



Dear all,

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. It is lovely to go around classes and see the children settling in so well, beginning their learning journeys in a new class and being role models of our school motto: *Be kind, try hard and do your best.* We are welcoming a number of new pupils which is always a joy, and the year promises to be an exciting one. Please support school in every way that you can this year **(ESPECIALLY READING AT HOME- SO IMPORTANT!)**

Around the school this week: We are delighted to announce our new kitchen refurbishments and also our wonderful new playground markings (a HUGE thank you to the PTFA Committee and all parents for fundraising for these). We also had a surprise first this week at school- an air ambulance using our field (for an incident not related to any of our staff or children). Well done to all pupils for being calm and so sensible.



Remember we are Sainsbury's Odd Down, Charity of the Year 2018/2019 to help raise extra funds for more outside play improvements. Please do get involved in the charity events throughout the coming year! **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

- 1) Meet the teacher:** Please come in and spend time next Friday afternoon (Friday 14th September) at 2:30pm till around 3pm (leaving before 3:15 so the children have time to get ready for hometime) to spend time in class on activities with your children. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our amazing staff, and see what the children are learning. The children really appreciate this- we hope as many as possible can come along (if you have more than one child, do feel free to visit other classes). Thank you.
- 2) IMPORTANT: YEAR 6 PARENTS ~** Transfer to Secondary School application letters are coming home today. Make sure you have yours, and you keep it in a safe place, as they have a unique ID number for your child's application. We are not allowed to know your child's unique ID and therefore we cannot issue another letter. **Closing date for Secondary applications for 2019/2020 is 31st October 2018.**
- 3) Optional dress-up day:** Next Thursday 13th September is Roald Dahl Day. As an option, your child may dress up as a Roald Dahl character if they wish (no pressure to- we understand it is very early in the term and therefore late notice!). Teachers may well be dressing up, so look out for that... And children in school will be having a special assembly on Dahl in the afternoon. **READING TIP: ESPECIALLY FOR OLDER KEY STAGE 1 AND KS2 CHILDREN, ROAL DAHL'S BOOKS ARE TIMELESS CLASSICS AND WELL WORTH SHARING WITH YOUR CHILDREN.**



4) **TUCASI ~ We use Tucasi as our text/email and payments provider.** We are having some technical difficulties with upgrading the system with our pupils new classes, therefore your on-line balance may be showing incorrect. Please bear with us while we work with Tucasi to sort out these problems. Thank you.

5) **DOODLEMATHS ~ Well Done and Congratulations to everyone who participated in and completed the Summer DoodleMaths Challenge ~ Keep up the great work!**
DOODLEMATHS has had an upgrade: Update your app to DoodleMaths 6.0 on all devices via your app store - there are new features and a new look and feel. Your child's data may not appear in the Parent Dashboard until you update.

"As of Thursday 6th September, midday, all App Stores except the Apple App Store have the new version. We anticipate that the Apple App Store will approve the new version within 48 hours. In the meantime, use DoodleMaths on the browser version www.doodlemaths.com/students/ rather than the old app. Thank you DoodleMaths."

6. **Good news!** Warm congratulations to Mrs Simmonds who is expecting a baby! I am sure you will all join us in wishing her the very, very best for an exciting new stage in life!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend (AND ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN EVERY DAY- IT IS NOT ONLY FUN, BUT MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE) from all the staff at St Martin's Garden Primary.

Community News



Ralph Allen School

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An Invitation to our 2018 Open Events

Open Evening

Thursday 27 September
6-8.30pm

Presentations by Andy Greenhough, Headteacher and senior staff in the hall at 6.15 and 7.15pm

live displays by students
interactive hands-on events
A chance to meet teachers in curriculum areas
tours with student guides

Open Morning

Tuesday 2 October
9-10.30am

A chance to meet Andy Greenhough, Headteacher and senior staff, and to see the school in action on a normal school day while you have a tour with a student guide.

Admissions and transport information

We generally take 180 pupils into Year 7 each September and have recently raised this number following parental requests for more places. If you would like a place at Ralph Allen School for your child, please make sure you list us as your highest preference school on the B&NES common application form. If a student qualifies for more than one school they will be offered their highest preference as stated on their application form.

For admissions enquiries please contact Mrs H Baker on admissions@ralphallenschool.com or 01225 838907

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