

Rayleigh Primary

Parent Newsletter



1st November 2007.

Playtimes.

Obviously as the cold months arrive we ask that children bring suitable clothes and shoes to school. We know children always take off coats when they get warm and to stave off the growing lost property collection, we ask that names are put in all items of clothing.

On other matters we notice a large number of gameboy style, handheld computers coming into school. In principle we do not wish to ban them but remind parents they should know and approve of all toys the children bring in for playtimes. Remember we expect toys brought into school to suffer accidents and as a school we take the stance that the responsibility always lies with the owner for bringing the toy to school. I am told some of these consoles are in excess of £100 to buy and the games cost extra. Please ensure you know what your child is bringing to school for playtime.

Finally, we are finding some of our year groups are not staying within the school practice for football. Children are expected to play in their year groups. We know when children play in mixed year group matches the older children inevitably hurt the younger children in tackles. I ask that you take the time to tell your child that these guidelines are for their own safety and when they forget a football not to join in with older children.

School Dinners.

We are currently running at very low school dinner numbers. As the cold months arise we believe we will see an increase in school dinner numbers. Just in case some parents have forgotten the school lunch menu, I have included it on the back of this newsletter. I have been informed of a change to the menu for Week One on Wednesday and Week Three on Monday. Instead of the stir fry option, there will be a pizza option. The pizza will be either Cheese and Tomato or Vegetarian replacing both Turkey and Vegetarian Stir Fry respectively. The replacement on Monday Week Three is Shepherd's Pie.

Week One starts next week – 5th November.

Parent Evenings

Our Parent Evenings are coming quickly, these ten minute slots enable teacher to inform you of the targets for your child in the coming year.

We remind all parents that you are welcome to book a longer time to discuss any specific matter regarding your child by contacting the office.

We hope that combined with the teachers coming out with their class at the end of the day this gives plenty of opportunity for you to know how your child is getting on at school.

Please look out for the new report format on your visit to the school. We have changed the report in the light of the parental survey asking for less generic curriculum information towards a more personal report reflecting the effort your child makes. We hope we have got it about right.