



# Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This half term we are thinking about our school value 'Community' and Rev Liz explored how we can make people feel part of our community in assembly on Tuesday. I think this is something we do really well here at Ryecroft. We have already this year had many visitors to our school and they consistently comment on how welcome they are made to feel by everyone in school. I am so proud of our children, just as I am sure you are too.



Today we have had 'une journee fantastique' – a fantastic day, celebrating and learning about France and the French language. Dressed in the colours of the French flag children have enjoyed learning about the Montgolfiere brothers who invented the hot air balloon, looking at the artwork of Henri Matisse, building their own Eiffel Tower from spaghetti and marshmallows and taking part in un peu de sport (a bit of sport!) learning about the Tour de France and playing games such as Petanque. We had an astonishing amount of entries for the Great Parisian Bake Off, thank you to all our pupils and families at home for your support with this. Enjoy your cake over the weekend!

## Harvest Festival

At Harvest time we give thanks for all the blessings in our lives - our family, our friends, food on our tables and a roof over our heads. The best way to show our thankfulness is to share. Sadly, more people than ever in our communities are having to rely on the local food banks to feed their families. So, we invite you to show your thankfulness by sending donations of non-perishable food products into school next week in preparations for our Harvest Festival celebration which will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Non-perishable food products can be brought in by pupils and taken to their form classroom, and items will be collected by members of our Worship Team. These will then be delivered to a local foodbank for distribution to those who need it the most.

We appreciate that these are very difficult times and thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

## Christmas Theatre trip

You will have received a letter informing you about our whole school Christmas trip to see 'Alice in Wonderland' in December. I hope you will agree that this will be a lovely festive experience for all pupils, and wonderful that we are able to enjoy being back in the theatre. Please check details on the letter for payment for this trip.

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## School Photos

A reminder that Tempest Photography are in school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, and all children will have their photograph taken. Full uniform please!

## Open Evening for new Year 5 pupils

We are looking forward to meeting parents of new children who started with us in September on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. This is an opportunity to meet your child's form teacher and discuss how they have settled so far. Please make an appointment through School Cloud, our office will be happy to help if you are experiencing any difficulties with this system.

## Open Evening for new pupils September 2023

We are delighted to be welcoming parents to our Open Evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 6:00pm till 8:00pm. A letter of invitation has been sent to our First schools but if you know of any parents who are considering a new school for their children, please encourage them to come along to meet us and see our fabulous school. If you are unable to attend on this evening, please telephone the office and an alternative appointment can be made.

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 continued support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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