



Welcome back, I hope you enjoyed the long hot summer but I am sure, like me, you have welcomed the recent cooling of temperatures.

Rainham Village Primary School and Nursery are saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth II. However you feel about royalty, there is no doubt that The Queen campaigned vigorously for community, peace and public wellbeing. The Queen was more than a Monarch, she defined an era and was a stateswoman of unmatched dignity during her reign of 70 years. For many, the world will feel a different place without her as we enter into a new chapter. As Her Majesty would have encouraged, be kind to each other.



Unfortunately due to this, the Houses of Parliament have cancelled all trips until further notice. The office will shortly be issuing refunds for the planned Yr 6 trip.

In light of parental feedback, we have included more detail in our curriculum outlines on the school website www.rainhamvillage.havering.sch.uk so you are very clear as to not just the subject heading but also the skills, content and the 'sticky knowledge' we would like your children to retain and where applicable apply to other curriculum areas. I do hope this is much clearer. Any comments, please email myself or any of the Phase Leaders (Miss Miller (Yr 5/6), Mr Taylor (Yr 3/4), Mrs Phillips (Yr 1/2) or Mrs Haywood (EYFS) regarding particular queries for their year groups. All email addresses are in the 'About Us' staff section of our website.

Staffing

Mrs Newcombe will teach in the Nursery on a Thursday and a Friday until Mrs Taylor returns from maternity leave.

Friends of Rainham Village

A big thank you to those parents who approached me on the last day of term and put their names forward to join this group. A letter from one of our Parent Governors will be sent out next week. Remember, all interested parties, please pass your contact details to Mrs Kain in the Nursery or to the school office and they will pass these on. Mrs Kain will then organise a meeting. Remember it does not have to be a massive commitment, the more helpers we have the less commitment you will need to make.

Log ins

In your child's reading record there will shortly be log in details for: tt rockstars (Yr 2-6), Numbots (Yr N, R, 1, 2), Busythings (Yr R-6) and Deepening Understanding (Yr 3-6).

Menu changes

After the October half term, the lunch menu will change and on a Wednesday each week there will be a Halal option (marked on the menu as 'H' via the LBH Catering coding system). All feedback regarding this change will be gratefully received.

End of the school day Please be patient when teachers are releasing pupils at hometime as they get to know you. We want to keep your children safe and ensure they are matched with the right parents!

Awards - We have recently received our RSPB silver challenge award. A big thank you to Mr Martin and all staff and children who contributed towards this. Children across the school have been taking part in activities that explore our connection to the natural world, teaching children about plants and animals and what we can do to help them. We have also found ways to encourage a greater range of wildlife to make its home in the school grounds such as birds, pollinating insects and even newts! We are looking forward to completing more activities this year to achieve the gold award including fundraising for our local RSPB reserve at Rainham Marshes.

A big thank you also to Mrs Golding who successfully applied for a grant and managed to secure £510 towards additional R.E. resources.

Upcoming Dates

Please familiarise yourself with our school website

www.rainhamvillage.havering.sch.uk in particular our calendar page. This is updated regularly.

You will notice the Yr 5 **parents only** Brainbuddies meeting is on Tuesday 20/9/22 at 8.30am.

Yr 6 Sex Education meeting for **parents only** is on 21/10/22 at 8.30am. We have booked this at the start of the day to help working parents go straight to work from here. We will run another session for **parents only** on 21/10/22 at 3pm.

Parent Evenings are on the website calendar, as are school trips and class/Christmas assemblies for parents to attend - if you want to get ahead and put them in your diary. These will go on another newsletter.

School Trips

19.09.22 Yr 1 rescheduled trip to the seaside (Chalkwell)

23.09.22 Yr 6 to Houses of Parliament - **CANCELLED**

03.11.22 Yr 5 to Tower of London

21.11.22 Yr 4 to the Barbican to listen to the London Symphony Orchestra.

School Uniform at the Library

A huge thank you to Rainham Library for stocking a selection of our second hand school uniform. Many families took advantage of this throughout the summer, including pupils from other schools needing non-branded uniform. Please continue to donate any unwanted uniform for our whole community.

P.E. Days All pupils are required to arrive in school on P.E. days wearing: Plain white t-shirt (or school embroidered P.E. shirt) NO crop tops/vest tops allowed. Plain maroon or black shorts. Plain black jogging bottoms/tracksuit/leggings. Plimsolls or trainers.

Yr 6 Monday	Yr 2 Wednesday
Yr 5 Thursday	Yr 1 Friday
Yr 4 Tuesday	Yr R Tuesday
Yr 3 Friday	

Extra Curricular Clubs

Please look out for the separate club letter which will go out shortly.

Should clubs be oversubscribed then a waiting list and club rotation will take place. For example, the number of weeks the club is open to each child. Clubs are run voluntarily by staff and are non-chargeable, making them accessible for all. They do not operate during Parents Evening week. If it is necessary to cancel a club you will be advised by Groupcall text message.

Fundraising London Air Ambulance charity have sent us a heart warming letter and video of thanks for the £1,867.50 that pupils raised completing the Miles for Missions Walk. Watch the video on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OiihJ3F3H8>

Jeans for Genes Wear jeans on Friday 23rd September. Any donations will be gratefully received by the charity.

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