

### Head's Update

Welcome back to the new academic year. We hope you and your children have settled quickly back into the routine of school life. A special welcome is extended to all the new children and families who started at Rickmansworth Park this September.

As you were aware, during the summer holidays, the school underwent a significant renovation project. As well as having a new fire alarm system fitted throughout the school, many areas, including the dining hall, Computing Suite and Y3 Classroom, now have brand new ceilings and light fittings.

### Reminders

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you to **only use the pedestrian pathway through the school when you are accompanying children**. This is the only way that we can guarantee the safety of the children.

Please return any outstanding OV7 Annual Parent Consent Forms and Home/School Agreements as soon as possible. Thank you.

Class Assemblies begin again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct at 9am. The first assembly will be Y3.

### Thank you RPSA!

The children were delighted with the new playground markings funded by the RPSA. They will make such a difference to play times.



**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October –  
3.30pm**

### Staffing Update

Some of you may have noticed that Mrs Plumridge has not been seen around the school this term. She is alive and well and very much enjoying life in Devon having relocated during the summer holidays. Carol Plumridge worked in the school for over 15 years and was a highly respected member of the school team. She will be greatly missed by both the staff and pupils. She has already written to us to say she is "living the dream" enjoying coastal walks and Devon cream teas!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning



Please do come along and support our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, at 9am. This year, this cause is especially close to our heart.

**All donations of (nut free) cake will be gratefully received.**



We will be holding a special Harvest assembly on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The assembly will be led by John Bishop from Croxley Baptist Church. Once again, the collection this year will go to Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership (WTRRP). The WTRRP offers practical and emotional support in West Hertfordshire to asylum-seekers, refugees and those with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), many of whom are destitute and homeless.

<http://www.wtrrp.org.uk/>

### Help Needed

We are particularly in need of parent helpers this term. If you have had all the relevant safeguarding checks and are able to make a weekly commitment to helping out, please do contact the office to let us know.

### Attendance

Our school is aiming to maintain a whole school attendance figure of

**97%**

### ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR 2017-18

YR – 100.0%  
Y1 – 96.1%  
Y2 – 99.0%  
Y3 – 98.1%  
Y4 – 99.6%  
Y5 – 99.4%  
Y6 – 98.3%

**WHOLE SCHOOL FIGURE – 98.3%**



### Mobile Phones in School



This term we have adopted a new policy on mobile phone use. Mobile phones must now be out of sight in the school building. If you come to the door with your mobile phone out, you will be asked to put it away. We will still allow phones to be used for supervised photography during assemblies and performances. Thank you for your support with this.