



Newsletter

Harvest Festival

Yet again, your generosity was overwhelming! Contributions. We bagged up 73 bags for life of in Rainham. We are very proud of the children way. Thank you.



Feeding the Community

The front of our hall was full with your goodies to send on to Trussell Foodbank supporting their local community in this

Homework

As you are aware, we changed the format of our homework in the Summer Term and have continued with this into the Autumn Term. Our expectations are:



- **Reading** – a minimum of 4 days per week. Please ensure this is recorded and signed by an adult in Reading Records. This reading should reflect your child's ability and year group (e.g. a Reception child may "share" a book, looking at key words and a simple story through to a year 6 child would be expected to read a chapter (not just a page!))
- **Times Tables** – every child has a Timetable Rockstars login. Your child is expected to complete a minimum of an hour of this during the week (so, for example, young children may do 10 minutes daily, older children may do two half hour sessions) – other support will be given to those children not having home computer access. From Summer 2019 the government will be testing Year 4 children on all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Each class has a weekly times tables test.
- **Spellings** – The half term spelling list is sent home at the start of the half term, with weekly reminders of the words. They are also available on our website www.rainhamvillage.havering.sch.uk. Each class has a weekly spelling test.
- **Termly Homework Project** – Years 1-6 were expected to participate with a minimum of 2 sections (Year R will have the opportunity to join in next term!)

Thank you for working with us to ensure your children get the best out of the homework activities. We want to ensure that we give every child every opportunity to be the best that they can be.

In general, this term – we saw most children in Years 4-6 completing the project. Thank you and well done! We had 2 or 3 children in each class not participating. We saw some fabulous designs and pieces of work brought into school. We hope you had fun completing the projects!

However, I am concerned that we had on average a third of children in KS1 not completing any part of the projects – roughly 10 children in each class attempted nothing! I feel that a valuable opportunity for your child to have fun, sharing their learning at home was missed. The projects are an opportunity to develop your child's thinking skills and problem solving abilities – please help your child with this part of their homework. These skills are invaluable in becoming independent learners.



Conratulations to classes 3ER and 6KV – 100% – every single child in these 2 classes conducted their projects! Brilliant! What a fabulous achievement – they are agreeing a special treat with their teachers (who knows what it will be! Golden Time? Video film time? A party?).

Well done!

School Trips

Thank you for ensuring permission slips are in on time with monetary contributions. We have experienced 2 extremes with trips so far this term. The Year 6 Duxford Trip returned just before home time (and so some children who were expected to go straight home went to clubs!). In future, any child on a trip will be expected to follow the response on their reply slip (i.e. either be dismissed to go home alone at the designated time, or wait to be collected at the designated time). Secondly, the Year 3 Colchester Zoo Trip had a 2½ hour delay as the coach broke down on the A12 (what an adventure!). Thank you to the children and staff who were very patient whilst the engineer repaired the coach (and a replacement coach was also sent!) and thank you to all parents for returning at 6.15pm to meet them.



We “Groupcall” to keep parents updated by text – it came to light that some parents did not get the message as they hadn’t given us updated mobile phone numbers! Please ensure you always update contact numbers with our secretaries who will ensure our data information system has the correct contact information for you in an emergency.



Playground Behaviour

Sorry – but this is about the behaviour of ADULTS in our playground! Please remember, the minute you come through the gates, you are in a children’s playground in a school. Please try not to hold mobile phone conversations – where you may forget where you are and we hear some inappropriate comments/language.



NO ADULT should be approaching another family’s child or talking about other children in a malicious manner. You are adults and they are children! If a child did this to another child, you would be saying it’s bullying – as adults we/you should know better!

So please, if you have a concern or worry, come in to talk to us directly, do not try to sort it out for yourself by approaching children. THINK about how to conduct yourself on site. I would prefer not to have to inform the Local Authority or Police that I have had to ban any parent/relative for inappropriate behaviour.

To finish on a more positive note! Thank you for all your lovely comments at Parents Evenings. We had 98% attendance by parents – thank you.



Thank you for supporting Children in Need on Friday. The children contributed £418.48 towards the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

Christmas begins shortly! The FoRV hope to organise some Christmas discos for the children. Details to follow.

Christmas concerts all start at **9.15am** on the following dates:

Wednesday 5th December: Yr 6 & 6/5PM

Thursday 6th December: Yr 5

Friday 7th December: Yr 4

Tuesday 11th December: Yr 3

Wednesday 12th December: Yr 2

Wednesday 12th December: Nursery 11am / 2.45pm

Thursday 13th December: Yr 1

Friday 14th December: Yr R



We hope you can join us.

Last day of term is Wednesday 19th December 2018.

First day of Spring term is Monday 7th January 2019.

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