



Raleigh Headlines

Issue 2 Spring Term — 16th January 2020

- ◆ You will no doubt be aware of the cost to both human and animal lives due to the terrible **bush fires** in Australia and we have decided to support the Australian charity WIRES, by holding a **mufti day** on **Monday 27th January**. Children may come to school wearing their own clothes for a donation of at least £1. In the playground, after school, on **Wednesday 22nd** and **Thursday 23rd January**, Mrs Broadest will be asking children to **guess the name of** the cuddly kangaroo that she has kindly donated. It will be 50p a go to win the kangaroo. We are also running a **poster competition**; entries to be **submitted by Monday 27th January** to your child's class teacher, with a **50p entry fee** in a named envelope attached to the back of the poster. Posters can be any size and any media and should have your child's name, class and house on the reverse. There will be a house point for every entry and there will be prizes and additional house points for the key stage winners. The winning poster overall will receive a prize, also kindly donated by Mrs Broadest. Cesca and Emilia have also been fundraising for WIRES, see page 3!
- ◆ Our **SCITT teachers in training**, Miss Bayes & Miss Sen currently working in 3 Birch and Year 5 respectively will move to other schools after the February half-term for the second part of their teaching practice. They will be replaced by other SCITT teachers in training; Miss Terry, who will join 5 Cedar and Miss Jones, who will join Year R and then 3 Birch just on Fridays. A warm Raleigh welcome to them.
- ◆ If you would like to send an email to the school and/or a member of staff, may I please ask you to **send it to only one address**. Mrs Light alone monitors info@theraleigh.org and Mrs Bean, Mrs Lane & Mrs Leppard all monitor adminteam@theraleigh.org *Sending an email to both of these addresses is duplicating work.* Thank you.
- ◆ Don't forget to ask for a **free taster lunch** with your child to inform **your decision** on whether to change to school lunches in KS2. The food is great; delicious, nourishing and filling and we really encourage you to make this change to join the 110 children in KS2 already taking advantage of our wonderful offer. Just ring the office on 282988.
- ◆ The children in KS2 joined in with a workshop delivered by **Childnet** on Monday. A parents' talk was held the same evening. If you were not able to attend, we have available on request information sheets to keep you up-to-date with this constantly changing landscape. Thanks for organising it Miss Jonhson and Mr Sainudeen.
- ◆ Today, **Simon Murray**, author, led an engaging workshop for KS1 and many children bought his books. If your child would like you to buy one, see the leaflet in your child's bookbag that came home today — **you must send your order in tomorrow as Simon will be here at lunchtime to collect any orders and the money**. Many thanks.
- ◆ Also today, Year 4 had a **Rainforest Workshop** to see live animals from the Rainforest. Fantastic!
- ◆ **Photographs** were taken of your child(ren) today and yesterday. Proofs will be sent to you shortly but please note the strict deadline to avoid disappointment! Jo Pittarides is very skilled and her photos are always wonderful.
- ◆ **Reception parents** meeting **tomorrow at 14.50** to find out all about cursive handwriting—don't miss it!
- ◆ **Year 4 swimming** starts next week on Monday. If you are a volunteer adult please arrive by 13.40. Thank you.
- ◆ Next week, all learning is about **reducing the use of plastic**. Let's all join in at home too!

Are you able to donate any good quality toys!

Our extended day clubs are looking to replenish their toys, many of which we have had for several years and which are used daily.

We are particularly looking for large items such as a new, strongly made garage (if possible with a ramp), a new fort complete with soldiers, dolls house furniture, large dolls and dolls clothes, shopping and play food and farm animals.



In addition, a magic set & Uno cards all complete and in good condition would be welcomed.

If you are able to donate any items you may have that are no longer used or loved, we would be extremely grateful.

Thank you so much for the items families have already donated.

Dear KS2 Parents,

We have the opportunity again this year to enter a number of Raleigh teams from KS2 into the very popular, and hugely successful, Flight Centre Schools' Triathlon 2020. This year, two separate events will be held on Sunday 3rd May, at Cranleigh and Charterhouse Schools. As in previous years, The Raleigh, as with all other competing schools, will have a maximum number of teams which can be entered. We have been over-subscribed in the past and will operate a team names-out-of-hat process if that happens this year.

At this stage, we would like to understand how many teams would like to take part. Once we know numbers, we will liaise with Restless Development to confirm our allocation. We will then select the teams (if we are over-subscribed) and the successful teams will receive further instructions on how to enter. **Do not** apply directly on the Flight Centre website at this stage.

