



Parent Newsletter

5th January 2010.

Happy New Year!

Well 2010 is here at last! For many 2009 was difficult with the pressures of the recession. Predictions are that 2010 will start off as difficult as we finally get over the consequences. We hope everyone has a better year and we all have a year of good tidings!

I have spoken to all the children about sensible shoes and not leaving their coats indoors. Also about sliding in the cold weather. Of course children will slide, any ice or hard frost is just too much to resist! So I have stressed if they choose to ignore advice not to slide, they will fall over and yes it will hurt!

Having experienced the dreadful display of driving that took place on the evening of the 17th December, it is also worthwhile considering that traffic will need to be watched on the way to school. It is easy for drivers to break too severely and go into a skid. Many of our pavements do not have a large enough kerb to stop a car and an accident can happen.

Finally, many of you will be surprised we closed on the 18th December. This is not usual for Rayleigh Primary School! Sadly, we were sabotaged, as the radio announced our closure several times without permission, forcing us to close. Please note if the school is closed we will inform you by text message to avoid confusion.

PTA Fund Raising.

The Christmas Bazaar raised a total of £1,138.53, a terrific effort by all those involved. Well done to the PTA! I know the PTA are keen to keep developing and creating more opportunities to raise funds for the school. They were very happy to have enough parents to cover the Key Stage 2 disco this year. I hope this signals greater numbers of parents prepared to get involved and support the PTA. I know Mrs Ewing is already hatching new plans to raise money!

Dates For Your Diary.

Half Term - 15th Feb - 19th Feb inclusive

INSET Days - 22nd & 23rd Feb

Easter Holiday - 2nd April - 16th April inclusive

Half Term - 31st May - 4th June inclusive

Summer Holiday - 22nd July - 31st August inclusive

aire, which raised the need to think more creatively about clubs, and we involved Premier Sports as a result, I would be grateful for your responses to the following. Please tick the yes or no box and then add any comments at the end.

School In General

Question	Yes	No
Does your child enjoy coming to school?		
Does your child take part in any school clubs?		
Does your child talk to a teacher or other adult when they have a problem?		
Do you talk to teachers at the start or end of the day?		
Do you feel comfortable making an appointment with the school to discuss a problem?		
Do you believe the school to be doing its best for your child?		
Do you believe the school is a safe place?		

Teaching and Learning. Please answer these for your child's current class.

Do you think you child get enough homework asking them to practice work they have already covered in class?		
Do you think your child gets enough finding out homework like the three research projects?		
Do you think your child does enough challenging work in their class?		
Do you think there is a good balance between English, Maths and other subjects in your child's class?		
Do you think your child makes enough progress in their class?		
Do you think your child learns by different strategies or styles in their class?		
Do you think your child gets enough rewards for doing well in their class?		

We are looking at school dinners once again. It is becoming harder and harder to keep this service going as only 50 children take up the service, so please talk to your child about the following.

Does your child have school dinners at any time?		
Does your child have school dinners three times a week or more?		
Would you tell your child to have school dinner even if they wanted packed lunch?		
Do you think packed lunch is better because you know your child will eat it?		
Is it easier to give your child a packed lunch?		
Is it cheaper to give your child a packed lunch?		

Please comment below.

What would make your child have school dinners?	
What would improve your child's learning?	
How could the school be made safer?	
Anything else?	



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