

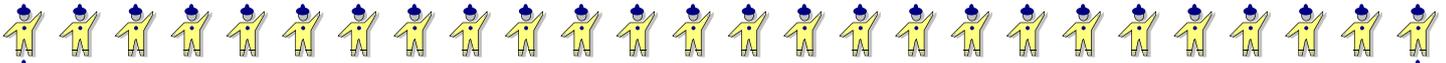


Welcome Back



Friday 4th September 2020

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



We're back!!!!

It was a sight to behold on Wednesday morning, to see 466 beaming faces (or at least most of them) walking confidently into school – some of them for the first time in 5 months and others for the very first time, to be greeted by 60 slightly older, happy faces of the Ryders Hayes staff, who were equally delighted to be back!

We've had a very successful week. The school learning environment looks fresh; exciting and inviting. School is a happy, calm and positive place to be; children are learning, our COVID-secure systems and protocols are being reviewed and refined on a daily basis and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Our only plea is that all parents adhere to the protocols we have put in place for everyone's safety, including being prompt for collection and drop off- and that they do literally just that – *drop, or collect and go!* There has been some considerable congestion on the pavements, where we would ask that parents try to keep walkways free of cars and vans parked illegally and also that they do not congregate for a catch-up, as socially distancing should be in place here too.

Thank you to the vast majority of our parents, who have read all the guidance and protocols from school and are doing everything they can to help us all to stay safe.

We look forward to welcoming you all back next week as we embed the routines of the school day and a little more normality.

Have a good weekend!

Sally Miner and Jaz Paul



¡Bienvenido!

A big welcome to Español at Ryders Hayes and our new Spanish Teacher Señora Holmes.

All children from Year 3 to Year 6 have made an excellent start to our new language, showing lots of enthusiasm!



¡Muy bien!



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Coronavirus Tests

Public Health England and the NHS Test and Trace have written to schools asking that staff and parents/ carers take a sensible approach to those with sore throats so as to avoid local test and trace capacity being overloaded. Demand in Scotland rose exponentially when schools returned due to people who felt unwell but without COVID-19 symptoms.

The letter states that *“crucial to our overall support for schools and colleges is ensuring that everyone with coronavirus symptoms has access to a test as soon as they develop those symptoms. It is vital that we learn from the recent Scottish experience, where the return of schools saw a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms”*.

“We want to avoid a similar surge in test demand as England’s schools and colleges return to ensure that we continue to prioritise our testing capacity for those with symptoms and to avoid children, students and their families self-isolating unnecessarily”.

The letter states pupils and staff should only be tested if they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms, or if instructed to by a healthcare provider. The three main symptoms are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss of taste or smell. There is also “no need” for full households to also have a test, unless they are also symptomatic, the guidance states.

The letter goes on to say *“as schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don’t need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual*. The full letter can be accessed via the [link](#).

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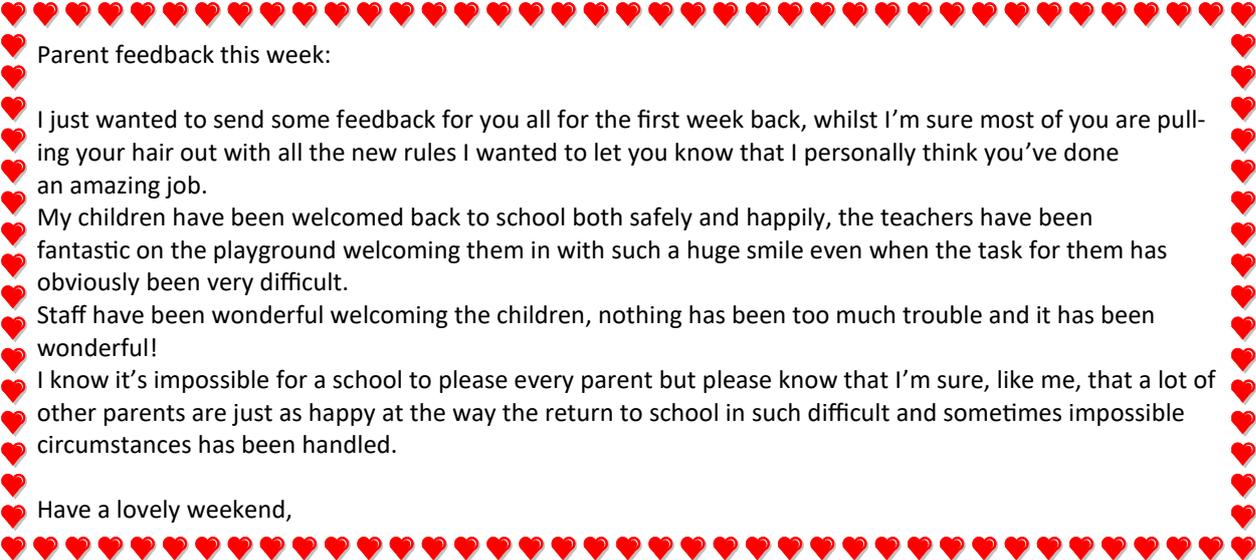


