



**The  
Phoenix**

**Newsletter for  
Ryecroft C.E. Middle School**  
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## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers

Another year comes to an end, and looking back I really do wonder how we squeezed in all we did! There have been such a range of memorable trips, residential visits, extra-curricular activities, Bikeability, competitions, sports tournaments... to mention just a few. The list is quite extensive and exhaustive in equal measure. School is about so much more than lessons, and I really do believe that the experiences on offer to our pupils are second to none.

We are excited that across the summer break Ryecroft is being used as a venue for Sainsbury's Active Kids. The holiday club is designed to encourage children to be more active and healthier in the summer holidays, at an affordable price for parents. Children will be able to try all sorts of activities from tennis, to arts & crafts, to circus skills! Throughout the day they will also be teaching children important values including trust, respect and positive contribution, helping to build their confidence with new people and new activities. All of this is only £7.50 per child per day, and includes a healthy lunch and snacks. Places can be booked via their website <https://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk/venue/11186>

At this time of year, we say goodbye to our Year 8 pupils. Their Middle School chapter comes to an end and we all sincerely wish them the very best as they move to their new secondary school. These pupils should be very proud of their individual achievements during their time at Ryecroft. For some parents it is also the end of a long association with Ryecroft Middle School and I do sincerely hope that your children will continue to flourish in the next stage of their education. Your support for the school has been truly welcomed. Our Year 8 pupils have been the source of much pleasure, a little pain, but most of all, pride for us all and they will be missed. We know that you will all do well and continue to grow and achieve even more than you have during your time at Ryecroft.

I would like to remind parents of the letter we recently sent home with regards to uniform and equipment. We ask parents to ensure that their child(ren) return to school in September appropriately equipped and prepared for lessons. A copy of this letter can be found on our school website.

I want to finish by formally thanking the whole staff team of Ryecroft Middle School. The staff are so committed and hardworking and the school only works as well as it does due to the way the team work together. The staff at Ryecroft **ALL** contribute to the progress and development of your children and have certainly earned this well-deserved summer break.

May I wish you a peaceful, enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. We hope all of our pupils get the chance to fully recharge their batteries over this time, ready to face the challenges of their new academic year with energy and enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely

**Miss R Baramuszczak**  
**Headteacher**



With the introduction of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards as part of the behavioural policy this year, pupils who were lucky enough to gain the highest credits over the terms were rewarded by attending Denstone College, for experiences in rock climbing, splash sessions in the pool, cycling and gym games, these activities were followed by a delicious complementary dinner.

Well done to those pupils who were able to take part in the above activities, due to being rewarded either a Bronze, Silver or Gold award.

## Young Leader Training

Over the past term, 15 x Year 7 pupils have been training to become Young Leaders in preparation for leadership roles in Year 8. Their training has included assisting Dove First School with their Sports Day and helping with the feeder schools transition days.

# FORM

## Friends of Ryecroft Middle

Just a brief note from FORM to say thank you to everyone who has supported us. We have been in the fortunate position to fund many fabulous experiences for the pupils over the last year.

We wish the year 8 students lots of luck as they move to their next stage in their education.

We have some exciting new projects for next year; the garden is moving forward well and we are currently negotiating the most cost effective methods of making it a reality. We aim to start the new academic year with a clear timetable for action. We will be seeking volunteers to assist with this.

We will also be looking to raise a significant amount of money to contribute towards an Interactive White Board for the SEN room. This will really help students by making lessons more engaging and increase motivation and self-esteem.

We hope you all have a great holiday and look forward to welcoming the new students and members of FORM in September.

P.s. don't forget to look us up on Facebook!

Kind regards

Jude Parry  
Chair

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO STAFF AND PUPILS</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>

## SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019



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