

8th November 2024

Rayleigh Primary Newsletter

Website



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your feedback via the Google form shared at Parents' Evening and on the newsletter. We have collated the responses and have included a summary at the end of this newsletter.

One change we have already made as a result of some parent feedback is that we are opening the reception outdoor area as a quiet space for reception children who might find the 'big' playground overwhelming. We are beginning to get ready for Christmas at RPS! Please be advised that we can only offer limited tickets due to capacity and the booking form links are here:

[Nursery/Reception,](#)

[Key Stage One,](#)

[Year 3 and 4](#)

[Year 5 and 6](#)

The Halloween Disco raised an incredible £1062.92, so thank you very much! More information will be coming soon about Elfridges - a Christmas shopping event held at school by FoRPS. We are pleased to say that we will also be decorating a tree for 'Tree Fest' this year, funded by FoRPS. The children have been hard at work at Mrs Ballieul's (our Art lead) request, making decorations! The tree can be visited, among others, between Thursday 28th November and Sunday 1st December at Holy Trinity Church. Have a super weekend.

Meet the Assistant Headteachers

We realised at Parents' Evening that we had not introduced ourselves to many of you. We thought it might be useful to put a 'face to the name'!

Far left - Mrs Bache is our SENCo and is also working closely with the early years team - working on our nursery and early years provision.

Middle - Mr Leeman takes the lead on safeguarding, behaviour, assessment and PE. He works closely with our KS2 team.

Far right - Mrs Pettifer works with student teachers and those early in their career, leads mathematics and works closely with the KS1 Team.

All of us are happy to help!



Updates

- Is your child due to start reception in September? Applications are now open and the statutory national closing date is **15 January 2025** - please use this link: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.
- Our swimming teacher is setting up private swimming lessons. She has opened bookings for baby and pre-school swimming lessons - [here](#).
- There are a number of free parenting courses available via ACL - advertised [here](#).
- The Rayleigh Christmas lights switch on is coming up - [here](#) are all the details.
- The National College produces some excellent guidance for parents; here is this week's bulletin, including top tips about [respect](#).
- School's for Every Child are looking for volunteers to showcase their career for a morning on 27th February. Please fill out [this form](#) to offer your help.
- FACE have released their [newsletter](#) and [course dates](#).

Diary Dates

Upcoming dates:

13.11.24 - Flu immunisations

15.11.24 - KS2 Basketball at Waterside, Children in need - **non-school uniform, £1 donation via school money please.**

20.11.24 - KS2 Tag Rugby at Canvey Rugby Club

28.11.24 - Rayleigh Christmas Lights switch on, Tree Fest begins - Holy Trinity Church.

2.12.24 - Pantomime at Towngate Theatre (Y1 - Y6)

3.12.24 - KS2 Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church

10.12.24 and 11.12.24 - Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performances (see booking links on the left of the newsletter)

12.12.24 - Christmas lunch EYFS/KS1

13.12.24 - Christmas lunch KS2.

18. 12. 24 - Christmas Jumper Day.

20.12.24 - Last day of term

23.12.24 - 3.1.25 - Christmas Break

Attendance

As you will be aware, the Government has updated their statutory guidance for school attendance.

[Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

This week's class winners are:

1st Place - Dragonflies

2nd Place - Beryl

3rd Place - Amber

Well done! Keep it up!

RAYLEIGH PRIMARY PARENT SURVEY - OCTOBER 2024

Respecting ourselves, others and our future.

Thank you so much for your feedback. We take all feedback seriously, and will be acting on this to make improvements in order to provide the best possible environment for your children to thrive. Watch this space!

MY CHILD IS **HAPPY** AT THIS SCHOOL



There were 90 parents surveyed, and all of them agreed or strongly agreed that their child felt happy at Rayleigh Primary School.

MY CHILD FEELS **SAFE** AT THIS SCHOOL.



Of 90 responses, 87 agreed or strongly agreed. Two responses said they did not know and one disagreed.

THE SCHOOL MAKES SURE IT'S PUPILS ARE **WELL BEHAVED**



Of 90 parents surveyed, 80 agreed or strongly agreed. There were 7 parents who stated they did not know, and 3 who disagreed.

MY CHILD HAS NOT BEEN **BULLIED** OR THE SCHOOL DEALT WITH THE BULLYING QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY.



Of 90 parents surveyed, 61 said their child had not experienced bullying. There were 6 parents who did not know. 20 parents agreed or strongly agreed and 3 disagreed.

MY CHILD **DOES WELL** AT THIS SCHOOL



Of 90 parents surveyed, there were 86 who strongly agreed or agreed. There were 2 blank responses, 1 parent who didn't know and 1 who disagreed.

THE SCHOOL **MAKES ME AWARE** OF WHAT MY CHILD WILL LEARN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



Of 90 parents surveyed, 85 strongly agreed or agreed. One parent disagreed, and four said they did not know.

THE SCHOOL LETS ME KNOW HOW MY CHILD IS DOING.



Of 90 parents surveyed, 82 strongly agreed or agreed. 3 parents said they did not know and 5 disagreed.

MY CHILD HAS **SEND**, AND THE SCHOOL GIVES THEM THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED.



Of the 10 parents who responded to say their child had SEND, 9 strongly agreed or agreed with this statement.

WHEN I HAVE RAISED A **CONCERN**, THE SCHOOL DEALS WITH IT PROPERLY.



Of 90 parents surveyed, 60 said they had raised a concern. Of these, 55 agreed or strongly agreed that it had been dealt with properly.

THERE IS A GOOD **RANGE OF SUBJECTS, CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES** AVAILABLE TO MY CHILD AT THIS SCHOOL.



Of 90 parents surveyed, 77 strongly agreed or agreed. There were 7 parents who did not know or did not respond and 6 who disagreed.