R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 29 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Vacancies

Are you interested in joining our wonderful office team? Do you know anyone that might be? We have two positions available one as an Administrative Officer and the second as a Finance Officer. You can find full details on our website

Reading Buddies

We had the first of our Reading Buddy mornings this week and it was wonderful to see how much the younger and older children enjoy sharing books with each other. It is lovely to see how they look out for each other crossing paths around the school.



Diary Dates Next Week

2-6 Oct Week 2 Summer Menu

3 Oct Volunteer Safeguarding Training 9am

3 Oct Y4 Rye Meads Visit 6 Oct Y3&4 Swimming

6 Oct **Harvest Collection Donations**

31 Oct Deadline for Y7 (Sept 2024) Applications

St Mary's Organ Concert

Year 3 and 4 were treated to wonderful organ music concert today and a short film about the history of pipe organs. They were wonderfully behaved and a credit to RAB. A big thank you to the parent helpers who walked with us and to St Mary's for putting on this lovely event.



Harvest Collection—Friday 6th October

This autumn we will be collecting for two organisations - Uttlesford Foodbank and the Rotary Club's collection to support Ukrainian refugees. Please can we remind you to put your donation on the appropriate table which will be labelled either Foodbank or Ukraine Donations. Thank you.

Uttlesford Foodbank

Cereal

Tinned Vegetables

UHT Milk

Cooking Sauces (not pasta sauce)

Instant Mash

Tinned Fruit

Custard

Table Sauces eg ketchup, mayo, brown sauch

Vegetarian Options eg tinned veg chili

Noodles/Pot Noodles

Savoury Snacks - bread sticks, Ritz crackers, crisps etc

Washing-Up Liquid

Toilet Paper

Nappies Size 4 upwards

Dog Food

Deodorant/Shaving Foam

Jam/Peanut Butter

Rice Pudding

Stuffing

Steamed Puddings

Ukrainian Collection

Warm Winter clothing

Shoes including waterproof items

Bedding - clean new/nearly new sheets, pillows, blankets (not duvets)

Toiletries - soaps, shampoos for adults, children & babies

Towels

Plates, cutlery, cooking utensils

Cleaning materials, washing powder, wet wipes, dish

cleaning gel, antibacterial gel

Haberdashery for repairs/crafts including knitting wool and needles

Torches & batteries

Basic First Aid items - bandages, aspirin, paracetamol

Christmas Gift—colouring book, pens, teddy etc

Safeguarding Training Session for Volunteers—3rd October 9am

If you are volunteering or planning to volunteer we do require that you attend Safeguarding Training. Our next sessions is Tuesday 3rd October at 9am. Please email Wendy on admin@rab.academy to book your slot. We do encourage you to attend regularly so if you have not attended for a year please do come along.

RAB Connection Coffee Mornings

The Inclusion Team are hosting a coffee morning. It's a chance to make connections and share experiences with each other. Please see the dates for this term on the flyer to the right. We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Relaxation & Mindfulness Workshop

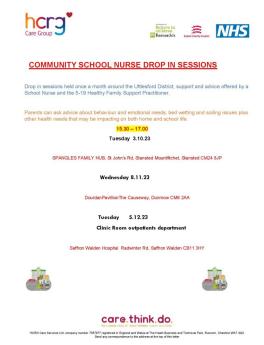
This workshop is being offered by MIND, our wellbeing partner:

We are pleased to be able to offer a one off version of our successful summer holiday offering for children's relaxation & mindful-

ness, this is led by a qualified instructor with staff also on site to offer support for parents or carers. The course will be made up of 2x45 minute sessions with a break in the middle to stop for snacks and drinks which will be provided.





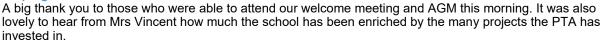


Parking on ZigZags

Please can we remind parents that you are not allowed to park on the zigzag lines outside school at all between the hours of 8.15-9.15 and 2.45-3.45. If you do park there outside of these times, please can you ensure you allow for traffic to get by and for our neighbours to pull out of their driveways. These lines are here to ensure the safety of all our children. Thank you for your support.

