

# “Together”

The John Rankin Schools' Newsletter

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Inspired to learn—challenged to achieve



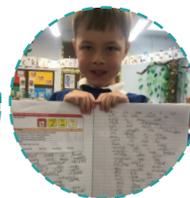
## What can we say about September 2020 ....

We have continued to be impressed with the children adjusting so well to the new challenges at JRS, they have done such a brilliant job in very hard circumstances. Thank you for all the support you have shown the school during this time and a huge thank you to all of our staff too.

The school is a busy hive of assessing, learning, challenge and fun. The children have had a great start to the year, being happy and keen to come in every morning which is lovely to see. The children have really settled well into the new routines.

The children have been generating some fantastic work and Mr Rayner has been 'blown away' with work that is being sent to him for the 'Celebrate!' assembly.

Meanwhile, the Nursery children have been creating fabulous art based on nursery rhymes.



## The return of the Hot School Lunch!

We are delighted to be able to offer the children hot school dinners once again, especially as this cold weather creeps in. The Junior school have been devouring their potato wedges with various healthy toppings since September and more recently the Infant school have been loving their toasted wraps. Whilst the children are still eating in their classrooms to maintain their bubbles, the current offerings are perfect mess free meals, and filling them up ready for afternoon



## Well Done!

A big John Rankin School WELL DONE, to Alana G (top) and Matilda K (bottom) who were recently awarded second and third place respectively, in a writing competition run by West Berkshire Museum.

This was one of the challenges set by school during the home schooling period.

Huge CONGRATULATIONS on your fabulous stories.



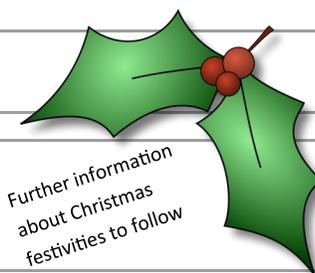
## Reminders

- Please remember to socially distance during drop off and pick up times - both whilst on the school grounds and when approaching the school.

**Please do not come to school before your time slot** - a few minutes is okay, but we want to avoid too many queues or waiting groups of people.

- We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of parking safely and respectfully, as it is paramount that we keep our children safe and our neighbours happy.
- Please remember to order your child's school dinners online the day before.
- Parents' evening letters will be coming out very soon.
- Children need to bring a named water bottle in each day as we have limited cups in school for the children to use.

## Dates to remember



### October 2020

23<sup>rd</sup> October—INSET DAY

### November 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> November—Start of Term 2

2<sup>nd</sup> November—Individual photos

### December 2020

1<sup>st</sup> December—Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.00pm)

3<sup>rd</sup> December—Parents' Evening (5.30pm-8.00pm)

18<sup>th</sup> December—INSET DAY



Can you help the West Berks Foodbank this harvest? Have a go at making your own Harvest Box!



#### What to do

1. Find a box
2. Decorate it!
3. Label it – use the label below if you like
4. Fill it – with non perishable foods and toiletries
5. You can take a **photo** of it and show off your creation using the tag @westberksfoodbank on Facebook or send it to us by messaging our Facebook page
6. Drop it off at our warehouse on Greenham Common, Mon-Friday 9-12am or contact us for collection

**Individual Photos** We are looking forward to seeing all the children looking their best for school photos when they come back to school on 2nd November.

The PTFA are offering sibling photos on 21st November. More information to follow.

As we move into unpredictable, colder weather, please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm water-proof coat and wellies.

The children will be outside regularly for fresh air during all weathers.



## Does your child start school in September 2021?

*We are passionate about your child's education & we would be delighted to welcome you for a tour of the school. Come and view our fantastic outdoor space & see how we strive to achieve academic excellence.*

5-6pm on the following dates:  
Tuesday 3rd November 2020  
Thursday 5th November 2020  
Tuesday 17th November 2020  
Thursday 19th November 2020  
Tuesday 1st December 2020  
Thursday 3rd December 2020  
Tuesday 15th December 2020  
Thursday 17th December 2020  
Thursday 7th January 2021

**Call us now on 01635 42376 to book your place**



## HOOKE COURT

RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRES

**Please remember** to keep up to date with your Year 5 and 6 child's Rhos and Hooke Court payment plans.

Currently, the trips are still going ahead and full payment is needed before your child can attend the trip. Thank you.