



Raleigh Headlines

Issue 1 Autumn Term — 10th September 2020

- Welcome back everyone! The children are delighted to be mixing again with their friends and have loved meeting their new teachers. They look so smart in their uniforms and are enthusiastic and keen to learn! A particularly warm welcome to our new Reception children as well as some new children in other year groups.
- Please do take a moment to have a read of the information published by the government about what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term, this is available on the front page of our website.
- I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Silver Geography Primary Quality Mark. This was down to everyone's hard work but congratulations and thanks go to Mrs Booth who led here. Now we will be going for Gold! Other awards that we are focussing on this year are the International full award with this being the final year of accreditation and Healthy Schools, led by Mr Tuckett and Miss Pidduck respectively.
- I will have taken every year group for an assembly this week when we talked about 'Good Learning & Citizenship'. As part of celebrating returning to school I showed most of them an excerpt from 'Planet Earth—a Celebration' narrated by Sir David Attenborough. The children would love to watch the rest with you. It is a very different programme as Sir David also talks about the living composer Hans Zimmer working with the BBC concert orchestra featuring the world renowned pianist Dave (see above). <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08ny6s9> At the end we celebrated individual children's progress and awarded shields for Spring and Summer 2020, (see page 2).
- Please bear with us with the staggered starts and end of day organisation. We are tweaking this daily and listening to your ideas as well as discussing it daily ourselves, of course. Listen carefully to the staff, observe social distancing and the positioning of lines and do consider wearing masks. Please help reduce congestion by only one adult bringing/collecting your child and as soon as they have gone in/met you, move away promptly. Many thanks.
- Headlines is essential weekly reading. Before ringing with a query, do check the website because most information is there. If your query is still not resolved, please email only to info.raleigh@sfet.org.uk leaving phoning as the last resort. Please only use one email address for communication otherwise jobs are duplicated in the office. Many thanks.
- Children are enjoying the school lunch that has been devised in consultation with ABM. Any slips sent in by KS1 parents showing the week's choices will be used for the rest of this temporary arrangement. The slip needs to come in by the end of Thursday please, although earlier is fine. The children are consulted when the choices are made and on the rare occasion that the child wants something different, we go with their choice as we want them to enjoy and eat all of their lunch! This avoids an upset child saying, "But I prefer ham to egg."
- 'Meet the Teacher' videos will go to you directly by email via Tucasi/Scopay and the year group newsletters will be on the website by the end of this week.
- Please keep your children safe online at home. Thinkuknow is a good site to explore—just click on this link <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>
- Shipmates will be fully open from Monday 21st September for all year groups including our new Reception children.
- If your child is away as a result of quarantine, do use the Oak National Academy Online Classroom materials on our website or just [click here](#)

Polite reminders:-

- Only Year 6 may bring scooters and bicycles, as they are in a 'bubble' in the bike rack.
- Please may we ask you to park in Nightingale Crescent if you have a child in years 1,3 or 6 and in Northcote Crescent if you have a child in years 2,4, 5 or Reception. You may also park at The Wheelhouse in East Lane.
- KS1 children may only bring a slim bookbag. Please keep rucksacks for Year 3.
- *Uniform must be named* so it can be returned to the right class as there is no access to lost property.
- Once hair is below chin length it must be tied back—that is for both boys and girls.
- Pencil cases—please avoid the bulky ones from Smiggle. Even if they can be squeezed into a tray they then make it impossible to get the children's exercise books in as well. The tables have to be completely clear in order to be thoroughly cleaned so they cannot be just left on the tables. If your child's pencil case is sent home, please provide a simple, slim one containing the minimum stationery requirements as advised by the year group staff on their newsletters and/or Meet the Teacher Loom videos.
- A named, consumable puzzle book or dot-to-dot book would be great for your child to have in their tray for wet play.
- No PE kit needed yet—just named plimsolls or trainers. Do consider decorating the outside of black plimsolls with nail varnish—it helps your child find them, a small simple design or initials is fine.
- Drinking water is available from the water cooler in the hall and both drinking fountains. Do of course, freshly fill your child's water bottle daily at home.
- If your child is attending Shipmates, do remember to send them in with a snack. The cost, as you know, has been adjusted accordingly.
- There will be no Open House until further notice.
- Regrettably we are unable to start the year 4 swimming on a Monday afternoon at Cranmore School for the moment but hope this may be able to begin after the October half term.



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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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zoom

Sunday at 10:30am

Contact Ali, our Children and Families Worker,
for the link at :

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Is your child in Year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by 31st October 2020.

Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

You can apply on line, just click here <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Is your child starting school in September 2021?

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 & 31 August 2017 you will need to apply for a school place between 2nd November 2020 and 15th January 2021.

You will be able to apply on line, just click here <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>



Mimi
KS1
Summer 2020



Theo
LKS2
Spring 2020



Isla
UKS2
Summer 2020