

# NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2024



## WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

It has been lovely today to see the children back at school in their new uniform and playing with their friends.

Class newsletters/ Knowledge organisers will be sent out on Monday. In transition week the children discussed the topics they were studying this term and the different vocabulary they will be using. There will be lots of information on the

knowledge organisers to discuss with your child about what they are learning about.

A huge thank you to everyone who has filled in their OV4 form via the link sent out on 19th August. If you have not completed this could I ask that you do this as soon as possible please as this gives us the necessary information we require if we take the children on offsite visits.

I cannot wait to see the many

exciting events the children will be undertaking throughout the term and I look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

*Natasha Kelly*  
Headteacher

### Special points of interest:

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### DINNER MONEY / BREAKFAST CLUB / NURSERY FEES

Please remember that school meals, breakfast club and nursery fees must be paid for in advance. Children that have started in year 3 will now need to pay for their dinners. Dinners have now increased to £2.70 per meal and £2.45 per Nursery meal.

### Contact details / Home School Agreement / Internet agreement

At the end of this newsletter you will find a copy of the homeschool agreement and internet agreement, please can you read these carefully. You will be able to agree to these by logging into Arbor and ticking the relevant boxes. Please also check that your contact details are up to date (We need at least 2 contacts on Arbor in case of an emergency).

### School Photographer...

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 7th October taking individual photographs of your child. This will take place in school time. If you would like the opportunity of sibling photographs this will take place after school at 3.15. This will take place in the KS1 hall. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Important Attendance Procedures and New Legislation...

As you will be aware, attendance has always been a high priority in schools and has had a stronger emphasis from the Department for Education in the last year. Firstly, I'd like to thank you for your support in ensuring that we have a good level of attendance here at Rise Park Primary and Nursery School.

We would like to highlight new statutory attendance guidance from the Department for Education which came into effect from the 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. Part of this includes a new national framework for the issuing of penalty notices. A full policy will be available once Nottingham City Council has finalised it; this will be shared to all our families and available on the website.

We do not authorise term-time absence for holidays and other extended term-time absences: if your child is off for 10 sessions (5 days) or 8 sessions (4 days) when attached to a school closure (i.e. an INSET day, bank holiday, school holiday), then you could be issued with a penalty notice. One of the key changes in the Department for Education's policy is that there will be an increase in the fine and a significant increase for subsequent offences. Please do note that this came into effect from the 19<sup>th</sup> August this year.

Further, more detailed guidance will be outlined in the policy which will be in September.

### Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of The National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Per Parent, Per Child	First Offence
Penalty Notice fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. <u>For example:</u> 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.	The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave of irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (Within 3 years)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child
Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parents future DBS certificate, due to a 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



### Procedures for dismissal at the end of the school day..

Please can you make sure that you contact school before 3pm if someone different is collecting your child. We will not allow children to leave school without the appropriate adult.

If you would like to speak to staff at the end of the school day please can I kindly ask that you wait until the children have been dismissed. The class teacher

will speak to you but it is important that the class teacher dismisses all the children before doing this. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

### Nut Free School...

Please be aware that we have children in school with severe nut allergies therefore, we ask that you please do not pack anything in your child's lunch box as we are a nut free school.

### Parental Engagement..

Mrs Lamb writes...

It's so good to be back and we have lots planned for this academic year. Life education will be delivering our free family seal sessions starting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. The sessions will run for 8 weeks. This is a great opportunity to work in school alongside your child to learn in a fun and relaxed way how to support your child's behaviour for learning, including getting in the right mood for learning, how to be motivated to learn, developing an 'I can' attitude, making and maintaining good friendships, good communication and problem-solving skills. If you are interested in attending or would like more information email [admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk)

We will hold our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 8:15am. If you would like to donate prizes for our raffle or bake/donate cakes please let me know. Each year we raise a considerable amount of money for this worthwhile cause and that is down to your generosity and kindness. Thank you so much for your continued support.

