



Key Diary Dates / Events



Thursday 5th January
2017

26th January 2017
No Pen Day

10th February 2017
NSPCC Non-uniform
day

Back to School!!

In the line at 8.45a.m.



NSPCC

February
Parent/Teacher
Consultation Meetings
Week beginning 20th
February 2017



2nd March 2017
World Book Day



24th March 2017
Red Nose Day



Ripple Families,

I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking every single member of staff in KS1 for their absolute commitment to ensuring your children have the highest quality teaching and learning opportunities.

Particular thanks to Mrs Sanders for putting this newsletter together and for her continued enthusiasm and commitment to the children and staff in her phase.

Have a wonderful holiday - Mrs Ziane

Please remember to visit our school website to see further information about events past and present.
<http://ripple.bardaglea.org.uk/>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday .
Best wishes, Mrs Sanders.



Ripple Primary School

Years 1 and 2 Autumn 2016 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carers,

What a fabulous term we have had in Key Stage One. In our Autumn newsletter, we want to share some highlights from each year group and celebrate the excellent learning that has taken place in Year One and Year Two.

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the Phonics Workshop for Year One children and the Year Two parents who attended the SATS meeting, and further workshops with regards to the current reading and maths curriculum. Your commitment to your children's' learning is commendable and this support shows that you value the essential partnership between school and home. Any information given at these workshops is available on the school website for further reference.

Attendance

The first thing to celebrate is attendance! We always say, if children are not here, we cannot teach them and they cannot learn. Your children certainly heard this message! Our school's aim is that each child's attendance is **96%** or above. I am very pleased to report that overall attendance in Year Two is **97.01%** and in Year One, the overall attendance figure is **96.13%**. These figures are fantastic and I know you will continue to have this excellent attitude to your learning in the New Year.



Year One

History and Local visits

Year One children studied the local area of Barking in their history lessons. In November, they visited the statue of Job Drain. He was a local man who fought in World War One and he was awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery. The children enjoyed dressing up as Job Drain in their classroom and imagined what it was like to be a soldier all those years ago.



In December, our children visited St. Margaret's Church to look at the building itself and find out how their parishioners celebrate Christmas.

They walked through the gateway to the Church, where there was a tiny door to get to the top of the tower and a plaque that told us that Captain Cook had been married at this church. He discovered Australia and New Zealand which made Miss McDonald very happy to hear the name of her home country!

Inside the Church, Pat, our lovely guide, showed us the font where children are baptised and the choir stalls. 1TM actually sang one of their Christmas songs to Pat. He then showed us the Advent Wreath and the Lady Chapel which is the oldest part of the Church.

Angel Express!!

Year One children performed their Christmas Concert at the Westbury site. It was called "Angel Express" and the children delighted their parents by telling them the Nativity Story through clear narration and beautiful songs.

The children also continued their Christmas celebrations by eating a delicious lunch prepared by our kitchen staff, having a class party, attending a pantomime called Peter Pan and having a visit to their class from Father Christmas!!



Year Two

Keeping Active!

Mrs Wheeler and Mr Rose are keen for Year Two children to take part in sporting events across the borough.

Children from 2LC and 2MW went to a Dodgeball Tournament at Goresbrook School, returning with certificates and many medals. All of Year Two took part in a multi sports competition in their PE lesson, organised by Mr Rose and his Year Five Sports Leaders.



Trips

Year Two children visited Eastbury Manor House to find out about Guy Fawkes and the history behind the story of the Gunpowder Plot.

They also visited our local library, where they learnt to use the booking "in and out" system and the librarians made sure everyone left with their own library card.

Please continue to use our library throughout the holiday period to support and encourage your child's love for reading.



Christmas Celebrations

Year Two children have had a wonderful time celebrating the Christian festival of Christmas and Reverend Dowling visited our school to retell The Nativity Story.

Our children have made Christmas crafts, watched a pantomime at the Broadway Theatre and had a delicious festive lunch, cooked by our wonderful kitchen staff.

Year Two children performed their Christmas concert "Shine, Star, Shine" in front of their parents....wonderful costumes, clear speaking and beautiful singing.