Key information:

- Open to KS2 children
- Teams of 4 children; can be mixed / boys / girls
- Teams can comprise children from single year groups or years 3 / 4 combined or 5 / 6 combined
- This is targeted at children of all abilities, and the focus is on having fun
- Distances vary with year group (more details in the link below)
- No entry fee but £50 minimum to be raised per child (target is £100)

If your child is interested, please provide the following information **BY EMAIL** to Lesley in the school office - info@theraleigh.org **AND** Liz Cass (lizwemyss@btinternet.com) by Wednesday 22nd January:

Decide if your child/children would like to enter

- Identify your teams of 4
- Select a parent lead for each team
- Decide on a name for your team
- Parent lead to send teams (names of children, year group(s) and team name) **BY EMAIL** to Lesley in the school office info@theraleigh.org **AND** Liz Cass (lizwemyss@btinternet.com) by Wednesday 22nd January:

More information (including format for the events, distances, etc) can be found on the following link:

[Schools Triathlon](#)

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR REGISTER THE TEAM YOURSELF UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DO SO.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Liz Cass who is organising this on behalf of the school alongside Miss Marsh.

There are a considerable number of families who have not yet settled their school lunch and extended day club accounts and we are now at the end of the second week of this term. May we please ask you to visit your child's Scopay account and clear the accounts owing by the end of this weekend.

We are looking for a qualified accountant who would be able to undertake the Independent Examination of The Raleigh School Trust financial statements. It should not be an onerous task and if you are interested and could help us or to find out more about the requirements, please contact the School Office in the first instance.

Thank you.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Last week, 13 children arrived late, 5 children attended medical and dental appointments in school time and there were 15 unauthorised absences for family holidays and 2 other unauthorised absences.

114 children still have 100% attendance which is fantastic so very well done to them!

Staff Car Park

May we please ask you **NOT** to park in the car park at any time unless by prior arrangement with the school office.

People continue to use this area to park when dropping off at Earlybirds and collecting from Shipmates. In addition, parents are using this area to park when they pick up during the course of the school day for medical appointments.

The car park is small, already very congested at most times. In the past, members of staff have had their cars damaged by parents parking in the staff car park when they have no right to do so.

"On the weekend, we raised money for the bush fires in Australia. We raised £50 but my dad's work will kindly double it to £100. My friend and I are going to give the money to WIRES (Australian Wildlife Rescue) We went around to peoples houses to ask if they would generously give a donation exchanging for a cookie! The charity will help animals who have lost their homes in the fires. We hope we have helped lots of animals."

"Thanks for listening"

Key:

Cesca

Emilia

Both



Cesca & Emilia from Y5 made cookies and exchanged them for a donation to WIRES the Australian Wildlife Rescue Organisation.

Including the matched funding they will receive, the girls raised £100.

A very big well done girls!

Dates for your Diary

Dates in red are new dates/items added this week

Friday 17th January 2020	3 Birch Class Assembly Year 6 Polar Exploration workshop—afternoon
Monday 20th January 2020	Year 4 Swimming starts Year 1 WOW Day Year 4 Marchants Hill Meeting at 14:45
Friday 24th January 2020	INSET DAY Ultimate Coaching Day Camp
Monday 27th January 2020	Year 4 Swimming Mufti Day Australia
Friday 31st January 2020	Year 2 Drama Workshop Year 5 WOW Day
Monday 3rd February 2020	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 4th February 2020	Year 6 Explorers WOW Day
Friday 7th February 2020	Open House 3:20-4:00pm
Monday 10th February 2020	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 13th February 2020	Year 5 to the British Museum Year 3 WOW Day
Friday 14th February 2020	4 Aspen Class Assembly Love Languages Competition CLFS End of Spring Half Term 1 . School finishes at 3:20pm
HALF TERM	Next Thing Education - Technology Holiday Club
Monday 24th February 2020	Beginning of Spring Half Term 2 Year 4 Swimming
Friday 6th March 2020	Year 4 Rainforest Day Open House
Monday 9th March 2020	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 10th March 2020	Parents Evening 16:30 to 19:30
Thursday 12th March 2020	Parents Evening 16:30 to 19:30
Friday 13th March 2020	Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum
Thursday 19 March 2020	YEAR R Assembly (Class Oak and Class Elm)
Friday 20th March 2020	EASTER FAIR
Monday 23rd March 2020	Last Year 4 Swimming of term
Tuesday 24th March 2020	Year 5 depart—Osmington Bay
Friday 27th March 2020	3 Larch Class Assembly Year 5 return—Osmington Bay
Tuesday 31st March 2020	Year 5 Egyptian Museum in Hall at 14:30
Wednesday 1st April 2020	Year 3 to Dapdune Wharf
Friday 3rd April 2020	End of Spring Term 2 School finishes at 1:30pm
Save the Date:	12th June 2020— The Raleigh Ball
	14th June 2020—The Raleigh Summer Fair