



## Raglan Infant School



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**Welcome Back!** I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break.

The children have settled back remarkably quickly and you would think we had all been back at school for weeks.

**Building Work:** You cannot have failed to notice that work has begun on our new classrooms and dining facilities. We have planned things to keep disruption to a minimum - for instance staggered playtimes and lunchtimes ensure the children have room to play. Many of them are fascinated by the work and the builders will be visiting school to talk about what they are doing. With such an exciting project going on we want to harness the children's interest to enhance their learning.

The contractors have an excellent website for the project that you might want to visit. The address is: [www.isgjcommunity.com/raglan/](http://www.isgjcommunity.com/raglan/)

Teachers will be giving some time in school to the Health and Safety competition and the time capsule, and your input at home will be welcome too.

**Health and Safety:** As you may imagine this is the first consideration and the contractors have worked extensively with the Local Authority and the school to ensure a safe environment.

A Fire Safety Officer from the Local Authority has visited the school to help us reformulate our evacuation procedures and we will be practising these with the children in the near future.

**School Lunches:** The first week with packed lunches provided by the school dinner caterers has passed reasonably well. I understand they will be making some adjustments to the menus.

Children who eat a lunch provided at school will be bringing home a letter and a copy of next week's menu.

**Swine Flu:** We have received a reminder that the best defence against this illness is good hygiene. We will be reinforcing with the children the need to wash the hands frequently and dispose of used tissues safely. It would be helpful if you would repeat this message at home. All classrooms have antiseptic gel as well as soap and water.

**Y1 parents:** The building work has seriously affected the area where the Y1 children usually line up in the mornings. We are not sure of the perfect solution, but want to try to get the children into school as smoothly as possible.

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September we would like them to walk into school as they have been doing this week but we are changing the time slightly to start at 8.45. The

first bell goes at 8.45 so that is a clear signal to everyone associated with Y1 that they can come into school. Most of the children are familiar with their classrooms and teaching staff now so we would like them to say good-bye to you in the playground and come into school on their own. This will reduce the congestion in the corridor! If you think your child is not ready for this, or you need to see the staff, please come in with him or her.

At home time the staff will bring the children out to the points marked on the playground. Two of the classes will be coming to the covered area, so if you are sheltering from the sun or the rain, I am afraid I have to ask you to move into the playground when the classes appear!

**DRAMATIC NEWS:** There is a Studio at this school. Helen O'Grady Drama Academy helps to develop excellent social skills, confidence, communication skills, increase self esteem and therefore motivation to learn and stronger literacy through acting. For one hour a week your child will enjoy movement to music, speech development and scripted and improvised drama and a theatre performance in the Summer. For more information call 020 8 350 5195.

**EASS (Enfield Arts Support Service) - Celebrating Music During 2009/10:** They are holding music activities both after school and on Saturday mornings. During September the DCSF are launching a high profile national campaign to "give every child the chance to get more from music." If you would like your child to join in the Autumn Term please come to the office for a leaflet about The Saturday Music Centre and a list of classes being held on a weekly basis during term time. - Also

there is an OPEN DAY on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September between 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. at De Bohun School, Green Road, N14 4AD.

**Friends of Bury Street Lodge Park - Public Meeting:** We would like to thank all of those parents who completed the questionnaire about the new play area in Bury Lodge Park last term. You have provided important information which will help us better represent the community's views.

We would like to invite all who are interested in the future of the park to a public meeting at **Salisbury House on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45 p.m.** where future plans for the park will be revealed. Anyone who wishes to become involved with friends projects and is unable to attend please email us on [friendsofburylodge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:friendsofburylodge@yahoo.co.uk) and we will contact you with membership information.

**EcoACTIVE Workshops:** Just a reminder to Year 2 - can you please return the permission slip and contribution (correct money please in a named envelope) to your class teachers as soon as possible. Thank you.

**McMillan Cancer Charity - Date for your Diary:** On 25<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. in the school hall we are holding a Coffee Morning. It would be lovely to see as many parents/carers that can pop in for a cuppa and a chat for a worthwhile cause!

Pat Speare