



Raleigh Headlines

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- **Happy New Year** to all Raleigh families. The staff and I would like to thank all the parents for the lovely cards and generous gifts—they were much appreciated.
- The **FoTR Christmas Raffle** raised over £2,000. A big, big ‘thank you’ to everyone for the very generous prizes that were donated and to those who bought tickets.
- Wonderful news—**Miss Bergman**, a TA in Year 5, is expecting her second child! Congratulations to her...
- I am sure that you are delighted that the amazing team at The Raleigh hit the ground running with **remote live teaching** with only one day’s preparation. I quote, *“Just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to all your amazing staff. After over 7 years at the Raleigh, we knew they were fab but this week they have risen to another level of greatness. Thank you to everyone involved with home learning.. we are all climbing Mount Everest but with the Raleigh leading the way, I know we are in safe hands.”* Please read all the emails and attachments that we send to you about remote live teaching very carefully. If you experience any problems just email us. **PLEASE DO NOT JOIN IN WITH THE LESSONS; YOU WOULDN’T BE ABLE TO AT SCHOOL, SO YOU MAY NOT FROM HOME. Thank you!**
- **No laptop or tablet? Not enough devices at home? Mum’s phone screen rather small? Use your X-Box or Play Station as they are internet receivers; yes, really.** Also, Amazon has tablets available for next day delivery at a cost of about £2 per week. This is one that I found for under £80 compatible with Zoom https://www.amazon.co.uk/all-new-fire-hd-8-tablet-8-hd-display-32-64-gb-black-with-special-offers-designed-for-portable-entertainment/dp/B07WDDTQGZ/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=tablet&qid=1609940768&s=amazon-devices&sr=1-2&th=1 Every day wasted is learning missed.....£10 per month via Amazon. Sounds good to me!
- As of next week **Wednesday’s and Friday’s timetable will change.** We will be asking you to do the Joe Wicks PE session at a particular time. This is because the PE session in school for the critical workers’ children is being led by Premier staff on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon with different year groups, spread throughout both afternoons. We do not want anyone here or at home missing PE or their remote lessons on Zoom. If your child is attending school as part of our key worker provision, please make sure they wear trainers to school. Thanks for your co-operation here and please watch this space for more information.
- Early responses from the children eating our **school lunches** are highly favourable—thanks to Sue and her team and thanks to the working party of parents and staff who worked hard to suggest adjustments and a widening to the menu. You spoke—we listened. Apparently the pasta with meatballs was absolutely delicious!
- The **book-banded books** lending library is now open in the lobby. Just return the book(s) into the quarantine box, sanitise your hands and choose a few more to keep your child reading daily. Free readers, please use the Oxford Owl website—free to parents to sign up online.
- You may come and collect **your child’s pencil case, trainers and some learning resources.** These will be available to collect from the lobby area in individually named packs. We will email you as soon as these items are ready to collect. Year 4’s are ready to collect now. There are two hand sanitiser units in the lobby area so please make sure you sanitise your hands on the way in and the way out. Thank you!
- **Stationery packs** are available if you cannot provide them—also in the lobby; lined and squared paper, A4 whiteboard and pen.
- If you think your child may be entitled to **free school meals**, please contact Mrs Light for an application form. If your child is eligible, this eligibility will also entitle them to pupil premium funding which is currently £1,345 per year. This additional pupil premium funding can be used by the school to support your child with their personal academic progress. This additional funding stays with your child for **6 years** irrespective of any change in your circumstances so please do consider contacting us as this could be a huge benefit to your child’s learning.
- Please download **filtering software** on any new devices that your lucky children received from Santa Claus. Keep your children safe on-line. Just [click here](#) for more information and guidance about this.
- Just to remind you that if you wish to apply for an **infant school place for September 2021**, the deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. You can apply on-line at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call 0300-200-1004.
- **Daily assemblies** will begin next week at 10am daily so please look out for the Zoom link.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.