



Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

As we come to the end of the third week of this new school year, please see below some important reminders.

Accelerated Reader

We have begun to roll out Accelerated Reader in school and it is fantastic to see the library full of pupils sharing books and enjoying a relaxing read at lunchtime.

We would like to ask for your assistance to ensure that your child reads regularly at home for 2 hours – 2 ½ hours per week (ideally 5 x 30 mins) as this will help them to achieve a faster rate of progress and build up their reading stamina. Pupils need to complete a reading quiz on Accelerated Reader after finishing their ZPD book and they should aim to take a quiz every two weeks. If their ZPD book is long, pupils can read a 'Quick Pick' from the school library to help them achieve this target.

Our link to Accelerated Reader is below:

<https://ukhosted12.renlearn.co.uk/2247959>

Please contact us with any questions regarding Accelerated Reader.

Reading Community

Well done to the 41 pupils who applied for the Reading Ambassador and Assistant Librarian posts! We were so proud of all the applications we received which showed our pupils' commitment to building a reading community at Ryecroft. The results will be announced soon.



Super Sleuths

In Year 8 English, our pupils have been inspired by the iconic Sherlock Holmes and we've been delighted to see them turn detective in real life!

Using the evidence from Dr. John Snow, our pupils have identified the water pump in Soho, London which was the source of a major cholera outbreak in 1854. Excellent investigating work here girls!

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'Une visite a Paris' – French Language Day – Friday 30th September

The 26th September is European Day of Languages and to celebrate this we will be holding a languages day next **Friday 30th September**. The day will be centred on the theme of a virtual visit to Paris and will include lots of activities across the curriculum.

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform of **blue, white and red colours** to symbolise the colours of the French flag. There will also be a 'Great Parisian Bake Off' for anyone that would like to enter. Entries for our bake off can be brought to school on the morning of Friday 30th September and should be linked to the theme of a visit to Paris or with a French link. **Please make sure that any bakes are nut free**. We will enjoy looking at and judging the cakes and some prizes will be awarded, before your child can bring their cake home to enjoy with you at the end of the day.

Next week in French lessons, we will be launching a 'Duolingo' competition for staff and students. Please encourage your children to get involved and maybe have a go yourselves!

Uniform

Thank you for your support in following our uniform expectations, children have been looking very smart since we returned from the summer break. Uniform expectations can be found on our website. Please may I remind you that for health and safety reasons any pupils with long hair should have it tied back.

Nut allergies

An important reminder that we have a number of people in our school with nut allergies so please **do not** send your children in to school with an nut based products for snacks or lunch.

Dropping off and Parking

Please see the attached guidelines to ensure all on our school site are kept safe.

School Nurse

I am pleased to share that we now have access to the School Nurse hub. Parents can access the Hub Monday to Thursday 9:00 – 5:00pm on: **0300 303 3924**. Alternatively they provide a free text service on: **07520 615722**. If you have any concerns about your child please contact the Hub on either of these numbers for help, support or advice. The School Nurse will also be holding a clinic at school once a month for pupils, and the first of these clinics is on 18th October 10:00am till 12:00pm. Please see the school notice board for further information.

Well done to those children who had their Flu nasal vaccination or HPV vaccinations in school today!

Please keep an eye on our website for further updates from school, 'follow' us on Twitter - **@ryecroftms** or 'like' us on Facebook - <https://en-gb.facebook.com/ryecroftmiddleschool/>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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