



William Ransom Weekly

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,
As week three comes to an end, it has been great to see so many of our lunchtime and after school clubs getting started and to see so many children choosing to join so many of them. Our total club offering is open to over 300 of our children every week and I would like to thank all of our staff for all of their effort in making these clubs a reality.

Our footballers were in action at the early season rally on Saturday. It was great to be able to see them in action and playing so well - well done to everyone who took part, and best of luck to our girls team who are in action this weekend.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead!

Mr Plunkett



Lollipop Kate

After many years of standing outside by the pelican crossing on Wymondley Road, in all weathers, our amazing lollipop lady Kate has decided that the time is right to enjoy some well-earned retirement. As a local parent, I have seen Kate doing a fantastic job over the years and it really won't be the same not seeing her there on a daily basis. I am sure that you will all join me in saying thank you for all that she has done for the many families that have used that crossing while attending William Ransom school over the years.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to those who have responded to the parent and carer questionnaire. If you have not yet had the time, it is still open and will remain that way until the end of Monday. We really would appreciate hearing your thoughts. You can access the questionnaire by [clicking here](#). Thank you for your time

Football Tournament Report



On Saturday 16th September a group of eleven boys from Year 5 and Year 6 represented William Ransom Primary School in the football tournament.

I felt we all played well, kept our heads up, showed good teamwork and scored some brilliant goals. I am looking forward to playing with this team and facing tough opposition in Whitehill, Samuel Lucas and St Andrews.

I interviewed Mr Vincent and he reported 'the tournament went well, the boys showed good effort and early potential'.

We had some good debuts and I caught up with Milo who said 'I am proud to play for William Ransom and, although it was an early start on Saturday morning, we played well'.

Samuel surprised everybody by playing in goal and out on pitch. He scored a top bins screamer against St Andrews. He is looking forward to playing Whitehill and being one of the more experienced players.

Looking forward to the season! J

Respectful Driving and Parking

The beginning of the new school year is always a good time to remind everyone who drives their child to school or picks them up about the expectations that we have as a school to keep the local community, all of you and your children as safe as possible. Following conversations already this term with our local Police Officers, who will be visiting the school site on a randomised basis at drop off and pick up, please can we ask the following of everyone:

- Follow the one way system of driving through the school site from Stuart Drive and out onto Holdbrook.
- To not use the school car park as an area to drop your child off as adults are not present in the car park and this puts your child in potential danger from other moving cars as they walk to one of the gates that they need to use to access the school each morning.
- Park responsibly and considerately, for example not parking on or across someone's driveway.
- Any parents/carers parking in the school site to pick their child up from the Rising Stars wraparound club to ensure that you do not block staff cars in. If this is not possible, then please park responsibly outside of the school grounds.

We appreciate that parking is difficult in the local area at drop off and pick up time and we appreciate your support with this.

Reminders...

Information Evening

We are holding an information evening for parents of children in Key Stages 1 and 2 on Wednesday 27th September.

The intention of this evening is to look at ways you can support your child at home which will benefit them when they are at school. There will also be a short session on E-Safety and keeping your child safe online before finishing off with a session led by Dr. Louise Randall about how we can all support children's mental health. The structure of the evening will look like this:

- 6.30 Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 information
- 7.00 E-Safety
- 7.30 Mental wellbeing

Please use Parents' Evening System to book your seats for the evening, see attached on how to do this.



Food from around the World on Friday 29th 3.20-4.30

Please do remember our first ever Food from around the World event. We have a wonderful array of countries represented so far: Wales, Mexico, India, Albania, Turkey and Italy. Can we tempt your tastebuds? Mince or veggie tacos; tiramisu; Pite kolare me gjize e presh (leek and cottage pie); Welsh Cakes; Yaprak Sarma (stuffed grape leaves); Biriani; South Indian delicacies and more! If you would still like to take part and bring in food to show off your talents or delicacies from home, it's not too late. Please email j.hall@wransom.herts.sch.uk

Coming Soon...

The William Ransom book fayre!





WILLIAM RANSOM
PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK ENDING 22/09/23

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

PHONICS:

This week we focussed on s, a, t, p. We looked at how these sounds can be blended together to read words. We have also started to listen for those sounds in words and put them in the right order, which is called segmenting.

Next week we will be learning i, n, m, d

MATHS:

Next week we will be looking at sets of objects and explaining what they have in common.

We will then move on to talk about measure and patterns by comparing size and mass.

LITERACY & COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE:

Our Book of the Week will be Little Red Hen and we will be doing lots of fun activities based around this, including retelling the story.

It's been a fantastic week in Early Years. The children are all settling well into the routine of the day. Although we think there will be quite a few very tired children today!

Next week we will be starting to learn about Harvest Festival and why it is so important. We will also be enjoying the Festival of Language s Day on Friday. We will let you know what we got up to! Don't forget the Foods Around the World after school on Friday 29th.

The children have come home with their homework folders today! We have enclosed some phonics and handwriting sheets that tie in with the letters and sounds we have learnt this week. This practice at home is invaluable in helping your child remember the letter sounds and how to form the letters correctly. It is important they start and end the letters in the right place, so bad habits are not formed.

Please could the completed work be returned in the folders on Thursday, so new homework can be put in ready for Friday.

Also, in your child's homework folder will be the Christmas card they have made. If you would like cards printed to send to friends and family, please fill in the appropriate parts and return the paperwork. **The Christmas card artwork and order form must be returned, if you want cards made, by Friday next week.**

To continue to foster a love of reading, we will be putting out a library trolley in the playground every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school. Please feel free to borrow a book and return it when you have finished with it.

If you have books at home that you would like to donate, please just add them to the trolley. This is all based on good will so if you lose one, please don't worry.....maybe just donate one from home that you no longer read!

Thank you for your continued support,
From the Reception Team

We are having quite a few lost jumpers and cardigans. Please can you check each day that your child has come home with their items.

REMINDERS

- Please check your children's book bags for any letters and correspondence
- Please let us know if your collection arrangements have changed since filling in the table on the Open Day.
- Please continue to support your child in using their cutlery to practice cutting up their food.



We would like to wish
Ernie
a very happy birthday
for next week!