

## North Rigton Church of England Primary School

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### SCHOOL HOURS

Door Opens at 8.45am  
Morning Session 8.50am - 12.00pm  
Lunch time 12.00pm - 1.00pm  
Afternoon Session 1.00pm - 3.30pm

### RED KITE CLUB

Breakfast Club: 7.30—9.00am  
After School Club: 3.30—6.00pm

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## NORTH RIGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL CLUBS

<b>MONDAY</b>	French Club Rachel Vincent 12.00 Drum Lessons Mike Parris 2.20 Karate 3.40 – 4.30 Yr1 + Adult Choir 7:30 Peta Kendall
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Guitar 9.30 am Netball coaching Mrs Wallen lunchtime Dance - Zumba (Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6) 3:30 - 4:30
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Piano and Singing Lessons Sadie The Music Lady 10:30 Sports Club (Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6) 3:40 - 4:30 James Finch Junior Choir 3:30- 4:30 Mrs Kendall
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Recorder Club 12:00 Mrs Littlewood Homework club 12:00 Mrs Hudson
<b>FRIDAY</b>	



Our mission at North Rigton Church of England Primary School is for all learners to be motivated confident and competent, ensuring that they grow as independent and informed spiritual beings and as responsible citizens, skilled for the 21st century, each fulfilling their personal potential.

### Diary Dates

EYFS Trip to NRM	16.01.17
Safer Internet Day	07.02.17
Valentines Disco	09.02.17
Year 5/6 Residential	06.03.17
Meet The Teacher	13.03.17
Meet The Teacher	14.03.17
Red Nose Day	24.03.17

### NEWS FLASH:

## CONSULTATION ON NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE COMING SOON!

# North Rigton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term 2017  
Newsletter Seven

Friday 13th January 2017

## From the top of the stairs...

*Have you heard about The ONE Book? Have your children mentioned it at all?*

The ONE Book has quickly become an established part of our school practice since it was introduced last term. After an audit of the use and standards displayed in the very many exercise books that are used across school we decided drastic action needed to be taken and we rationalized!

Each child now has a Maths book and a ONE Book. No longer do we have different exercise books for different subjects.

*Everything is recorded in The ONE Book.*

As well as saving us money on the amount of exercise books we actually buy and saving on the storage needed for all those exercise books, the main reason for the introduction of The ONE Book was all about learning.

*Standards across school have risen due to the introduction of The ONE Books.*

As a result of the introduction of The One Book our children now apply their English skills across every subject –not just in English lessons! We now have an agreed set of presentation skills that our children apply in every lesson recorded in their ONE books. The

children are able to recognise and reflect on their own learning progress throughout their ONE book. And, perhaps most importantly of all, the process of learning is recorded and celebrated rather than just the end product.

With every blessing,  
Mrs Amber Andrews  
Head Teacher



*As promised, attached to this newsletter is another one of our new Rigton Rituals. This one is all about Collective Worship.*

## TERM DATES

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
<b>Autumn 2016 - first half term</b>	<b>Monday 5 September 2016</b>	<b>Friday 21 October 2016</b>
Half term holiday	Monday 24 October 2016	Friday 28 October 2016
<b>Autumn 2016 - second half term</b>	<b>Monday 31 October 2016</b>	<b>Friday 16 December 2016</b>
Christmas holiday	Monday 19 December 2016	Tuesday 3 January 2016
<b>Spring 2017 - first half term</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 January 2017</b>	<b>Friday 17 February 2017</b>
Half term holiday	Monday 20 February 2017	Friday 24 February 2017
<b>Spring 2017 - second half term</b>	<b>Monday 27 February 2017</b>	<b>Friday 7 April 2017</b>
Easter holiday	Monday 10 April 2017	Monday 24 April 2017
<b>Summer 2017 - first half term</b>	<b>Monday 24 April 2017</b>	<b>Friday 26 May 2017</b>
May bank holiday	Monday 1 May 2017	
Half term holiday	Monday 29 May 2017	Friday 2 June 2017
<b>Summer 2017 - second half term</b>	<b>Monday 5 June 2017</b>	<b>Tuesday 25 July 2017</b>

## TRAINING DAYS

Monday 5th September 2016	at the end of the Summer holiday
Monday 31st October 2016	at the end of the Autumn half term holiday
Tuesday 3rd January 2017	at the end of the Christmas holiday
Monday 24th April 2017	at the end of the Easter holiday
Monday 5th June 2017	at the end of the Summer half term holiday

## Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust (YCST)

On Tuesday 3rd January all our teachers and teaching assistants attended our third training day of the academic year. We joined with the other schools in YCST Multi-Academy Trust for a full day of workshops and training sessions and our wonderful hosts were

Pannal Primary School. The day was a great success and our staff attended training sessions and workshops on Maths Mastery, Early Literacy Support, Dyslexia Support, Learning Lines, Prezi Presentation Tools and many others. We enjoyed a Bring and

Share Lunch and meeting up with our colleagues from other schools.

This is just one of the ways in which our school is already benefitting from being part of YCST even though we have not formally yet joined!

