

8th January 2016



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year. I hope that you have enjoyed the Christmas holidays with your families. It has been great to see everyone back in school, refreshed and ready to tackle the new year.

We would like to welcome Miss Kelly who joins our team to teach Year 3 as well as the two children who have joined us from another school this week.

We have made a few changes to the timetable to make sure that learning time is maximized and that the school day is set up efficiently and productively. This will mean slightly different break times in the morning and an additional playtime for the children in Key Stage 1 in the afternoon. Thank you for your support in ensuring that children are punctual each morning; we have seen a huge improvement which is making the children's start to each day much calmer.

Attached, you will find **newsletters** from each class outlining some of the exciting and interesting learning activities planned for the term ahead. We continue to be very grateful for your ongoing support and interest in our learning. If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher at the end of the school day or by email.

Ben Rhydding now has a **Twitter** account <https://twitter.com/BenRhyddingPS>. We will be posting pictures and information regularly to help you see some of the great things that are taking place in school. Please do log in/sign up on your computer,



tablet or phone to keep up to date with events and celebrations. Children's names will not be publicised by school under any circumstances. If you do not give consent for photos of your child to be on the feed, please inform the office in writing by the end of Monday 11th January 2016.

We wish Mr. Fletcher the best of luck with his operation this week and a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing him back in school soon.

Kind regards

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LEARNING HEROES

Year 1

Matilda Lloyd

For being thoughtful & enthusiastic. She tries her best and has a super resilient attitude

Year 2

Oliver Craggs

For doing his best with a big smile

Year 3

Mihai Vaslie

For being well behaved and more confident in his English

Year 4

Finlay Graggs

For showing excellent team work and always having a positive attitude

Year 5

Adam Leather

For being more focussed and managing distractions

Year 6

Tom Archibald

For being an enthusiastic person who helps to inspire and bring hope to those around him

Reception

Jasmine Bearpark

For making an excellent start to the new school term

Is it a Bird? Is it a Plane?



The policing team were in school to investigate a bizarre phenomenon this week when strange items were found in the garden to the front of school. **Year 5 and 6** children were first on the scene to investigate the remains of an unidentified object. What a great start to the new Space topic! The children were thoroughly engrossed in their findings and have experiences from which to base their new learning. Great work everyone.



Who were the **Wright brothers**? We have had a super time making and trialling paper planes. Do we have future inventors in our midst?

Year 2 have been equally wowed by their new learning based on flight and travel.



Dates for the diary:

Class Assembly List

Year 3 Friday 15th January
Year 4 Friday 5th February
Year 2 Friday 4th March
Year 1 Friday 18th March

Parents are invited to attend their class assembly and refreshments will be served afterwards. The children are keen to share and present their learning successes.

- Friday 22nd January 2016 - PTA Quiz Night
- Saturday 23rd January 2016 – provision date for Ben Rhydding Cross Country.

Girls' after-school Football Club – Mondays

The girls' after-school football club will recommence on MONDAY 14TH JANUARY, at the usual time.

Upstagers Peter Pan Pantomime 22nd – 30th January. Tickets 0333 666 33 66

Please come to support this pantomime. There are a few performers from Ben Rhydding Primary School in it.