Future Diary Dates				
9 Oct	Connection Coffee Morning 9am	11 Dec	Connection Coffee Morning 9am	
10 Oct	Reception Harvest Festival 9am	12 Dec	Early Years Christmas Play 9.15am	
16-19 Oct	Parent Consultations	13 Dec	R-Y6 Book Look 8.40-9.10am	
16 Oct	Y6 Roman Day (costumes)	20 Dec	10.30am Christmas Carols @ St	
20 Oct	INSET Day—Children not in School		Mary's Church all welcome	
21-29 Oct	Half Term	20 Dec	1.30pm End of Term	
30 Oct	Children return to School	You can find term dates for this academic year and next here.		
13 Nov	Connection Coffee Morning 9am			
6 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm	nere.		
6 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm			
7 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm			
7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm			

Helping to make a difference!



Our core PTA committee is very small and pulls off some fantastic fundraising efforts but **only** with the help of other parent volunteers who pitch in when they can. As we all juggle work and childcare we know how tough it can be to offer anything extra. But there are lots of ways you can make a difference:

Parents are always welcome to drop in to our committee meetings, which are held fortnightly on Fridays at 9am and find out more about what we do.

You can also join an event team like discos or Presents for Parents where you'll be part of a WhatsApp group to help where you can.

Or sign up to be on our email list for when we need ad hoc support.

Use this form to sign up and help out where you can Thank you!

Textiles collection this week

A huge thank you for all your brilliant textiles donations on Monday. The pile of bags in the car park grew and grew throughout the day and we're grateful for your support for the Happy School Bag initiative, helping to raise money for our school and ensure your textiles are safely reused.

Winter Fayre – Friday 1 December 4-6pm

It may still feel like summer but we are already planning for our Winter Fayre, which will be kicking off the festive season in style on Friday 1 December.

This whirlwind of winter magic is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. We create an incredible grotto for Santa from a dusty nook in the KS1 Hall; there are lots of tombolas and stalls alongside craft activities and everything you need to get Christmas cracking.

But we really need help to make it happen.

Please join the Winter Fayre Team whether you can set up tables on the day, help take in donations, put aside a couple of hours one evening to wrap presents for the lucky dip, manage a Tesco's shop for refreshments or get involved with logistics and planning. Sign up to find out more

Grill masters wanted!

Can you flip a burger with flair? Can you make a sausage sizzle? Our Winter and Summer Fayres need a BBQ team to set up and man our gas grills during these two events. You'll have additional help, of course, but it would be great to have a couple of people who can take charge just on this. Please email rabutlerpta@gmail.com to learn more.

RAB PTA 100 Club – congratulations to our winners this month

We're back for another year of 'it could be you!'

1st prize (£45): number 89 2nd prize (£25): number 77 3rd prize (£10): number 99

All winners have been notified. If you'd like to join our 100 Club for £24 per year, please email rabutlerpta@gmail.com for more information.

	Stars of the Week	
Reception		
Sylvie B	Rory G	Рорру Н
Chloe S	Oliver P	Evelyn B
Year 1		
Harry K	Annabelle J	Soren C
Vinny G	Kayleb J	Jayden H
Year 2		
Grace H	Henry B	Flynn W
Ben L	Suki L	Wilf C
Year 3		
Charlie C	Jasmin C	Ralph L
Monty S	Ethan F	Buzz M
Year 4		
Harry B	Annie B	June L
Lola S	Joe B	Jack C
Year 5		
Robert T	Artem S	Meena P
Quinn J	Ettore Z	Chloe J
Year 6		
Chloe W	Rory P	Sophia S
Alicia P	Laurence L	Jeremy D
Infant Lunchtime Cup	2MG	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	4AF	