



Raleigh Headlines

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- **End of term**—term ends next Wednesday, 21st July. The staff would like to thank you for your ongoing support during what has been another unpredictable year. The children should feel proud of their many achievements since September. This is the final edition of Headlines for this academic year. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday, 6th September.
- If you would like to give **staff gifts**, please may we ask that these are dropped at the school office by the end of the day on Monday so that they can be quarantined prior to the end of term.
- **Next week** in one of our assemblies, we will be celebrating the **excellent attendance** for this academic year as well as individual children's achievement.
- **September**—the current government guidance states that many of the restrictions due to coronavirus will be removed in September. Mrs O'Neill will be issuing a separate letter regarding our plans for the new academic year tomorrow.
- **19th-21st July**—although national restrictions may be easing on Monday, please note that our in-school risk assessment and current restrictions remain in place until 21st July. Coronavirus cases are rising in local education settings and we need to remain vigilant until the end of term. Please therefore continue to social distance and wear a face mask whenever you are on the school grounds. Thank you.
- **Cake sale**—this will be held at the end of the day on Monday, 19th July. Thanks so much to the Year 5 School Councillors and their parents for organising the cake sale. Remember your cash to buy some delicious treats. Cakes will be on sale in three locations around school; in the playground, on the Green in Nightingale Crescent and at the front of school and will cost 50p each. The proceeds will be split between the Friends of The Raleigh and a charity chosen by the School Council.
- **Raleigh Reporter**—the newspaper clubs in Years 3 and 5 have been working hard to produce the first edition of "The Raleigh Reporter" newspaper. This will be sold at the cake sale on Monday 19th July. The newspaper will cost £1 per copy. Thank you to all of the children and staff involved for all of your hard work on the newspaper.
- The Year 1 classes are in need of some **beanbags and cushions** for the reading areas in their classrooms. If you have any unwanted items, in good condition, that you are able to donate, please drop these at the school office.
- Just to remind you that **second hand uniform** will be put out under the canopy on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July. We will provide hand sanitiser and disposable gloves for those parents wanting to look through the items and we would ask you to wear a mask. There will not be a set price for any item, but we would ask you to make a donation for any items that you take.

Updated public health information regarding coronavirus

In response to the transmission of variants of concern, Public Health England (PHE) South East, is advising **all close contacts of COVID-19 cases** to get a COVID-19 PCR test (ideally 5 days after exposure or day five of isolation) whether or not they have symptoms of coronavirus.

All adults and secondary and college age students are encouraged to take a symptom-free LFD test twice a week. You will not need to isolate while waiting for the results of the symptom-free LFD test. Adults can collect a home testing kit from a [designated site](#) or order [online](#). Find out more about symptom-free testing [here](#). Testing is not a replacement for infection prevention and control measures that education settings, pupils and their households must continue to follow. Remember: HANDS – FACE – SPACE – FRESH AIR. We all need to continue to follow national and local COVID-19 guidance in line with the roadmap. If you're aged 18 or over you can get the [COVID-19 vaccine](#). You can [book an appointment](#) at a larger vaccination centre or pharmacy now, or wait to be invited to go to a local NHS service. If you are not yet eligible, the NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine.

Goodbye to all our leaving staff and children, both in Year 6 and other year groups. We send with you our very best wishes as you move to pastures new.