



Message from Miss Fendley . . . hope you all had a very pleasant summer break and managed to make the most of the beautiful summer weather? We have now welcomed in all of our E.Y.F.S. pupils to their Nursery and Reception Classroom settings. Although it is still early days, they all seem to be very happy and content in their new environment! The front of our school has now undergone a minor facelift, with a freshly laid roadway and freshly marked out parking areas. Internally, the Yrs. 1 / 2 - 3 & 4 corridor has also been decorated and carpeted. In due course, the remainder of the school is also scheduled for updates too, but this will be on a stage by stage basis - we will keep you updated on the revamp process.

NO UNAUTHORISED VEHICLES ON THE SCHOOL SITE

We remind adults on a very regular basis NOT TO DRIVE ON TO THE SCHOOL SITE unless you hold a valid disability badge or have detailed permission to do so. The instruction **NOT** to drive into school is for the safety of all our pupils. Should an unauthorised driver have the misfortune to be involved with an accident involving another vehicle, or worse, collide with a child whilst on site, we believe the driver is not likely to be covered by insurance, as permission hadn't been granted for entry onto private land.

Sadly, our Maypole won't make it to May!!

The maypole used by the children to dance and weave the colourful ribbons around during the May Day celebrations, is unfortunately beyond repair. We believe it to be the original maypole which has been used at Reffley since the school opened back in the late 1970's; so, it has certainly served us well. If any of our parents/carers happen to have any local contacts with engineering companies, or know of a company who would be interested in sponsoring a replacement for us, we would be very pleased to hear from them.

Summer Fair Success

Our delayed summer fair was certainly worth the wait! On the day (Sat., 14th), the weather was dry and sunny and we had lots of families join us on the school field to enjoy all the stalls, activities and a delicious BBQ too. We would very much like to thank our parents and carers who generously donated raffle prizes, plus local businesses for a wonderful array of goods too! Tesco, Morrisons, ASDA and our local Onestop store, provided us with a selection of prizes, vouchers, tea, coffee, etc. to be used for the fair. We are very grateful to all those lovely people who attended the fair and helped us raise an amazing £2,300! The funds will be used to purchase extra school items on our 'wish list' which will hopefully put some well-deserved smiles on the children's faces. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH

Cycle to school week, starting Monday, 23rd September

We have two cycle shelters, all ready and waiting to assist with those wishing to take up the 'cycle to school week' challenge. Those children wishing to cycle to school are reminded that, ideally for security purposes, they will need a cycle lock and A safety helmet. As a school, we do organise for older pupils in years 5 & 6 to take the opportunity of joining in with cycling proficiency lessons, before they leave us to go on to their chosen High Schools.

NON-UNIFORM event to highlight World Mental Health Day - THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER

We are **not** looking for a donation in connection with this particular non-uniform day. The clothing theme we would like the children to adopt for the day, is clothing that makes them feel happy! Please remember that some pupils (Yr. 5) will be taking part in swimming lessons too - just in case of any fancy hairstyles accompany the fancy clothing!

Get your 'cheesy grins' ready for FRIDAY, 18TH OCTOBER please

We have a photographer coming into school to take pupil's individual pictures, as well as sibling group pictures too. As with last year, we will once again be issuing parents and carers with a reference code and asking them to log in via a portal to order and pay for the number of photographs required.

Asda rewards benefits Reffley Academy too!

No doubt you've seen the Asda adverts regarding schools also gaining from their in-store rewards app for customers. We've logged our interest with our local Asda store on Langley Road; therefore, if you shop with them and care to mention Reffley Academy when paying, our school will benefit too.

Pupil review sessions:- Tuesday, 22nd & Wednesday, 23rd October

We would encourage parents and carers to book an appointment in with their child's class teacher. The meeting enables you to put a 'face to a name' and also find out what is happening in class and how children are settling in to their tasks. The Tuesday session will run from 3.20 - 5.30 p.m. and the session on Wednesday will be 3.20 - 5 p.m. As from 7th October, appointment booklets will be available in the foyer (main school entrance) for booking in a suitable appointment slot to meet with teachers.

DIARY DATES AND OCTOBER PREVIEW

w/c Monday, 23 rd September	Cycle to school week begins
Tuesday, 8 th October	Yr. 5 visiting National Space Centre, Leicester (early start/late return)
Thursday, 10 th October	Non-uniform day (wear something that makes you happy), highlighting World Mental Health Day
Friday, 11 th October	Yr. 4 trip to Roydon Common with Norfolk Wildlife Trust
22 nd & 23 rd October	Pupil review sessions - as above

THURSDAY, 24TH OCT - HALF TERM BREAK, CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY, 4TH NOV