



Newsletter

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February 2020

Wednesday 12/02/20

It was great to see so many of you at Parents' Evening last night. It's the perfect opportunity for you to hear about all the positive things your child is doing and find out how to help them further in their studies and development. We hope to see everyone else tonight!



We are conducting our annual questionnaire during the evenings so please provide us with your opinions and comments to help us evaluate our impact. As always, if you have any concerns please bring them to our attention immediately so we can address (and hopefully solve) them.

Class Assemblies: All Class Assemblies start at 9:00 a.m. Next half term's assemblies are:

12/02/2020: Class 2AP	04/03/2020: Class 1LH	11/03/2020: Class 2LL
18/03/2020: Class 1MB	25/03/2020: Class RKG	01/04/2020: Class RMG

Staffing All staff who have recently been on long term sick leave are now back.

It was Mrs Steel's last day with us on Friday – she's moving on to a different role in another school. We thank her for all her help and wish her good luck in her new post.



Health

As usual at this time of year we've lots of coughs and colds doing the rounds. We constantly remind children to frequently wash their hands! If you could also reiterate the importance of properly washing hands at home this would help. Recommendations are to use warm water and soap, wash around the whole hand, between fingers, along thumbs and wrists – it's suggested to take time to do this to ensure a thorough wash. We do seem to have several children who think hand washing is just running water over their hands!



Head lice While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread. There have been a couple of cases in school so we ask you to check your child's head as soon as possible and treat promptly as necessary.

ECO Club – Clothes Collection

The Rainham Food Bank now not only distributes food but are also able to give second hand clothing to those in need. Eco Club and Eco Committee are working in conjunction with them to hold this clothing drive as they are currently short of the following items:

- Men's wear – all types and all sizes, especially larger sizes.
- Ladies wear in larger sizes.
- Teenagers – boys clothing items.
- Toddlers and babies – all sizes in girls and boys.
- They are also taking shoes and boots as well as outer clothing such as coats.



We are very excited to be able to help them and hope that you are able to help us by donating any unwanted items of clothing that fit the above descriptions. We will be taking collections on Thursdays starting after half term. Label them FAO Mrs Rizzi and children can drop them into Class 3ER. To find out more visit: <https://rainham.foodbank.org.uk/about/more-than-food-projects/clothes-bank>

Eco Club/Committee

If you are interested in being a parent representative on the Eco Committee then please let our school office know to pass your details onto Mrs Rizzi and the School's Eco Committee.

Community Recipe Competition

The School Council have been talking about this to their classes and are ready to launch the competition.

Attached is a proforma for your entry, providing details of the competition. Just fill in your recipe – giving us lots of details. Closing date will be Friday 28th February 2020. We'd love for you to share your family recipes with us.



Diary Dates for next half term

- Wednesday 4th March : Yr.2 Florence Nightingale Day
- Thursday 5th March : World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character
- Tuesday 10th March : Yr.2 Classes visit Rainham Hall
- Wednesday 11th March : Yr.1 Classes visit Rainham Hall
- Monday 16th March : Yr.4 Natural History Museum Visit
- Tuesday 17th March : 9-9.30 School Nurse Drop-in
- Thursday 19th March : Yr. 6 Ben Kinsella Knife Crime Workshop
- Monday 30th March : Yr. 6 Warner Brothers Studio – Harry Potter Trip
- Thursday 2nd April : Arts Evening
- Friday 3rd April : Last Day of Term
- Monday 20th April : First Day of Summer Term

Assessments: please ensure your child's attendance.

May:KS1 National SATs month w/c 8th June:Year 1 Phonics screening and Year 2 resits
w/c 11th May:Year 6 National SATs week w/c 8th June:Year 4 Multiplication Tables check begins.

World Book Day

Eco Club and Eco Committee will be organising a costume swap in time for World Book Day. A flyer giving information and dates for swapping will be distributed shortly.

New Website

Look out for our redesigned website which will be going live after half term. All the latest news, events and school information on the website will also link to our mobile app.



Download the  **School Jotter** app from Google Play Store or Apple App Store and open the app. Ensure you enable push notifications so all updates will automatically be “pinged” to you. Type in our school name or postcode (RM13 9AA) and then select Rainham Village Primary School.

If you have any queries about using the website or the mobile app, please speak to Mrs Griffiths in the front office.

Activity Week “Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds”

We're having great fun this week experiencing lots of activities to help us stay physically and mentally well. The School would like to say a big thank you to **TESCO**, Rainham for their fabulous donations to help with all of our cooking/food activities. We also thank Brittons Academy for sharing their expertise in PE and Food Nutrition lessons, Mr Fall (Governor) for running cooking sessions, former staff Mrs Fall, Mrs Davey and Mrs Norman for teaching knitting skills, Mr Harrison (Paramedic) for showing us First Aid skills and all staff members who shared their talents during the week. I'm sure your children have been telling you all about their different experiences this week!!



Half Term

Remember Friday 14th February is an INSET Day, so pupils break up for half term at home time on Thursday 13th February 2020.

Thank you.

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Headteacher