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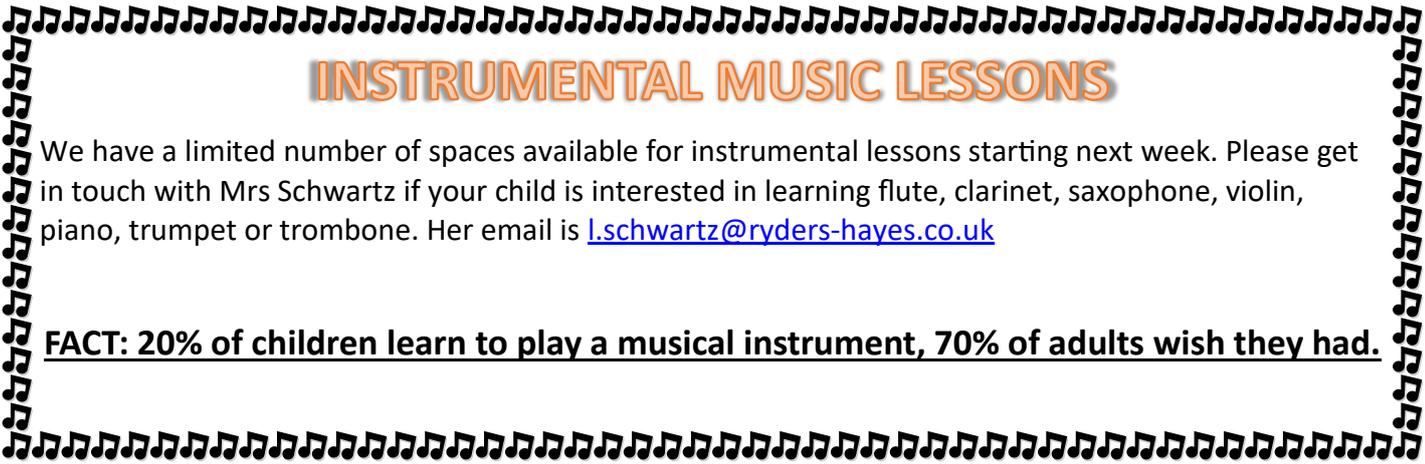
Grateful thanks to Waitrose, Lichfield for their kind donation of **£333** to purchase Books to support grief and loss for our Bereavement Support Station and our children in school Thank you to their customers for voting for our cause.



Parent feedback this week:

I just wanted to send some feedback for you all for the first week back, whilst I'm sure most of you are pulling your hair out with all the new rules I wanted to let you know that I personally think you've done an amazing job.
My children have been welcomed back to school both safely and happily, the teachers have been fantastic on the playground welcoming them in with such a huge smile even when the task for them has obviously been very difficult.
Staff have been wonderful welcoming the children, nothing has been too much trouble and it has been wonderful!
I know it's impossible for a school to please every parent but please know that I'm sure, like me, that a lot of other parents are just as happy at the way the return to school in such difficult and sometimes impossible circumstances has been handled.

Have a lovely weekend,



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

We have a limited number of spaces available for instrumental lessons starting next week. Please get in touch with Mrs Schwartz if your child is interested in learning flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, piano, trumpet or trombone. Her email is l.schwartz@ryders-hayes.co.uk

FACT: 20% of children learn to play a musical instrument, 70% of adults wish they had.



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As you may be aware, Soccer Aid has been rescheduled for Sunday 6th September. With the current situation and us only just returning to school, it is far too soon to do any fundraising. Despite this please talk to your children about Soccer Aid and remind them that the football charity game is taking place this Sunday.

The link to the Soccer Aid website is- <https://www.socceraid.org.uk/>



“Soccer Aid for Unicef is the world’s biggest celebrity football match, raising money to give kids the best start in life. But around the world, coronavirus is disrupting everything – it’s closing schools, stopping babies getting vital vaccines, increasing the risks of domestic violence and making life in disaster zones even tougher. This year we will come together and Play for Generation Covid.”



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PE Lessons

On the day your child has PE your child should arrive at school in their PE Kit and trainers. They will then stay in their PE Kit all day. As the days are now growing cooler we advise that they wear their **winter PE Kit (Navy Sweatshirt and Jogging Bottoms)**. This is regardless of whether PE takes place inside or out as the school will have all the windows open at all times to follow Government guidance in keeping the school well ventilated.

We would also recommend that on a non PE day all children wear their school jumpers / cardigans for the same reason as stated above.

PE:

Reception—Monday

Year 1—Wednesday

Year 2—Tuesday

Year 3—Thursday

Year 4—Friday

Year 5—Thursday

Year 6—Friday



It has been great to see the children back in school and wearing their uniform with pride. We do need to remind you re jewellery and accessories.....

Jewellery is not part of our school uniform. A wrist watch may be worn and **plain earring studs**, although these must be removed on the days your child does PE.

Nail varnish is not allowed. Girls who wish to wear hair tied back must have ribbons and bands in school colours (blue or maroon). School does not allow extreme hair styles, this is detailed in the school Uniform Policy that can be found on the school website.

Should any family be struggling with the purchase of uniform due to changes at home as a result of COVID, please give Mr McDonald a call on 01922 683008

Thank you



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The Government have issued the advice below on car-sharing



DfE advice re: Car sharing

You should try not to share a vehicle with those outside your household or support bubble. If you need to do this, try to:

- ◆ share the transport with the same people each time
- ◆ keep to small groups of people at any one time
- ◆ open windows for ventilation
- ◆ travel side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow
- ◆ face away from each other
- ◆ consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle
- ◆ clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products - make sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch
- ◆ ask the driver and passengers to [wear a face covering](#)

A reminder re parking:

Please do not park on the lines outside of school.

The following cars have been parked inconsiderately outside the school this week and complaints have been made:

OY65 WSD

EJ07 LMU

Walsall Council are being informed of any inconsiderate / illegal parking.

