



# Ryhall CE Academy News

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We've had another super couple of weeks with our newly hatched chicks causing a lot of excitement. The end of this week brings a busy few days. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is our annual Harvest Festival at St. John's Church. It gives an opportunity for us to support local people who need to make use of a local food bank. During our service we ask that each child offers just one item (you can provide more if you wish). We welcome contributions of packets and tins but are not allowed to distribute fresh foods e.g. fruit, breads, vegetables.

Donations may include any of the following: Dried goods e.g. cereals, rice and pasta; Packets of biscuits (sweet or savoury); tins; sugar; sauces; jam; squash. Children should bring their item in on the day of the service and will be asked to carry it to the church. Thank you for your contributions and we do hope that you can join us. Belton and Belvoir classes will share their Harvest song and poem and some of our Year 6 children will read stories and prayers.

On Sunday, we will be holding our second Ryhall Academy Praise of the academic year. As always, we ask you to join us for praise, song, craft and prayer. It's a very informal setting with refreshments for all.

And that brings us back to today – our annual 'World's Greatest Coffee Morning' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to all who have supported the event in many ways; buying cakes, making cakes, participating in the sweepstake, serving refreshments. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring together our local community whilst putting our thoughts with those in need.

Probably like many of you, I've had to make a transition this year, with my own daughter starting secondary school. It's reminded me to think really carefully about the 'so how was school today?' question as it often elicits the same response; 'fine'. So, here are my top three 'questions' for you to try using this next week:

1. What was the funniest thing that happened at school today?
2. What was the weirdest thing you heard today?
3. What word did your teacher say most today?

I've tried them out and it generated so much discussion; I got to find out more than I bargained for.

*Katy Walker* Headteacher

## WEEKLY AWARDS ROUND-UP

Congratulations to all the children who have been the deserving winners of the first awards of the academic year.

### 'STARS OF THE WEEK'

BELTON

**Finn Palmer**  
ROCKINGHAM  
**Marcus Moat**  
BURGHLEY

**William Brown**  
TOLETHORPE

**Maddison Garghan-Ruff**

HAMBLETON  
**Ben Fryett**

BELTON

**Daniel Salles**  
ROCKINGHAM  
**Evie Heames**  
BURGHLEY

**Hayden Lee**  
TOLETHORPE

**Ellie Johnson**  
HAMBLETON

**Lexi-Mae Smith**

### 'HANDWRITING HEROES'

Congratulations to the following children for working hard to develop their handwriting:

Albert Birch, Holly Muxlow, Thomas Johnson, Natasha Cosgrove, Lexi-Mae Smith, Sydney Mount, Luisella Pacitti, Freddie McArthur, Maddison Garghan-Ruff and Tom Hopkins.

### 'RYHALL READERS'

There has clearly been some serious reading with some children over the holidays.

Well done to the following children who have been awarded:

Toby Haylock-Cox, Jessie-Mae Jardine, Isabelle Woollard, Keira Robinson, Hannah Fender, Jackson Glover, Isla Holroyd, Abi Byrne, Olivia Linnell and Abbie Ferguson.

## Dates for Term One

**SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> OCT:** RAP (Ryhall Academy Praise) 2.30-3.30pm. Fun and Prayer for the whole family.

**MON 3<sup>RD</sup>:** Harvest Festival at St. John's Church, 2.30pm.

**THURS 6<sup>TH</sup>:** PTFA (FORA) AGM followed by general meeting, 7.30pm at school.

**FRI 7<sup>TH</sup>:** Year 6 Skills Convention at Stamford College.

**MON 10<sup>TH</sup>:** Year 5 children depart for Caythorpe residential trip.

**FRI 14<sup>TH</sup>:** Children return from Caythorpe trip.

LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

**MON 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT:**

FIRST DAY OF TERM TWO

KS1/2 'Show What You Know' (SWYK) homework due in.

## PARENTS MEETINGS

There is an opportunity for you to come and meet with your child's class teacher at the following times:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov– 1.30-3.30pm  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 4.30-7.00pm

You may select a day/time by choosing a slot on one of the 'sign-up' sheets at the office from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

At this meeting you will be able to discuss your child's progress and effort of the first term as well as targets set for the end of the academic year.

## UNIFORM

We have had a number of mislaid uniform items that we've struggled to return to the correct child as there is no name on the item. Please can you ensure that every item of clothing (including PE wear), as well as lunchboxes and drinks bottles are clearly labelled. Thank you.

