



## Key Diary Dates / Events



Thursday 4th January  
2018

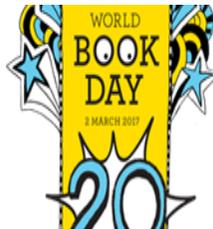
**Back to School!!**

In the line at 8.45am.

Parent Consultations for  
Year One Children  
Week beginning  
20th February 2018



1st March 2018  
World Book day



Parent Consultations for  
Year Two Children  
Week beginning  
12th March 2018



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. Phase Leader for Years One and Two children.



# Ripple Primary School

Years 1 and 2 Autumn 2017 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carers,  
What a fabulous term we have had in Key Stage One. In our Autumn newsletter, we would like to share some highlights of each year group and celebrate the excellent learning that has taken place in Year One and Year Two.

### Attendance

The first thing to celebrate is attendance! We always say, if they 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 **95%** or above. Good attendance contributes to good learning. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to speak with us. We are very pleased to report that attendance in Years One and Two is 96.42% which is fantastic. Thank you for supporting your child and their learning.



## Year One Children

### History and Local visits

Year One children study 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 and Miss McDonald was very happy to hear the name of her home country. Inside the church, Pat, our lovely guide, showed us the choir stalls and the font which is where children are baptised.



### The Traditions of Christmas.



Year One performed a wonderful concert, telling us all about the Traditions of Christmas. Everyone was very impressed with their loud speaking voices and their beautiful singing. Thank you to all of the parents who helped to organise their wonderful costumes - they looked fantastic.



## Year Two Children

### Fundraising at Ripple

Throughout this term, the children and parents of Ripple have been extremely generous, donating to our nominated charities. On Jeans for Genes Day we raised £650, the teachers raised £150 to support MacMillan Nurses by eating cake and on Children in Need Day, we raised over £750. Pudsey Bear came to visit our school as a special thank you to our children.

Parents and children donated gifts towards our Reverse Advent Calendars and over 30 boxes were taken to the Salvation Army to be distributed.

### Trips

Year Two children visited Eastbury Manor House to find out about Guy Fawkes and the history behind the story of the Gunpowder Plot. As a result of this visit, the children wrote some fabulous recounts of the story and produced some detailed artwork to display in their classrooms.

### Christmas Celebrations

Year Two children performed a wonderful concert called "Children of the World", where we were told how children around the world celebrate Christmas. 2LS visited China, where they danced to Chinese music and dressed in mainly red. 2MH sang a beautiful song about light and looked fabulous in their green outfits. 2MD told us about traditions from Poland and the importance of a family meal. 2SK visited Australia and sang about Christmas in the sunshine, eating BBQ food and Father Christmas delivering his presents on a surf board and not a sleigh! Lastly, 2MW delighted us with their Gospel Choir, sharing their beautiful voices with the audience. Thank you again to the parents who helped to organise their child's costume—they looked fabulous.

