



Key Diary Dates / Events



Tuesday 25th April
2017



Back to School!!



In the line at
8.45am.

24th March 2017
Red Nose day



**RED
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DAY**

We raised an
amazing

£1255.35

Thank you for your kind
donations.

Summer term promises to be a busy time for our children. Year Two children will be working hard in every subject, learning as much as possible before they sit their National Assessment Tasks in May. Year One children will prepare for their Phonics Screening which will take place in June. Alongside these assessments, our children will be taking part in STEM week (A week long project of exciting Maths, Science and Technology activities). Cultural Diversity Week sports day, and their summer trip. Details of all of these activities will be sent to you on our termly "dates for your diary" sheet in the first week back at school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday.

Best wishes,
Leanne Sanders. Assistant Head Teacher
Phase Leader for Years One and Two Children.

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



Ripple Primary School

Years 1 and 2 Spring 2017 Newsletter



World Book Day March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the parents who have attended our curriculum meetings, parent consultations and "read with child " sessions in class. With your support, we can give your children the learning opportunities they need to achieve. We strive to have the strongest partnership between school and home. In Year One, we have given parents the opportunity to understand the way we teach phonics in our school and a chance to practice the pronunciations themselves. In Year Two, we have shown parents the complexity of the questions asked in their child's reading assessments and the necessity for our children to comprehend and use their inference skills to deduct the information required. Not an easy thing to do!

Attendance

For Spring term, our Year One and Two children have attended school 94.36% of the time. This is a little below our school target of 95% but many of our Year One children came down with chicken pox. We're hoping for a healthy Summer term :)



A Sad Farewell.



Many of you will know that Mrs Ziane will be leaving our school on Friday, to take up her new position of Head Teacher of Becontree Primary School, Dagenham. Mrs Ziane has worked at Ripple Primary School for seven years, in which time she has taught and influenced the education of every child in our school. She is highly respected by all of our staff and parents and our children adore her. Although she will be sorely missed, I'm sure you will join me in wishing her

every success in her new role. Thank you from all of us at Ripple Primary School for your love, enthusiasm and aspirational leadership. You are a shining star.

Year One Children

The curriculum we provide for our Year One children is rich with first hand experiences and opportunities to develop their skills in speaking and listening, reading, writing and numerical understanding. Our children have been learning to recognise, read and write their own versions of Traditional Tales. Here we have photos of children making Gingerbread Men, which helped them to formulate their own version of The Gingerbread Man story. Whilst writing their own story, they are asked to consider the beginning, middle and end of their writing, as well the characters involved.



At this time of year, we learn how the Christian Festival of Easter is celebrated around the world. As part of our school celebrations, children have learnt about Palm Sunday, the Easter Story and made Easter crafts.

We ended our celebrations with an Easter Bonnet Parade around both school sites. Thank you for helping to create so many beautiful bonnets at home—the children looked fantastic. It was lovely to see so many parents enjoying a drink and a hot cross bun after the parade.

We also encourage the children to explore our local area to support and develop their learning. In history, we have been comparing the life of a school child in Tudor times to the life school children experience now. To support this learning, we visited our local Tudor mansion, Eastbury Manor House.

During the day, the ladies of the Manor played traditional games with the children as well as exploring the beautiful building itself.



Year Two Children

Our Year Two children have been working so hard this term, improving their mathematical skills, reading comprehension, handwriting style and story writing expertise. They have participated in early morning learning, special workshops during the school day and have stayed for after school clubs to enrich their education. I would like to thank them for all their hard work and for your continued support by ensuring they are at school on time and for encouraging a positive attitude towards their learning.

As well as improving their writing, reading and numeracy skills, our Year Two children have enjoyed participating in all of our whole school events.

On World Book Day, many of our children came dressed as their favourite book character and were able to give a verbal account of the role their character plays in their book. The children were also given the challenge of using a lollipop stick to represent their main character for our display.

Many maths lessons are taught through practical activities and here we have a picture of Malika supporting her learning by making a 3D shape from a piece of A4 paper.

Mr Rose organised a Multi-Sports event for the Year Two children at Suffolk Road. The children enjoyed the activities provided and rose to the challenge of improving their “personal best “ at each work station.

And finally, our Year Two children created some beautiful bonnets for our Easter Parade. Each year, the bonnets become more creative..... I noticed a sheep, a chick and a complete garden on the top of certain hats!

