

# NEWSLETTER 10TH SEPTEMBER 2021

## RALEIGH INFANT & ADMIRALS ACADEMY



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, done to all of the children this week they have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. We have been

focussing on our school values in assembly and in class and the children have been demonstrating their kindness to each other and have been wonderful Kindness Warriors! Behaviour across both schools has been exemplary!

I am pleased to announce Mr Nelson Pascoa has been appointed as Site Manager but sadly, we say goodbye to Mr Harvey Raven. We would all like to thank Mr Raven for his dedication and hard work. He will be sadly missed, but we wish him well on his new adventures.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Girling who has re-joined us at Admirals in the office in her role as PA. Welcome back Mrs Girling!

The infants will provide their curriculum information next week.

Have a lovely weekend and I hope we have some sunshine!

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### Attendance

**Good school attendance remains a key aspect of a child's ability to achieve well at school.**

We expect our children to achieve at least 96% attendance within the academic year. If a child misses 8 days of school they will fall below 96% attendance.

Children who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than children who do not have regular attendance.

Help your child to succeed by ensuring that they attend school regularly.

Good school attendance also means arriving into school on time and ready to start lessons alongside all of the other children.

Would you switch the TV on 10 minutes after the start of your favourite TV programme every day? No! because you would have missed the plot and would not know what was happening.

Don't do the same thing with your child's learning.

If your child is late into class this not only affects their learning, but also interrupts the rest of the class, which in turn affects the whole class learning.

Children should be in their classes and ready to start work at 8.30am each day. The gates open at 8.20am each day to allow this to happen.

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

## YEAR 3 - WHAT IS THERE TO DISCOVER IN EUROPE?

Our topic this half term is all about Europe. To engage the children, we will create passports (including capital cities) to cross off during learning throughout the unit of work. We will be identifying countries and describing the weather in different places in Europe. We will be making maps and sharing presentations of our learning. We shall focus closely on Paris and we shall research its economy, life-style and culture.

## Year 4 & 5 - Who wants to be King?

Our topic this term is all about the fight to become King of England. We shall go back to the time of James I and explore the Union of Crowns. We shall examine the gunpowder plot and what went wrong. We shall look at Charles I and the Puritans and explain the causes of the Civil War.

## Year 6 – How important was the Industrial Revolution?

Our topic this half term is all about the Industrial Revolution. Our Engage activity will be to visit the Ancient House Museum. We shall immerse into the 19th Century and discover the impact of key technologies of the time. We shall 'meet' people from the time and explore their way of life. Our work will include the invention of the steam engine, working conditions and the positive and negative impacts of the changes. Our artwork will focus on the artist L. S. Lowry reflecting the hustle and bustle of an industrial city.

### Family Support Worker



Mrs Bramley is the Family Support Worker for both Raleigh Infant and Admirals Academy.

Mrs Bramley is here to provide support to families on a range of topics including: Attendance, Behaviour, Routines (including eating, sleeping and transitions), Mental health, Parental separation, Domestic abuse, Housing, Financial worries, Safety and Substance abuse.

If you would like a chat about something worrying you and/or feel you need some support, please feel free to ring the school office or look out for Mrs Bramley at the school gates during drop off and pick up.

## Safeguarding Information

We work hard to make sure that children feel safe in our academy.

All staff and volunteers receive annual safeguarding training that updates their knowledge of the latest safeguarding information, as well as receiving ongoing professional development throughout the year.

We have 7 designated safeguarding leads who are...

### **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**

Mrs Bramley

### **Deputy DSL**

Mrs Purvis

### **Alternate DSL's**

Mrs Hall

Mr Harris

Mrs Ewens

Mrs Lamb

Mrs Kouni—Executive Principal

We continue to take part in a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police and our academies called Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic abuse & violence. We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Further information on how Operation Encompass works can be found at: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

### **Reporting Absence**

If your child is going to be absent from the academy for any reason, we ask that you ring and leave a message on our dedicated answerphone, before 9am on the morning of absence.

We are required by Norfolk County Council, to record a detailed reason for absence for each child. Therefore, please say what is wrong with your child i.e. vomiting, temperature, cough etc. rather than just say that they are unwell.

### **Water Bottles**

Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day.

## **Admirals**

### **Arrivals week beginning 13/9/21**

From Monday, Admirals pupils should arrive at school and be dropped off at the gates to the playground.

Children should filter into class independently and begin their morning work.

### **Gates open at 8.20am.**

A member of staff will be on the playground to supervise arrivals and to open the gates.

Year 3 parents can continue to attend the playground at the start and close of the day if their child still needs support.