## OUTDOOR WEAR

Even though we've had a very mild September, it is now time that the children need to start bringing in appropriate outer wear for their playtimes. Please could you ensure that your child has a coat with them every day. Thank you.

## Belvoir News

The children have truly settled into full days in school now and are coping admirably! Many children are now even coming in independently – what super stars! We have all really enjoyed having the chicks in the classroom and they have provoked lots of forms of writing, such as warning notices for the chick's new box, to thank you cards for letting them stay with us. We were really sad to see them go back home, but we know they will be well looked after.



## Belton News

In Belton class we have been busy reading 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'What the Ladybird Heard Next' by our super author Julia Donaldson. We have written our own version of her story and written a thank you letter to the ladybird including an addressed envelope. In Maths we have been doubling ladybird spots and adding together coins. We worked in pairs to make a split pin skeleton and have started to look at our 5 senses as part of our 'Super Me Super You' topic. We are looking forward to continuing to explore our senses and how we use them. I wonder if you can find some super ways to use these this weekend?

## Rockingham News

### Written by our 'Club News' team

In Rockingham class their theme this term is 'Super Me Super You' and their super people are Julia Donaldson, Florence Nightingale and Kandinsky. In Maths they have been looking at money and their mission is to help George from the 'Smartest Giant in Town' to pay for his clothes. In English they have been trying to write the 'Smartest Giant in Town' in their own words – their brains have been working overtime. In Art the class have been painting shapes for a mobile which is now hanging in the cloakroom area. Also in Art they have been making Kandinsky inspired bottle top art using recycled plastic bottle lids.



## 'Club News'

We hope you've managed to see a glimpse of the resident chicks we've had over the last couple of weeks.

Our club news team wanted to share: *The chicks in Belvoir class are the newest addition to our school. The chicks were in the eggs for 21 days. They were dropped off on Monday lunchtime. They hatched Wednesday morning the 21<sup>st</sup> September. The chicks have to be kept at 37°. In the incubator there is hot water to soften the shells so the chicks find it easier to hatch. They have to be in the incubator for 24 hours once hatched. Thank you to Tesco for paying for the eggs. Thank you Mrs Carlton for the information about the eggs.*



If you have a QR code reader, please scan this code to see our short visit to the Ryhall chicks. We hope you enjoy.

## AWARDS

Our first congratulations of the year go to Ellie Delve, Lucy Strawbridge and Emily Thomas who have all successfully passed their flute examinations; Ellie – Grade 2, Lucy – Grade 1 with Merit and Emily Grade 1. Well done on your super achievements girls.



We've also been delighted to recognise the first sporting achievements of the year; India Banks for successfully completing Stage 4 swimming and Jim Allen in Boxing Training. We're looking forward to seeing the fantastic sporting achievements of all of our children this year.



## Burghley News



Last week Burghley class were marooned on a desert island but thankfully managed to send back their exciting diary recounts in bottles thrown into the ocean. I am pleased to say these have now safely reached the shores of Ryhall and are now on the 'Sea of Writers' wall in our classroom!

Burghley pirates have also shown great teamwork and mathematical skills to solve some tricky piratical addition and subtraction challenges. As seafaring explorers, they have been classifying living organisms and trying to beat the teacher with a fact-finding mission about continents and oceans. In their training to become great pirates, the children have been brushing up their shanty singing skills, generating their own pirate names and working hard in PE to improve control in their ball skills (you never know when a rival pirate could challenge you!)

## Tolethorpe News

This week Tolethorpe have been getting to grips with angles and protractors; helping or alien friend, Zorg. We learnt about acute, obtuse, right and reflex angles and the Year 5 children even started to measure angles with protractors. In English we have been finding out all about newspapers and how to write reports. There has been some strange goings on at Ryhall CE Academy – ask the children all about it. Our alien, Zorg, also told us that his planet is completely flat and therefore he believed Earth was flat too! In Science we found as much evidence as we could to prove that Earth is spherical.

## Hambleton News

A busy week has occurred in Hambleton Class once again. Lots of writing and acting as we wrote a playscript for a story set in the rainforest and getting our heads around equivalent fractions and simplifying them too. However, the highlight of the last two weeks has been our trip to the Wilds Lodge Music Festival where we had loads of fun listening to music, having our faces painted, watching the Army Security dogs catch a 'baddie', sit inside an enormous tractor and lots more. The children all came back full of enthusiasm about what they could bring back to school from this brilliant experience.

