



October 2019

# **The Phoenix Newsletter for Ryecroft C.E. Middle School**

Part of the Uttoxeter Learning Trust

## **Issue 1**

Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach the final week of the first half-term of 2019-20, I can say it has been a half-term full of hard work, fun and excitement. We have welcomed a new cohort into Year 5; they have settled in well and are enjoying the diverse curriculum at Ryecroft. To enhance their learning, pupils across the school have had visits from South Staffordshire Water, R.I.O.T Recovery Champions and a Hate Crime Workshop plus there's been visits to the Uttoxeter Fire Station and St Michael's Church.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October we hosted our Open Day to enable the families of Year 4 pupils to see our school. The feedback has been wonderfully positive; as usual our pupils did us proud and were great ambassadors for Ryecroft.

This half term we have also been delighted to be able to continue to significantly update our site and building. We have just completed installing a Trim-Trail on our grounds consisting of a course with outdoor exercise obstacles along its length for exercising the human body and to promote good health. In addition, recent visitors to the school will have noticed our new graphics bringing a wow factor to our entrance reception area and along the corridor to the ground floor classrooms.

### **OUR VALUE THIS HALF-TERM: GENEROSITY**

A big thank you for the generous donations we received for Harvest Festival. The food donations were delivered to Cheadle Food Bank who were very extremely grateful for all of our donations.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, pupils and staff wore yellow in support of world mental health day campaign #helloyellow. It was a great success as it enabled conversations about the importance of mental health as well as raising money for a worthwhile cause. £160.00 was raised – Thank You.

I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned half-term break and I look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Yours sincerely

**Miss R Baramuszcak**  
**Headteacher**

## **Working with Parents**

any problems, concerns or questions so that these can be quickly resolved. Teachers are generally not free to have lengthy discussions at dropping off or picking up time or indeed during most of the school day. Therefore if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's welfare or education, we would ask that you please make an appointment through the school office. The office staff will then forward your request to the relevant teacher who will in turn contact you as soon as possible to arrange a suitable time to meet.

We want the very best for all children at Ryecroft and recognise that this is only possible if we work closely with parents. Staff are happy to make appointments to meet parents and we encourage parents to contact us if they have

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**



## P E Lessons – Autumn Term – September to December 2019

**Year 5** - After half term Year 5 pupils will be studying DANCE and FOOTBALL in their P E lessons. It is compulsory that ALL pupils wear shin pads when taking part in football for us to be able to deliver it within school.

**Year 6** - After half term Year 6 pupils will be continuing with their swimming lessons.



**Year 7** - After half term Year 7 will be studying DANCE and FOOTBALL. It is compulsory that ALL pupils wear **shin pads** when taking part in football for us to be able to deliver it within school.

**Year 8** - After half term Year 8 will be studying VOLLEYBALL and FOOTBALL in their P E lessons. It is compulsory that ALL pupils wear **shin pads** when taking part in football for us to be able to deliver it within school.

## Ryecroft C E Middle School



Our Facebook page is intended to celebrate successes, share photographs showcasing pupils work, update parents about school visits and advertise school events.

To ensure this page remains a positive reflection of the great things happening at our school, we ask that you respect these common-sense guidelines:

- 1 **Keep it safe** - Respect the privacy of children and staff and DO NOT use names.
- 2 **Keep it positive** - Complaints and grievances should be managed through official school channels.
- 3 **Keep it clean** - Maintain a civil environment, we prohibit inappropriate language.
- 4 **Keep it respectful** - Be considerate to others and of how you're representing yourself.

Please note that the school is unable to respond directly to comments on Facebook. Please contact the school office in the usual way if you should have any queries.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Please find attached a list of important dates and events for your diary  
(some the events are subject to change)*



### OCTOBER 2019

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School Disco – 6:30pm to 8:30pm – £2.50
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>HALF-TERM</b>

### NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	First day back for staff and pupils
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Years 7 &amp; 8 WorldSkills Show at the NEC in Birmingham (information to follow)</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Lunch – <b>LUNCH PRE-ORDER DUE DATE</b> (information to follow)

### DECEMBER 2019

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 The Prince and The Pauper Theatre Visit</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch – <b>PAYMENT DUE DATE</b> (information to follow)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b> (information to follow)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Years 6 &amp; 7 Ski Visit 2021 £50.00 INSTALMENT DUE DATE</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>

### JANUARY 2019

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back for staff and pupils