Children will no longer line up on the playground.

Although COVID restrictions have eased we would advise parents not to attend the playground unless there are exceptional or extenuating circumstances.

### **Departures week beginning 13/9/21**

At the end of the school day

Year 6 children will be advised to go out of the far gate

Year 4 and 5 children will be advised to go out of the middle gate

Year 3 children will be advised to go out of the main gate.

Should you require your child to leave by another gate please inform your child who will need to inform their class teacher so this can be facilitated.

## Nut Allergies

We have a number of children within the academy who have nut allergies.

We therefore request your support in ensuring that you refrain from including nuts, or anything that contains nuts, in your child's packed lunch or snack.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in working with us to ensure the safety of all of our children.

### Term dates

- 22nd October 2021.....The last day of the half-term.
- *23rd October 2021 to 31st October 2021.....Half term holidays*
- 1st November 2021.....First day of the half term
- 17th December 2021.....Last day of the term
- *18th December 2021 to 4th January 2022.....Christmas Holidays*
- 5th January 2022.....First day of the term
- 11th February 2022.....Last day of the half term
- *12th February 22 to 20th February 2022.....Half term holidays*
- 21st February 2022.....First day of the half term
- 1st April 2022.....Last day of the term
- *2nd April 2022 to 20th April 2022.....Easter holidays*
- 21st April 2022.....First day of the term
- *2nd May 2022.....Bank Holiday*
- 27th May 2022.....Last day of the half term
- *28th May 2022 to 5th June 2022.....Half term holidays*
- 6th June 2022.....First day of the half term
- 22nd July 2022.....Last day of the academic year



# CELEBRATIONS



Reception - Miss Cousins - Ava, for showing care and kindness towards her friends.

Reception - Miss Peck - Maddie, for showing kindness towards friends as they settle into Reception.

Year 1 - Mrs Hall - Grace, for being a caring and friendly child.

Year 1 - Miss Marsh - Daysy, for being a lovely friend, classmate and pupil

Year 2 - Mrs Purvis - Parker, for showing kindness to all children and adults.

Year 2 - Mrs Ewens - Primrose, for being kind and helpful around the class.

Year 3 - Miss McIlroy - Barney, for being kind and supportive to a friend who was upset in class.

Year 3 - Miss McLeod - Lacey, as she has held the door every single day for the entire class to pass.

Year 4 - Miss Mota - Gabriellus, for being very kind towards his fellow classmate who didn't have his reading glasses by reading with him.

Year 4 - Mr Titheridge - Eric, for continuously being a helpful star in class and for trying his best in all his work this week.

Year 4/5 - Mrs Howard - Bethanie-Rose, for showing kindness to our new class member.

Year 5 - Mrs Render - Lacie, for showing excellent kindness and friendship to new children and staff.

Year 5 - Miss Jenkinson – Amelia, for displaying kindness by offering help to staff and peers throughout the day.

Year 6 - Mrs McArdle and Mrs Bishop - Sienna, for helping new students find their way around the academy.

Year 6 - Miss Gabriel and Mr Harris – Chloe, for being kind and helpful to other children in class



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Executive Principal: Mrs. M ~~Kouni~~

Dear Parents / Carers

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Attendance at school and legal intervention

Research commissioned by the Department for Education shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. At Raleigh Infant and Admirals Academy our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

This letter is to remind all parents/carers regarding the law that requires them to ensure that their child attends school regularly. The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment.

In the DfE policy document entitled, 'School Attendance: Guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities' it states, '*Head teachers should not grant leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. **The application must be made in advance and the head teacher must be satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts and circumstances of the case which warrant the leave. Where a leave of absence is granted, the head teacher will determine the number of days a pupil can be away from school. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the head teacher's discretion.***'

If the school does not receive a request for leave, the head teacher will be unable to consider your individual circumstances and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. There will be no obligation on the head teacher to reconsider authorising the leave if an application has not been made in advance.

The Local Authority operates a system where any pupil will meet the criteria for legal intervention where they have:

- at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) lost to unauthorised absence by the pupil during the last 6 school weeks

The intervention could be in the form of a fixed penalty notice. Any pupil at Raleigh Infant or Admirals Academy who meets the criteria, will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered.

If a fixed penalty notice is issued the arrangement for the payment will be detailed on the penalty notice. The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of the receipt of the notice. The fixed penalty notice is per parent per child. You should be aware that failure to pay the total amount within the timescale will result in legal action being taken.

I hope we can count on your support in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs M ~~Kouni~~**  
Executive Principal