

Newsletter



Dear Staff, Governors, Parents and Carers,

This is my first newsletter to you all as Acting Deputy Head Teacher.

It is exciting to see so many children skipping happily into their new classes in the morning. The gate will open at 8.35 am in the morning and 3.10 pm in the afternoon and, unless circumstances do not allow me, I will be at the gate from Monday to Wednesday. I will be seeing my class (class 3) out to the playground on the other two days but can be available after 3.30 pm.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the front desk by email on admin@rettendon.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Adams



Thank you to everyone who has helped settle the children into their new classes: Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Teachers and LSAs etc.

Calling all year 6 parents

- **Year 6 – Secondary School Admissions.**

Admissions have advised us that they will no longer be sending letters to parents regarding making applications to secondary schools and that the responsibility is with the parent/carer to follow the application process online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions The deadline for applications is 31st October 2018.

More news in brief...

- The school calendar on the website has been populated for this term. www.rettendon.essex.sch.uk
- Any late changes to published dates will be tweeted so please remember to follow the school on twitter.
- We are a healthy eating school and request that the children enjoy a healthy snack at morning play and all sweets are handed out at the end of the day by the child or the parents in the playground. They should not be bought into school please.
- Party invites – we respectfully ask that all invites are dealt with in the same way as above, as everyone loves an invite but some children get upset when they don't receive one in class.
- It has been noted that several younger children are playing on the school apparatus after school. At this moment in time all the staff are dealing with their class and these children are unsupervised. Please keep your children safe by keeping them off of the apparatus.
- Earrings – we allow studs to be worn in school but the Essex policy is that all earrings should be taken out for PE lessons by the children. We understand that a group of children have had their ears pierced recently and are unable to take them out yet. To accommodate these children we will have an earring amnesty where up to half term the children can tape their earrings themselves for PE but after that we will be enforcing that they are taken out by the child.

I would be grateful if you could extend a warm Rettendon School welcome to new members of staff:
Mr Malcolm – Interim Headteacher – Monday PM and Thursday PM
Mrs Tang – Midday assistant
Mrs Burnett – Midday assistant/cleaner

Class ambassadors

After a successful first year we have decided to continue with the scheme.

The class ambassadors are:

Class 1 – Mrs Shaftain

Class 2 – Mrs Seymour

Class 3 – To be confirmed

Class 4 – Mrs Montgomery

Class 5 – Mrs Ride

There will be a slight change to the class ambassador system. Please continue to ask your class ambassador questions and they will collate them and send them to the school for answers. The school will send a reply to the class ambassadors to be forwarded to all Parents to ensure that everyone receives the same response. The change is a result of GDPR and the need for the school to be aware of all correspondence sent on its behalf.

For the system to be effective we require consent to use Parent's email addresses we hold on record. Therefore we would be grateful if you would inform us by **Friday 12th October 2018** if you do **NOT** give us consent to use the email address you supplied to the school for class information.

Thank you