

Rayleigh Primary



Parent Newsletter

15th September 2011.

Welcome Back.

It is super to see everyone back and happy. As we start our new academic year we will be focusing on those things that make us proud to be here. Our first assembly award is for the smartest school uniform and already sees children bristling with pride.

Our Summer Improvements

We have tried to complete the refurbishment of the old kitchen during the summer holidays. Sadly, this has not finished in time but we hope it will all be completed in the next two weeks. We have aspirations for this space and hope to use it before, after and during school for a variety of activities.

New carpets and new wet areas are in the Year 1 and Year 3 classrooms which have lifted the atmosphere in these rooms.

Finally some more ground work has been achieved. All in all a good piece of summer work.

The Coming Year.

This year we are looking pragmatically at our school calendar. It seems the pressure to achieve more in a set time has reached a point where we need to try to change how we work. As a result we will be spacing out events in the school year. For example, in preparation for the raft of Olympic events we are being asked to contribute to in the summer term, we are discussing changing Sports Days. School trips are being spread throughout the year instead of concentrating in the Summer Term. The future of swimming galas is still dependent on the Governor meeting this term. Having spoken to other schools in the area, our swimming involves more children and is much cheaper than taking children to a larger pool. (£8 per week in one case!) I have also been told of one school selecting a team of older children, and only swim those children in preparation for the interschool gala. This is another consideration and may help with our eventual decision.

FRENCH COMPETITION ENTRY

Child's Name Class.....

I give permission for my child to take part in the PGL trip to France if they are a winner of the poster competition.

Signature..... Parent/guardian Date.....