

## A Message From Miss Reed

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've managed to make it to the end of the first half term and it's been a busy one, this week in particular!

On Monday we held a Phonics meeting for our Reception and KS1 parents where we shared how we teach phonics in school and also suggested ways to support the children with their learning at home; on Tuesday we were treated to an excellent assembly from Year 1 Starling class where they impressed us with their knowledge, learning and singing and on Wednesday, we were joined by Nabhi from the local Hindu temple who shared the story of Diwali with the children, telling us all about the festival of light.

Finally, on the last day of this half term for the children, we went to St. Luke's Church for our Harvest Festival. The children looked fantastic in a sea of red as they supported the charity 'Show Racism The Red Card'. They impressed us with their singing and poetry performances and Ethan and Niyah (our Head Boy and Girl) did a great job of hosting the event. Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported us walking to the church and also those who met us there and attended the celebration. This afternoon, we were joined by many of the children's grandparents for the Grandparents' Tea. They loved seeing the performances from our younger children and it was great to see so many of them here in school, enjoying time with the children - a big thank you to Mrs Saftoiu for organising this event and to everyone who helped out to make it such a success.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for working so hard to provide engaging lessons and activities for the children and also you for all of your support so far this year.

Have a great half term break - fingers crossed for some good autumnal weather to enjoy!

Kate and the Ryelands Team



I AM DONATING

My Hair to  Little Princess Trust

Hi my name is Daphne and I am in Heron Class, I decided I would like to cut 18 inches of my hair and donate it to The Little Princess Trust, to help children suffering with hair loss. I have raised a whopping £605 so far.

If you would like to donate please use the link below:



<https://www.justgiving.com/page/daphnecutsherhair>

# FRIENDS OF RYELANDS ANNUAL REPORT

## Friends of Ryelands

### An introduction to us

We are a group of parents, grandparents, carers and school staff, who work together for the benefit of the children of Oasis Academy Ryelands.

Everybody with a child at Oasis Academy Ryelands automatically becomes a member of Friends of Ryelands (FOR) and are very welcome to get involved. That includes the nursery!

We organise and run fundraising and social activities for the school like fairs, discos and fun runs. The money raised goes back into the school for equipment, workshops and much more.

We are a registered charity with an elected committee. We've just held our Annual General Meeting and wanted to let you know what we've been up to over the past year.

### What we did in 2023 to 2024

Our main fundraising events included

- Christmas and Summer Fairs
- Children designed Christmas cards
- Valentine's Disco
- Scootathon
- Various fun runs

### What FOR funded

We continued to fund the school counsellor for the third academic year as well as setting up Zones of Regulation stations in the classroom and staffroom.

We helped fund the Year 6 Prom and organised an Easter Egg Hunt for the whole school with an appearance from the Easter Bunny, and we're sure you heard about the Morris Dancing workshops!

The current committee are stepping down. Alex Inett has been elected Chair and Liz Butt has been elected Secretary. The position of Treasurer wasn't filled, so Lucy Hopkins agreed to stay on until the end of the academic year.

Sarah, the outgoing Chair and Anna, the outgoing Secretary have worked so hard and will continue to support FOR events. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank them for everything they have brought to the school community.

### Get involved

We are always looking for new volunteers to help plan and run our activities and more importantly, come with fresh ideas.

You can join our mailing list and/or WhatsApp group by emailing [friendsofryelands@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofryelands@gmail.com), following Friends of Ryelands on Facebook or leaving your name and mobile number for us at the school office.





## Newsletter 07 17th October 2024



# Grandparents' Community Afternoon Tea

In Thursday afternoon, we had a lovely tea with entertainment for Ryelands' grandparents. The children were thrilled and honoured to perform in front of their special guests. Our Mini SLTs hosted the tea, and the children from Nursery, Reception, and KS1 performed their songs and poems. As always, the event was a fantastic success, and many guests commented on how wonderful it was.



Thank you so much, grandparents, for being a part of this special day!

*Mrs. Saftoiu*



## Harvest Festival at St Luke's Church

On Thursday morning, we had an amazing time celebrating the Harvest Festival at St. Luke's Church. Our students put on a fantastic performance, and it was so heartwarming to see our community come together for this special event. We're truly grateful for all the donations for our local community. A big thank you to the parents and carers who helped us walk to and from the church. *Mrs Saftoiu*



## Diwali Workshop

On Wednesday morning, we had a visit from Nabhi who came to tell the children the story of Diwali, in a special assembly. The children learnt about the Hindu Festival of Lights which is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, this year. We hope all our families celebrating Diwali have a lovely time with their family and friends. *Mrs Saftoiu*



## Dates for your Diary 2024

Fri 18th Oct	Inset Day
Mon 21st - 25th Oct	Half Term
Mon 28th Oct	Children Return To School
Thurs 31ST Oct	9.00am Hawk Class Assembly Nasal Flu Spray Vaccinations Year 3,4,5,6 The Education Group - African Drumming Workshop
Fri 1st Nov	Reception, Year 1, 2 The Education Group - African Drumming Workshop
Tues 5th Nov	9.00am Year 1 & 2 English Morning: Phonics, Reading and Writing
Wed 6th Nov	9.00am—10.00am Wellbeing Coffee Morning Main Hall
Thurs 7th Nov	9.00am Heron Class Assembly
Fri 8th Nov	9.00am - 11.30am Year 6 Height and Weight Check
Tues 12th Nov	2.30pm Send - Dyslexia Focus
Wed 13th Nov	8.30am Year 6 Kew Gardens
Thurs 14th Nov	9.00am Magpie Class Assembly
Tues 19th Nov	Individual/Sibling Photos
Wed 20th Nov	9.00am KS1 & KS2 Maths Morning
Thurs 21st Nov	9.00am Woodpecker Class Assembly
Thurs 28th Nov	9.00am Chaffinch Class Assembly
Mon 2nd Dec	Last week for enrichment clubs apart from Friday Football which finishes Friday 13th Dec
Fri 6th Dec	3.30pm Christmas Fair
Thurs 12th Dec	9.00am Sparrow Class Assembly
Fri 20th December	Last day of term
Tues 7th Jan 2025	Children Return to School

**THE KIOSK**

# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

SKELETON TRAIL,  
GAMES, CRAFTS,  
AND LOTS MORE...

**SATURDAY 26TH OF OCTOBER 2:00-4:00PM**

**AT THE KIOSK - SOUTH HARWOOD COUNTRY PARK (NEXT TO THE PLAYGROUND)**



# HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN TRAIL



## 19th - 31st October

Join in our trail to find the animals hidden  
in pumpkin pictures around the farm  
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

Open daily (except Tuesday)  
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm



£4 per  
entry



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