any concerns you have at any time of the year.

As with last year, there will be a monthly newsletter and a termly class newsletter from your children's teacher outlining what they'll be learning and with some ideas as to how you can help at home.



Upcoming Dates

- Parent Council Meeting – 30th August
- P1s start full days – 4th September
- Rag Bag – 26th September
- Community Café – 12th October
- October Break – 16th October