

Newsletter



'Do the right thing to be the best you can be'...

16th December 2021

Message to All from Chair of Trustees

Hello everyone,

Having made it to the end of a very difficult year with regard to our national lockdown and the COVID-19 impact on the school community, I just wanted to offer my thanks to the Ryders Hayes' Family and the way we have all worked together to provide the best for our children. In true Ryders Hayes' style, we have risen to these challenges and explored ways to make the impossible possible with the children's best interest at heart.

COVID-19 has touched us all both personally and professionally and continues to be a consideration as we go about our daily lives. With increasing numbers of the population being vaccinated and now receiving their booster jabs; we continue to work our way through the pandemic and see what it holds for us going into the new year.

To parents, I would like to say how much we have appreciated all your support, encouragement and co-operation during the year. You have been very positive about our approach to ensure that all children are safe and well cared for. You have shown understanding as Senior Leaders have had to act swiftly and make further changes, to numerous government directives. Thank you for the way you have embraced new routines and ways of working that needed to be adopted.

To our children, you have been fantastic. You have been resilient, enthusiastic and willing to engage in your learning, whether remote or in school. You have embraced a vast array of activities during this year including Stone Age Day, the SMILE puppet family joining Early Years, the celebration of Black History Month, raising money for 'Children in Need,' with the BBC as well as lots of Christmas events from jumpers, dinners and raffles! I was particularly touched by your response to Children's Grief Week and the postcards you took time to produce. I have enjoyed reading the weekly newsletter celebrating your successes and spotlights of what each year group have been up to! I attended the Remembrance Day Service which was very respectful to those who have lost their lives and reminded us of how we need to value each other going forward. We also remembered Jackie Ludlow who had worked in the school for 40 years by inviting her family members to celebrate her life with us, plant a shrub and put up a plaque in the school playground as a memorial. The Carol Service on Tuesday was delightful and enjoyed by all and we were able to sing this year with a band in place.

To our staff, you have shown such professionalism and dedication and continue always to provide the best educational experiences possible for our children. Despite having to respond to constant change, you have risen to the challenge with great optimism, and this is much appreciated. The school continues to offer a vibrant and exciting learning environment. I commend the creative ways, you have worked within Covid-19 regulations, so children still get the best experiences possible. We say goodbye to Mrs Garbett and thank her for all her hard work during her time at school and wish her well in her future adventures.

To our Leaders, Mrs Miner, Mrs Paul and all senior leaders you have been determined, positive and unrelenting in your leadership ensuring that only the best is good enough for our children. The school has continued to go from strength to strength under your leadership. With our fantastic news in February 2021 about being the Primary Strategic Partner for Manor Teaching School Hub, this continued our exciting journey to 'be the best we can be,' for the whole school community and has given us the opportunity to support schools across Walsall, Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire. This shows well deserved recognition for the high-quality provision our school offers and continues to demonstrate how outstanding our school is!

To our trustees, a big thank you for all their support and guidance. Trustees have been able to undertake their link roles by talking with staff via phone or online and this has been great. Like everyone, trustees have really missed being in the school. We can't wait to get back!

Enjoy the Christmas holidays and take care of one another.

Look forward to welcoming you all back to school in Spring Term 2022.

Kind Regards

Mrs. Beirne

Chair of Trustees



Goodbye and best wishes

Today Mrs Garbett, leaves us to start a new chapter in her life and explore the adventures that await as she takes a career break. Mrs Garbett, joined Ryders Hayes in 2015, leading Science across the school and was soon lined-up to drive Oracy, as our golden-thread, linking the whole curriculum together. Throughout Mrs Garbett's time at Ryders she has enthused and inspired children to love reading and championed the development of their voice as young citizens, delivered 'Talk-time' assemblies, facilitated Ryders Readers Club, led the developments of the School Library with a team of trusty young volunteers, organised our whole school World Book Days, with exciting assemblies and activities alongside many other memorable moments.

We wish Mrs Garbett all the best for her next chapter, and hope to see her around school in her capacity as a parent.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Flynn as 4G class teacher, who is already known to the school, and has worked with Mrs Garbett over the last few days to ensure the children have a smooth transition.



SPOTLIGHT

What have our year groups been focusing on this week and what the focus is next week....?



Year 1 have enjoyed writing about the Polar Express this week. They are using lots of adjectives. They have also heard the Christmas Story and loved making their own book of this.

We have also had fun doing Christmas crafts and Christmas themed Maths

We will be learning all about the Geography of our school. We will be making maps of our school. Can you find out about where you live? What is in your local area?

Year 2 have had a wonderful time getting into the Christmas spirit by taking part in Christmas festivities. Year 2 have enjoyed making Christmas cards, calendars and completing Christmas themed English and Maths.

In History, we will be learning about Significant People in our past and present. What does significant mean? Who is significant to you? Why are they significant to you?



Year 3 have enjoyed taking part in Christmas festivities this week including making Christmas Cards, calendars and parties.