## Caretaking News

As you will all probably be aware since John left we have been caretakerless!

Fortunately we have been looked after by County Cleaners who have been keeping the school building spick and span after the children have left for the day.

The good news is that North Yorkshire have advertised, interviewed and appointed a new Caretaker for our school. We have no news yet on who it is or when he/she will be able to join us but as soon as we have any more details we will let you know!

## 500 Words 2017

**Get your children reading, writing and inspired with the help of Chris Evans and BBC Radio 2.**

The annual 500 Words competition opens on 16th January 2017.

Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity!

More details on the Radio 2 website.

## Lost Property

A plea from our teachers and teaching assistants...

*Please can you make sure that all the hats, gloves and scarves that are brought into school during the wintry weather are clearly labelled with your child's name.*

*It can be quite a time consuming exercise, at the end of the day, to reunite every child with every item of unnamed clothing!*

Thank you



## Read Write Inc.

With the help of funds from FONR we have recently purchased a new Phonics and Spelling Program for use across the whole school.

Read Write Inc Phonics is supporting our Reception and Year One children with learning their letter sounds for reading and spelling. It is also enabling our children to read in carefully graded and supported groups and write by giving as many opportunities as possible to rehearse basic writing skills.



Read Write Inc Spelling is supporting our children from Year Two upwards with remembering and using and applying their age-appropriate spelling patterns. It is an intensive program that is carefully matched to National Curriculum requirements presented in an engaging and fun way.

Mrs Andrews has had experience of these programs before and has been able to train all teachers and

teaching assistants in its delivery in the classroom.

Teachers and teaching assistants have already begun to implement it across school and early indications are that children have taken to it well and are enjoying the different opportunities to rehearse their reading and writing skills.

We have scheduled a Read Write Inc information evening for parents later on in the year—more details to follow soon.

## A Great Big Thank You!

All the staff at school would like to say a great big thank you for all the lovely gifts, thoughtful cards and messages of best wishes that they received at the end of last term.

# THANK YOU

Thank you also for supporting our many Christmas activities. We are very grateful to all our parents who provided party food, transport to carol concerts, attended nativities and ensured that our children experienced a happy and rewarding festive period in school.

A few parents have been in touch with comments about the organization and management of all of

these activities and if you would like to comment further please do get in touch. As part of our staff meeting time we will be reviewing how the activities went and how we can improve them further next time for the benefit of all our children.



DIARY DATES: Valentines Disco with Mr Shuffles—Thursday 9th February

## FONR

**Valentines Disco**—on Thursday 9 February 2017, 4.30pm to 6.30pm, with the very popular DJ Shuffles! The tickets will be going on sale at the end of next week. Its always a winner with the children! We would welcome volunteers, please let one of the committee know if you are able to help.

**FONR Warriors** are looking for their 2017 challenge, any ideas please shout up!

**Christmas Card Order.** We have been in continued dialogue with Art Project for Schools and they have offered to compensate FONR

for letting everyone down and for the upset caused.

We felt you should see the cards in case you want to use them this year, as they are lovely and also we don't imagine embarking on this project again in a hurry!

Given the fact we are receiving compensation, it is only fair to offer them to you at a discount price. If you wish to keep them but do not want to pay the full price, we will discount by 50%. Any profit we make is for the benefit of the school, but we fully appreciate they were purchased with the intention of using last Christmas.

If you do not want to keep the cards we will of course issue you with a full refund, please return the cards to the office.

Many thanks for your understanding with this.

**Read Write Inc**—FONR have contributed £3000 to the school's new phonics and spelling program, every penny profit from the Christmas cards will also go directly to this worthwhile resource.

Thank you for your continuing support.

## Office Reminders

- New Lunch Menus will be distributed shortly, please return to office detailing your choices for the coming term
- Please remember to send your photo consent letter back to the office asap
- If there are any changes to your contact details please keep the office updated
- Medicine letters and applications for holidays during term-time are all available from the school office
- Please remember to use the office post-box, located at the bottom of the stairs, for all correspondence—it is checked daily

## School Office

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon Tues Wed  
8.30am — 3.15pm

Thurs  
8.30am — 4.00pm

Fri  
9.15am — 4.00pm

## Reception News

If you are an Apples Parent you may have noticed a few changes in the Reception classroom over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs Down has had a re-organization! She has moved around furniture to create dedicated learning spaces for different curriculum areas and to enable children to access resources relevant to their topics.

To support Mrs Down with her re

-organization we have created another storage area in the classroom and are waiting (patiently!) for a cloakroom on wheels to arrive. The new storage area is up and running and the new cloakroom will enable the Apples children to grab their coats quickly after lunch so they don't have to go all the way back to the classroom!

The children have already embarked upon their new Read Write Inc phonics lessons and Apples Parents will have received a letter recently detailing any changes to

reading at home.

A request from Mrs Down: if you have any spare small world items that your children may have out-grown eg model dinosaurs, farm animals and especially jungle and polar animals please don't throw them away, we can always make use of them in Reception. We are also looking for small cars such as hot wheels cars. Any donations gratefully received—thank you!