If you need any help and support, please do not hesitate to pop in for a coffee and a chat.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

19th September - Free Family Seal Sessions Begin 9.00am  
 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.15am  
 7th October - Individual Photographs  
 16th and 17th October - Parents Evening  
 18th October - Last Day of Term  
 5th November - School Re-opens

#### INSET Days

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 2nd June 2025

Friday 4th July 2025

Friday 25th July 2025

Please be aware that children are back in school on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025.**



**Rise Park Primary & Nursery School**  
**Agreement for the acceptable use of the internet, e-mails and computers**

At Rise Park Primary & Nursery School, we understand the importance and benefits of using computers to help with children's learning and personal development. However, we also recognise that safeguards need to be put in place to ensure children are kept safe at all times.

Please could parents/carers read and discuss this policy with their child and then sign one copy and return to the school office, and keep the other one for reference.

- I will only use digital devices and digital technology in school for school purposes.
- I will only use my school e-mail address when e-mailing.
- I will only open e-mail attachments from people I know, or who my teacher has approved.
- I will not tell other people my password or allow them to access my account.
- I will only open my own files and never access other people's work.
- I will make sure that all digital contact with other children and adults is responsible, polite and sensible – as it would be if I were talking to the person face-to-face.
- I will not send anyone material using a digital device that could be considered to be threatening, bullying, offensive or illegal.
- I will not deliberately look for, save or send anything that could be unpleasant or nasty. If I accidentally find anything like this I will tell my teacher immediately.
- I will not give out my own personal details such as my name, phone number or home address to anyone online. I will not share the details of anyone I live with.
- I will not arrange to meet someone who has contacted me on a computer or digital device, and I will tell a grown-up if someone asks me to meet them.
- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using digital devices and digital technology because I know that these rules are to keep me safe.
- I will support the school approach to online safety and not deliberately upload or add any images, video, sounds or text that could upset any member of the school community.
- I know that **my use of digital devices in school can be checked** and that my parent or carer will be contacted if a member of school staff is concerned about my e-safety.
- Further to this, I understand that children **under the age of 13 years old should not have access to a social media account on any social media platform**, as the minimum age requirements for having an account on social media is 13 years old and above.
- I understand that if I choose to use social media, or in the case of parents, choose to let my children use social media, there are online safety risks which accompany this use, including online bullying and e-safety concerns. **Children at Rise Park will never have access to any kind of social media whilst on school premises, and should not reference the school or staff online if they have access to social media** as this could pose a safeguarding risk.



**Rise Park Primary and Nursery School**  
**Home School Agreement**

The school will:	As parent/ carer, I/ we will:	As a pupil, I will
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a learning environment that is safe and caring.</li> <li>• Ensure equal opportunities, support and guidance to enable each pupil to attain their full potential.</li> <li>• Report regularly on each pupil's progress through meetings and reports.</li> <li>• Regularly inform and update parents on all aspects of school life, including newsletters, the web site, and the ROAs.</li> <li>• Encourage and celebrate pupils who show the <i>Rise Parker alues</i>.</li> <li>• Monitor and record progress, attendance and behaviour in accordance with the school's policies.</li> <li>• Inform parents/ carers of any concerns that may arise and be available, by prior agreement, to discuss any issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure my child arrives at school on time, with the correct equipment and in the correct school uniform.</li> <li>• Make sure my child attends school regularly, and notify the school promptly with reasons for lateness/ absence, (before 9:00 each day).</li> <li>• Make arrangements for my child's safe return home, at the appropriate time.</li> <li>• Support my child's learning, including the completion of any homework set.</li> <li>• Inform the school directly regarding concerns which may affect my child's work or behaviour, through the correct channels.</li> <li>• Attend parents' evenings as well as other meetings regarding my child's welfare/ progress.</li> <li>• Keep an open dialogue with staff and be respectful at all times.</li> <li>• Not post defamatory comments regarding the school/ staff on social media, including Facebook and Whatsapp.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show the <i>Rise Parker values</i> of: trust, perseverance, hard work, determination, challenging myself, and being friendly, supportive and helpful.</li> <li>• Come to school regularly and on time with the correct equipment, and in the correct school uniform.</li> <li>• Follow school and class rules.</li> <li>• Consistently give my best in all aspects of school life.</li> <li>• Complete set tasks, both at home and school to the best of my ability.</li> <li>• Treat others as I'd like to be treated myself both in school and on social media if I am allowed to use it.</li> </ul>