



Raleigh Headlines

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- **INSET DAY**—a further reminder that tomorrow, Friday 29th January, school will be **totally closed to all children** including those accessing critical worker provision.
- Thanks again to the local **ministry team** for preparing such appropriate assemblies to view daily. Please support our local churches by subscribing to their YouTube channels.
- School **staff are now being tested on a twice weekly** basis which is re-assuring for all.
- Please may I ask and encourage you to continue to **read every day with your child**. I know it is just one more job but it really is an important one. We have noticed that parents reading with their children has declined and reading is such an important gateway to so much more! Thank you.
- **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**. We're more than halfway through January now, the evenings are a little lighter, and one or two birds are just starting to sing. Raleigh pupils have been busy making bird feeders to encourage birds to our local area and RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is this weekend. We've signed up our school to be a part of this vital citizenship science project and we'd love you to get involved. All you need to do is choose a time between 29th and 31st January to spend an hour counting the birds you see in your garden or from your balcony. It really is that simple! You can download bird survey sheets to use from RSPB's website and there are educational talks to watch on RSPB's YouTube channel too. **Saturday 10am** Chris Packham and Megan McCubbin, live from their garden in the New Forest. **Sunday 10am** Notes on Nature Live with special guests Deborah Meaden, Simon Mayo, Mike Dilger and Brigit Strawbridge Howard. You can submit your results online by [clicking here](#) from 29th January until 19th February. Every count is important so, if you don't see anything, please still submit your result. Finding out which birds don't visit our local area is as important as understanding those which do!
- We still have a few **laptops available** for loan if your child is having to use a phone to access the learning. Or do you have a situation where your children have to share a device? I know we have asked before, but just send an email if you are experiencing difficulty and we will be in touch. I hope those who purchased a tablet following the Trust recommendation are enjoying their lessons that way! Do please download content filtering software if you are using a brand new device that you have bought.
- Do join in with the **cross country**—we already have 2 Raleigh children on the leader board—well done to Amber Y4 in 2nd place and Harry Y6 who is currently 11th, across all Surrey schools! Thanks to our new PE leader Miss Partridge for promoting this. Come on The Raleigh!
- Huge thanks to the Weights family et al for distributing baked goodies to many more NHS staff this lockdown—a **true act of kindness**. I hope you enjoyed the Duchess of Cambridge's assembly on the same theme—deliberately chosen! Some children did view this in June but it is still so relevant....
- The Jan/Feb issue of **Families Surrey East Magazine** has now been published. The magazine contains a lot of info on education, activities, early years, outdoors, health, family life and online classes. Just [click here](#) to view the digital version.
- We have been notified of **pavement works in Northcote Crescent** from **Monday 8th February** from 8am to 5pm for **10 days**. This work is being carried out by the council's contractor Kier and delays are possible.
- See some **great writing from Year 2** children on page 2. Well done William & Mabel —thanks to Mrs Mumby!

Want to challenge yourself and see where you place against children from all over Surrey?

 Take part in the South Surrey virtual challenge! 

All participants need to do to take part is complete this incredibly short form

→ <https://forms.gle/TGoZF6BwTufd489L6>

You can access the [leaderboard](#) anytime (*it auto-updates every time someone enters*). There are no other instructions, that's it. Get up & get active! 😊

CROSS COUNTRY

Let's keep active together

Can you?

Walk/jog/run continuously for 10 minutes

OR

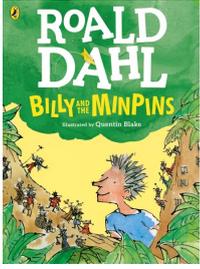
Walk/jog/run 1 mile (1.6km)



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Upload your time or distance to the Google Form link on the email

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*Two pieces of writing inspired by Billy and
the Minpins by Roald Dahl*

William in 2 Lime

Billy was running so fast it felt like he was flying, so he quickly glanced over his shoulder. He saw the Spittler, he felt like he was going to burst. Billy's hair flew out behind him. The Spittler was almost inches away from him, the fire was millimetres away from touching him. He was terrified.

Mabel in 2 Lime

Little Billy was petrified! He didn't know what to do but run. So he ran, he ran, ran and ran some more, but the fearsome creature wouldn't stop. Billy ran, and ran until he could run no more and he was very afraid that he would get bloodsucked, toothplucked, and stonechucked by the Spittler himself!