We will be learning all about Ancient Egypt and what they believed about life and death.

We have enjoyed getting festive this week in Year 4! We have produced beautiful cards for our families, taken part in the school Carol Service and written imaginatively, based on an old John Lewis advert. Ask your child about The Man on the Moon!

In the new year we will be reading our new book, 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'. Based on this story, we will be producing some setting descriptions, writing an adventure story and finding out all about faeries!



We have enjoyed using our artistic skills to create calendars. We have also been learning about perimeter in Maths and we performed our Haiku poems about the book Farther to children in Year 2.

We will be reading 'The Railway Children' in our English lessons and creating some lovely pieces of writing based on the text.

We have enjoyed reading, 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens and learning about archaic language and how to write a character description through dialogue. We have also been creating calendars based on the four seasons and used wax crayons for our Christmas cards.

We will be reading 'The Highwayman' in our English lessons and unpicking the structure of a ballad.





Christmas Fun!



Merry
Christmas



New Guidance

Anyone aged 5 years and over, who has been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 and who is not legally required to self-isolate, is now strongly advised to take a rapid lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days or until 10 days since their last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier. If any of these LFD tests are positive they should self-isolate in order to protect other people.

The public health advice for people with symptoms of, or a positive test result for COVID-19 remains the



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REMINDER

Inset Day - 4th January 2022

Children return to school - 5th January 2022

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 520.23
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely
John
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ 11,340.00

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We wish each and every one of you all the joy of the season. May you be able to celebrate the holidays with those closest to you, and come back rested and reinvigorated for an exciting new year ahead, full of hope and possibilities.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5th January, after our Staff Training Day on 4th January, 2022.



Merry Christmas from

***Sally Miner, Jaz Paul, Lou Deeley and the the Ryders Hayes Team
XXX***



Mrs Miner



Mrs Paul



Mrs Deeley



Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good. It can help your body and mind to relax, drift away, or be more energised



Winter Mental Health and Wellbeing calendar

Themes:

Winter health and well being

Keep healthy in the winter months

Support you mood during winter

Activities:

[Winter Wellbeing Toolkit : Mentally Healthy Schools](#)

www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2020/december/6-ways-to-support-children-s-mental-health-this-winter/

www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/autumn-winter-wellbeing-activity-checklist-and-wellbeing-journal-resource-pack-t-lf-2549514

https://youtu.be/uzsoR9mf_A0

Themes:

The big garden birdwatch weekend.

Utilise outdoor activities to improve you mood and wellbeing.

Family fun you can all enjoy.

Activities:

www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/

www.birdfood.co.uk/the-big-garden-birdwatch

www.careuk.com/company/care-uk-campaigns/bird-watch/7-therapeutic-benefits-of-birdwatching

<https://youtu.be/h29z-l3XTIk>

Themes:

Children's mental health week

The importance of good mental health and wellbeing

Building confidence and self esteem

Activities

www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/children-s-mental-health-week/

www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/brain-injury-information/latest/childrens-mental-health-week-2021?gclid=CjwKCAiAhreNBhAYEiwAFGGKPGx_6y4Q-BgD-ubXBPKNrsowf1ly

<https://youtu.be/1-d6Qm1feZE>

Foodbank Christmas / New Year opening and closing dates

Ablewell Advice

Ablewell St
WS1 2EQ
Bus: 77, 5, 637, 934, 935

info@ablewelladvice.org.uk

Christmas Eve Friday 24th - 10am - 2pm

Christmas Day 25th - closed

Monday 27th December - Closed

Wednesday 29th - open 10am - 2pm

Friday 31st - Open 10am - 2pm

Saturday 1st - closed

The Rock Church

Lichfield House
27-31 Lichfield St
WS1 1TE
Bus: **Any bus to a Walsall bus station, then a 6 min walk**
01922 630205
Monday 12pm till 3pm

Wednesday 12-3pm

Thomas Project

196H Walsall Wood Rd
WS9 8HB
Bus: **7, 7a, 8, 35E**
office@thethomasproject.co.uk
01922 452213
Wednesday 10- 1pm 22nd and 29th Dec

Back to normal January 2022

The Lamp Brownhills

Brownhills Community Centre
Chester Road North,
WS8 7JW

01543 452119
Tuesday 11- 1pm

Thursday 11 - 1pm

Walsall North Foodbank - Pelsall Methodist Church CLOSED Christmas Eve

Pelsall Methodist Church,
Chapel Street
WS3 4LN
info@walsallnorth.foodbank.org.uk
01922 445802
Tuesday 11-1pm 21st Dec and 28th Dec

Friday 1-3pm 31st Dec

Walsall Humanity First uk -Walsall Saddlers Centre open as normal

0300 561 0088

Website is ;
walsall@uk.humanityfirst.org
Monday 27th 10-12pm

Tuesday 28th 10-12pm

Wednesday 29th 10-12pm

Thursday 30th 10-12pm





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5-11 Programme Code: Y576

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